

## Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings Week One

Genesis 1:1

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

### I. Intro to Genesis 1:1

- Genesis 1:1 is the \_\_\_\_\_ to unlocking the rest of scripture.
- Its purpose is not to tell us how the \_\_\_\_\_ go, but how to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Genesis 1:1 introduces us to the supreme subject of the Bible: how to live on a different \_\_\_\_\_ of life -- the \_\_\_\_\_ on which God intended man to live.

Isaiah 55:8-9

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

### II. Four Facts about the God of Creation

#### 1. He is the God who is \_\_\_\_\_

- The fact of God's existence is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Bible writers never tried to prove the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- There are no \_\_\_\_\_ for God in scripture but there are many \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ can never prove the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The atheist and the Christian both accept their positions by \_\_\_\_\_.
- God is above \_\_\_\_\_.
- Man's failure to believe in God is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing not a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

Psalm 53:1

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.*

#### 2. He is the God who is \_\_\_\_\_

- "\_\_\_\_\_": something out of nothing
- Man cannot \_\_\_\_\_; only God can \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 11:3)
- Man can \_\_\_\_\_ but man cannot create.

3. He is the God who is \_\_\_\_\_

**Three Reasons He Made It All:**

1. For his \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 4:11)
2. For his \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 11:36; Psalm 150:6)
  - Everything that is created is created to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - As a fish out of water is miserable, so a life void of praise is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. For his \_\_\_\_\_
  - The devil wants to turn you away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Sin begins by thinking \_\_\_\_\_ about God. (Psalm 37:4; Psalm 84:11)
  - If it will make you healthy, happy, and holy, God says \_\_\_\_\_; I made it for you.
    - God wants for you what you would want for yourself if you had enough sense to want it. (1 Timothy 6:17)

4. He is the God who is \_\_\_\_\_

- God has the characteristics of personhood which are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- His name, *Elohim*, means "the God for whom nothing is \_\_\_\_\_ and who always keeps his \_\_\_\_\_."
- In the first verse of the Bible we are introduced to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 1:1 refutes: \_\_\_\_\_: God is presented  
\_\_\_\_\_ : One God  
\_\_\_\_\_ : God creates the natural  
\_\_\_\_\_ : God created out of nothing

- He is a \_\_\_\_\_ God and a \_\_\_\_\_ God. We do not know God by proving God; we know God by \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:19-20)
- He is a personal God and has chosen to reveal himself to you by an inner \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Conclusion

If God created you, then...

1. You have a moral \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Ecclesiastes 12:1; Isaiah 45:9)
  - God didn't just create you, he \_\_\_\_\_ you.
2. God has made himself \_\_\_\_\_ to you. (1 Peter 4:19; Isaiah 43:1-3)