

The God Who Created the Heavens and the Earth

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Introduction: Our concept of God will determine how we live.

- A. The tragedy of idolatry is *the kind of people* it produced. **(Psa 115:3-8)**
 - 1. A people *without the restraints* of our holy God will be ruthless. **(Rom 1:28-32)**
 - 2. There is *nothing new* in the battles of our culture.
- B. When men turn away from the pressures of men and seek God, *they can find Him*.
 - 1. The God of the universe *is powerful*, and He is not a man!
 - 2. The power of God moves men to yield to Him. **(Acts 17:30-31)**
 - 3. Christians are being pressured to *change the nature of God* by the culture.

I. God wants all men to know that He is the creator

- A. This was to be told as the most basic *introduction of God*. **(1 Chron 16:24-26)**
 - 1. The one true God and His power were unknown among the idol gods.
 - 2. The thought of the wisdom and power of creation should leave men in awe. **(Isa 40:26, 41:20; 42:5; 43:1,7; 45:8,12,18)**
 - 3. How can we know anything about the details of creation? We must be told. God has spoken and we must *listen and learn*. **(Heb 11:3)**
 - 4. Ed Harrell spoke about a brilliant astrophysics' professor. Who *knows the truth*?
- B. The great temptation of man is to *give in to pride*.
 - 1. How can an arrogant man take the place of God? In blindness *he often tries*.
 - 2. A powerful movement has swept away almost *ALL colleges* started by the denominations over the last 200 years. Brethren have not fared much better!
 - 3. These compromises have often started with *Genesis' account of creation*. Does modern science contradict the Bible? How can we know? **(Rom 1:20)**
 - 4. Many churches have been impacted in the last 20 years. What compromises has a preacher make about the Bible *when his views change*? **(2 Sam 22:31-32)**
 - 5. Let us never forget that we were created. **(Psa 100:3)**
- D. His people should often meditate on this and praise Him for such glory! **(Neh 9:6)**
 - 1. When you think of this truth imagine *the power available* to those who have the right to claim His promises!
 - 2. Praise God *with your children* as you observe His creation. **(Ps 148:4-6)**
 - 3. This is available to you every day!

II. Consequences of denying God's revealed creation account

- A. How does one go from being *a Christian to an atheist*? Notice the steps! (See Chart)
 - 1. The modern seminaries *are filled* with denial of the creation account.
 - 2. Does it matter if Genesis is historically accurate? Is the creation account figurative? It is *recorded as history*. **(Gen 2:4)**
 - 3. Is this just a matter of differences in Bible interpretation?
- B. God's people under Moses *were expected* to believe this! **(Ex 20:11; 31:17-18)**
 - 1. Just as there were seven literal days in a week so *there were in creation*!
 - 2. The prophets considered Noah as *a historical person*. **(Ezk 14:14)**

3. Why would men deny the account of God who was there in order to appease men who were not there?
- C. You must then deny the words of Jesus.
1. He taught the creation. **(Mk 13:19)**
 2. He taught about Adam and Eve and the beginning of the marriage relationship. **(Matt. 19:4-6)**
 3. He taught about Noah and the flood. **(Matt. 24:38-39)**
- D. You have denied the foundation of the cross of Christ. **(1 Cor 1:18-21)**
1. We are saved from sin that was first introduced through the historical person of Adam! **(Rom 3:23; 5:12-15; 6:23)**
 2. If Adam was not real then was the need for the cross real?
 3. When you eliminate a historical foundation then terrible consequences must logically follow.
 4. Many of the new “non-traditional” churches have now denied the historical truth of the creation account. Many are now saying men evolved from chimpanzees.
 5. Many brethren have wholly turned to the social gospel to making this world a better place (soup kitchens, etc..) and away from the gospel of Christ.

III. The blessings of knowing the God who created everything

- A. We can know that He created all things!
1. We can learn some things from the creation. **(Rom 1:20)**
 2. We can know the details clearly from God’s word. **(Heb 11:3)**
 3. Men should tremble at His word and not ridicule brethren for believing it.
- B. We can have great confidence in His power.
1. This is a great reason to reverence and praise Him. **(Ps 96:4-6)**
 2. Make this praise commonplace in your life.
- C. We can have great confidence in His word. **(Psa 33:4-6)**
1. How can such a powerful God care for me? How can I know His promises are true? Our God He is alive!
 2. Israel was assured of the return from captivity by God promises and even His naming the king before he was even born! **(Isa 45:1, 11-13)**
 3. When you trust in the God who created everything then His promises are sure! **(Isa 45:17-19)**
- D. We can have great confidence in our future as we trust Him.
1. Our confidence in His mercy is tied to creation! **(Ps 136:3-9)**
 2. Is anything too hard for God? When we know this then His promises will absolutely change us. **(Jer 32:17-19)**
 3. When men turn from the God who created the earth in 7 days you begin to see a turn back to the world. Church history is filed with these sad examples.
 4. One day the power of God will raise my body from the dead! **(1 Cor 6:14; 15:43)**

Conclusion: What God do you serve? **(Isa 40:25-31)**