

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Creation

Lesson 4

Genesis 1-2; Psalm 19:1-6; John 1:1-3; Romans 1:18-20

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Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

- ▶ Fundamental truth about God's Person and Work
- ▶ Importance of doctrine
- ▶ “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so”
- ▶ God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Lesson 4: Creation

- ▶ “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- ▶ Creation displays the glory of God (Psalm 19:1-6)
- ▶ Creation is the visible work of His hands
- ▶ Creation in 6 days by God – the Father, the Son and the Spirit
- ▶ God is the Possessor of creation (Genesis 14:19)
- ▶ God is the Judge of all the earth (Genesis 18:25)
- ▶ God is good and His creation was good
- ▶ God is the Savior
- ▶ Isaiah 40:28; Romans 4:17; 12:33-36 – Jeremiah 32:27

The Glory of God Concealed

- ▶ The forbidden tree – “. . . you will surely die.”
- ▶ Loss of capacity to know God (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- ▶ God’s wisdom is foolishness to man (1 Corinthians 1:20, 25-29)
- ▶ Creation is a work of God’s wisdom – the “master workman” (Proverbs 8:22-31)
- ▶ Man corrupts natural revelation: wrath, eternal power, deity (Romans 1:18-20)
- ▶ Man finds the Biblical account of creation to be foolishness
 - Prefers myths
 - Prefers natural science
- ▶ The siren song of human wisdom

Lesson 4: Creation

- ▶ The wisdom of man – the Big Bang + Evolution
- ▶ Compromises between God's wisdom and man's wisdom
- ▶ The wisdom of God in creation – 6 days of creation
- ▶ What difference does it make?

The Theory of Evolution

- ▶ Starting point: there is no God
- ▶ A big bang – a very hot and dense ball of matter
- ▶ Evolution from a lifeless universe to all forms of life
- ▶ A process by pure chance
- ▶ A theory based upon interpretation of “evidence”
- ▶ Unfinished Science: a theory, not tested or observed

Making the Bible Fit

- ▶ The Gap Theory
 - Initial creation (Genesis 1:1-2) followed by “re-creation”
- ▶ Theistic Evolution
 - Day-age interpretation of Genesis 1 (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8)
- ▶ Progressive Creationism
 - Bursts of creation followed by years of stability
- ▶ Framework Hypothesis
 - Non-historical description of the framework of creation
 - No information about how or when God created anything
 - “Free of Biblical constraints” – Meredith G. Kline

FRAMEWORK HYPOTHESIS

CREATION KINGDOMS

Day 1 – Light

**Day 2 – Sky
Seas**

**Day 3 – Dry Land
Vegetation**

CREATURE KINGS

Day 4 – Luminaries

**Day 5 – Sea Creatures
Winged Creatures**

**Day 6 – Land Animals
Man**

THE CREATOR KING

Day 7 – Sabbath

Creation in Genesis 1-2

- ▶ Day 1 (Genesis 1:1-5)
 - Heaven and earth
 - Light
 - Day and night
- ▶ Day 2 (Genesis 1:6-8)
 - An expanse in the midst of the waters – atmosphere
- ▶ Day 3 (Genesis 1:9-13)
 - Dry land appeared and waters gathered in one place (seas)
 - Vegetation on earth

Creation in Genesis 1-2

- ▶ Day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19)
 - Lights in the heavens
 - Separate day and night
 - Signs, seasons, days and years
 - Light on the earth
 - Sun for day and moon for night; “stars also”
- ▶ Day 5 (Genesis 1:20-23)
 - Sea creatures and birds – after their kind; genders
- ▶ Day 6 (Genesis 1:24-2:25)
 - Animals on earth – after their kind; genders
 - Man in the image of God
 - Male and female – Eve was created after Adam
 - Rule over creatures in the sea, the air and on the earth
 - Plants given for food for man and animals

The Master Workman

- ▶ From nothing to the universe and the earth (alone)
- ▶ Light without heavenly bodies
- ▶ Earth emerged from the water (2 Peter 3:5)
- ▶ Vegetation without the sun
- ▶ Creation of galaxies, stars, planets and space objects on Day 4
- ▶ Creation of man without woman
- ▶ Woman created from the man's rib
- ▶ No death (Romans 5:12, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:21)

What difference does it make?

- ▶ The wisdom of God and the foolishness of man
- ▶ The incomprehensible power of God
- ▶ The pattern for salvation – federal headship
- ▶ The glory of God v. natural processes
- ▶ The truthfulness of Scripture
- ▶ The blessing of faith
- ▶ A new heaven and new earth