

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
GENESIS 1,2

INTRODUCTION:

1. The inspired word of God does not begin with a arguments over the existence of God or attributes of His character. It begins with God. (Gen. 1.1)
2. The book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. Genesis (gignesthai): Literally, to be born, to come to be. It is connected with words like “generation” and “genealogy,”
3. We can divide the book of Genesis into two categories.
 - a) The beginning of the universe and humanity. (Genesis 1-11)
 - b) The beginning of God’s people. (Genesis 12ff)

I. THE BEGINNING OF THE UNIVERSE

A. GENESIS 1.1: *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*

1. The word “created” (bara) describes something that is brought into existence that did not previously exist. It is only used in reference to God. (cf. Gen. 6.7; Isa. 43.1,15)
2. The word “made” (asah) describes the process of creating something out of existing materials. (Gen. 1.2,31)
3. Everything that God created including the stars, planets, and galaxies, was for a specific purpose. (Isa. 45.18)
4. The creation account is earth centric. (Gen. 1.3ff)
5. Why did God create the universe? (Isa. 45.18)

B. What is the significance of the creation account? What does it mean for us?

1. It reveals the power of God. (Deut. 4.32; Ps. 33.6-9)
2. It reveals the love of God. (Gen. 2.9; 1 Tim. 6.17; Ps. 115.16)
3. It reveals the authority of God. (Deut. 4.40)

II. THE BEGINNING OF HUMANITY

A. GENESIS 1.26: *“Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness.”*

1. How was humanity made to be in the likeness of God? (Gen. 6.5-7; 2 Pet. 1.4)
 2. **GENESIS 1.26:** *“let them have dominion”* (Heb. 2.5-8)
 3. Why did God create humanity? (Isa. 43.7)
- B. What is the significance of our creation? What does it mean for us?**
1. It reveals the spiritual nature of man. (Gen. 2.7)
 - a) We are spirit being living inside a body. (2 Cor. 4.16-18)
 - b) It is essential that we keep ourselves pure. (Matt. 5.8; 1 Pet. 1.22; 1 John 3.3)
 2. It reveals the purpose of humanity. (Gen. 2.8,15)
 - a) Our existence is not by chance. We were created with purpose. (Ps. 139.13-16)
 - b) We are here to work. (2 Thess. 3.6-10)
 - c) Spiritually, we are here for the purpose of doing good works. (Eph. 2.10)
 3. It reveals the relationships of humanity. (Gen. 2.18-22)
 - a) Even Jesus needed His friends. (Mark 3.14; Matt. 26.36-38)
 - b) The church is a group of people who support each other. (1 Cor. 12.25,26)
 4. It reveals our equality. (Acts 17.26; Gal. 3.28)