

CREATION: THE BEGINNING OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light." Genesis 1:1-3

I. Before Time Began – God Was There

The story takes us back to before time began.

In the beginning... God. He is the main character in the story.

The creation is not an impersonal accident, but the creative purpose of a personal God.

From the creation story we discover the value of all human beings. God wants to be with you! Think about that. You. God wants to personally be with you. At great cost to God, God has done everything possible to get you back. You are valuable. True, lasting self-esteem begins by believing what God says about you.

He reveals Himself as a **creative** God.

He reveals the **Trinity**. (Genesis 1:26)

We also see that God has a **plan, a blueprint**. We can think of creation being a download from God, to the physical realm.

From the very beginning we see order, beauty and miracles.

God brings order out of void.

When we see Jesus going about doing miracles, what He is doing is **setting things back into order**.

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II. The Reason for it All

God was there as always, but for love to be understood and known there needs to be an **object of His love**, and that object is us...humanity.

God said of His creation... "It is good." Then He saw that man was alone and said, "it is not good."

For God to give His full love He must give full freedom and so He gave humans true choice.

Choices always have consequences.

The wrong choice was made; shame was immediate, separation was immediate. (Genesis 3:9-11)

Sin became a problem and it became a part of the DNA of the human race, and a penalty was realized.

God regretted things because sin brought such great wickedness and decided to begin things again. (Genesis 6:5-8)

God made a covenant with Noah. (Genesis 9:8-13)

God reveals a covenant.

III. The Big Lessons We Learn

- God desires a relationship with us.
- We are made in His image.
- The world and humanity was changed because of sin.
- God cannot coexist with sin, it causes a separation.
- The covenant is the **cornerstone** of the story.
- There must be a sacrifice to pay the penalty for sin.
- We are the objects of His great love.

Core Statement: I see the value in all God has done by His great creation. I am part of His wonderful creation! I choose to honor God as my Creator, and give Him the rightful place as my God.

