

GOD, OUR CREATOR

Gen. 1:1

Intro: Here it is! Without any preparation, without any proof, we have a simple statement which even a very young child can understand:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

In the verses which follow we are told what He did, but now how He did it. If you are talking about God, there is no need to explain how. In fact, you would not expect to be able to explain how God does His work.

No man was there in the beginning and so not even the writer of this book could have been there to observe. But Adam did not write this; Moses did! He had to be writing by revelation because there is no other way that he or anyone else could possibly have known this.

This is something which preceded Moses by at least 2500 years.

There have been many who have questioned this statement. A large part of those who have questioned it have gone on to deny that it is true. But it still stands there as the opening statement of Scripture. No one can start to read the Bible without running into this positive, clear statement about the origin of the heaven and the earth.

The question that I want to raise tonight is this: Is it important for us to believe this? Can we join hands with those who do not want to believe this and still come to the same conclusions regarding the great issues of life, such as

- the difference between right and wrong,
- the nature of man,
- the purpose of life,
- the problem of suffering,
- yes, even Jesus Christ Himself?

We are beginning to read our Bibles through again. One reason I have for speaking on this subject tonight is to forewarn you that you are going to come to literally hundreds of passages which speak of the creative work of God. I want you to be looking for them. It is only as you begin to see these throughout the Bible that you can approach more of a full answer to the question, Is it important to believe that God is the Creator?

Let me answer this question from three points of view:

- 1) Its importance as to the Bible.
- 2) Its importance as to what it teaches us about God.
- 3) Its practical importance for us -- each one of us.

First, then . . .

## I. ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLE.

If this is not true, then we must face four facts:

- A. It apparently is a foundational truth. If I begin reading the Bible by denying its first statement, then I am setting myself up as judge as to what is true and what is not.

Therefore, if I deny this fundamental statement, I must immediately question everything that is in the Bible. If we destroy foundations, we have nothing left! It is as David says in Psa. 11:3,

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

- B. It puts every writer of Scripture in question if he so much as indicates that God is the Creator.

Do you know how much of the Bible that would eliminate? It is impossible to say because the references are so varied. But if you will mark the passages as you read, you will see that practically nothing remains if you cancel out the writings of every man in the Bible who expresses belief that God is our Creator.

- C. It is related to all of the major doctrines of Scripture.

It strikes at the heart of all that the Bible teaches about Jesus Christ if we deny that God is the Creator. Cf. John 1:3.

One by one you would eliminate the great truths of Scripture until nothing would be left.

- D. It is basic in answering the main questions which every man has.

This includes: Who are we?  
Where did we come from?  
Why are we here?  
Where are we going?

It is much  
~~easier~~ easier to be-  
lieve the Bible  
than the  
evolutionists!

These questions are not answered any place else. Lots of people have tried to guess. But, if you deny that God is the Creator, you must give up, too, all of the comforting things that you would like to hang on to.

## II. ITS IMPORTANCE CONCERNING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

This is really the first lesson in Theology! And this is basically where man has gone astray. He is wrong in his

thoughts about God, and so he cannot be right about anything else!

Think just a moment about Gen. 1:1. It tells me some mighty important things:

- A. It at least opens the door to the possibility that God is: ~~eternal.~~
  1. A Person.
  2. Eternal.

I go back as far as possible in time and find God there at work.
- B. It tells me that God is mighty.
- C. It tells me that God must be very, very, wise. We can really say, infinitely wise.
 

He has to possess intelligence. Otherwise, He could never have done what He has done.
- D. It indicates that God must be glorious, majestic, since He would have to be greater than anything that He has created.

Let me mention two passages which bear these things out (in addition to what we can deduce from Gen. 1:1):

- 1) Psa. 19:1 ff.
- 2) Rom. 1:18-20.

But let us go on to the final point for tonight:

### III. ITS PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE FOR US.

If it were possible for man to think clearly about God and things eternal, this is what you might expect to be the pattern of his thoughts after reading Gen. 1:1:

- A. How important it is for me to know Him!
- B. How insignificant I am in comparison with Him!

See this expressed in Psa. 8:3-5.

- C. How dependent I am upon Him!

If He gave me breath, He can take it away. If He made me, He can destroy me.

- D. How necessary it is that I please Him, that I obey Him!

This can lead a man to despair because he knows that he does not measure up to his own standards. How far he

must fall short of being and doing what pleases God.

E. How imperative it is that I worship Him!

See Psalm 100.

Concl: This is where the Bible starts, and this is where God starts with every man. If I reject this lesson, there is nothing else for me to do but to find my own way in a world that obviously does not have the answer.

But, if I accept this, then the way is opened for me as I make my way through the Bible to come to all of the answers that I will ever need:

- 1) The answers I need about myself.
- 2) The answers I need about God.
- 3) The answers I need about the future.

Four times the creative work of God is exercised:

- 1) At creation.
- 2) At the birth of Christ: "a body hast thou prepared me"
- 3) At salvation - 2 Cor. 5:17. (Heb. 10:5).
- 4) In eternity to come: The "new heaven," the "new earth," the "new Jerusalem." "Behold, I make all things new." See Rev. 21:1, 2, 5.

Has He done that miraculous work of salvation in your heart? It is just as impossible for you to make yourself a child of God as it would be for you to create the heaven and the earth. But with God, nothing is impossible!