

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. ⁹"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)