

DRILLING BIBLE BASICS (3) IN THE BEGINNING

Introduction (time) (force) (action) (space) (matter)

1) **Genesis 1:1** – “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*”

- a) The everlasting almighty God created the universe and all living things (Isa. 40:25-28)
- 2) This lesson will explore basic Bible teaching about the creation and the fall

I) KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CREATION COMES FROM THE CREATOR

A) **Hebrews 11:3** – by faith we understand...

- 1) That the worlds were framed by the word of God (put in order, arranged)
- 2) That the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible (ex nihilo – creation of something out of nothing)

B) The creation itself declares a Creator = *natural revelation* (Psa. 19:1-4; Rom. 1:20)

- 1) The intricate and beautiful design of the creation demands a Designer
 - a) A house requires a builder (Heb. 3:4); it is foolish to deny God (Psa. 14:1)

C) In God’s word we learn the details of the creation = *special revelation* (Gen. 1-2)

II) BIBLE TRUTH ABOUT CREATION

A) God spoke all things into existence by His word (Gen. 1:3, 6ff; Psa. 33:6-9)

- 1) All things were created by the Word/Son of God (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:1-2; 11:3)

B) God created by His divine wisdom and power (Prov. 8:22-31; Job 38:4-7)

C) God created in a period of six days (Gen. 1:5, 31) and rested on the seventh (2:1-2)

- 1) Genesis is a record of continuous historical prose, not mythical fiction

- a) Ten “generations” sections in book (2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 19; 36:1; 37:2)

- 2) These days were normal 24-hour days as man understands them (cf. Ex. 20:9-11)

- a) Literal, consecutive, and sequential days – each described with an evening and morning

D) Man, nature, earth, and universe created fully functional with “apparent age”

- 1) Man created “from the beginning of creation” (Mk. 10:6), not billions of years later

- 2) Adam first man and Eve first woman (Matt. 19:4; 1 Cor. 15:45; 1 Tim. 2:13; Gen. 3:20)

III) IN THE BEGINNING

A) Man in fellowship with God and unhindered access to the tree of life (Gen. 2:8-9)

B) Service of labor and obedience to God’s commands (Gen. 2:15-17)

C) The earthly relationship of marriage companionship (Gen. 2:18-24; Matt. 19:5-6)

IV) THE FALL INTO SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

A) Eve was tempted and fell into sin by evil’s deception (Gen. 3:1-6; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14)

- 1) Sin is the transgression of God’s law (1 Jn. 3:4)

B) By Adam sin entered the world and death through sin (Rom. 5:12; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)

C) Man was cast out of God’s perfect paradise – shame, pain, toil, and death

D) Violations of worship (Gen. 4:1-5), the sanctity of human life (4:6-10), and the pattern of marriage (4:19), with more wickedness and rebellion following (6:5-13; 11:3-4; Rom. 3:23)

Conclusion

Man has now sinned and lost his fellowship with God. He is condemned to death. But God already had a plan “*before the foundation of the world*” (1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8; Eph. 1:4; Matt. 25:34). A plan to save man from his sins and make him righteous again. Praise God for that wonderful plan!