



Intro to Genesis
From sermon 3.1.20

Read *Colossians 2:8*

Questions and Review from Sunday's sermon: the Bible's first book is foundational for everything that is written in Scripture and unfolds in Redemptive History. There is a sweeping current trend, in the Church, to dismiss or explain away the Creation account. The move involves blending Evolution and Creation and not taking Genesis chapter 1 literally. We contend that it's all or nothing. If a Christian doesn't believe Genesis chapter 1, as presented, when do they start believing the Word?

Who wrote Genesis? Moses When? Around mid to late 1400's B.C.

How long after the events were they recorded? From Joseph—about 400 years later. From Noah about 1000 years later. From Creation—who knows? About 3000-5000 years later.

What controversy has this led to? That this was all oral tradition, handed down through generations, just as many ancient cultures have done.

What is our response to any such controversy? God gave Moses both inspiration (the same means to write accurate scripture as any other Bible writer) and special verbal revelation (face-to-face). Moses wrote God's account of Creation. See Exodus 33:9-11 & 2 Peter 1:19-21

What is Theistic Evolution? The theory that there is a powerful God who created everything: elements, forces, and systems. But, He didn't create it complete and final. He just started the process and let millions of years of evolution take over. Genesis should not be read literally.

Read *Psalms 121:1-2, 146:5-7, & Nehemiah 9:6*. How is a non-literal reading of Genesis 1 "adding to" or "taking from" the Word of God? Various answers. It's going beyond the Scripture. It dismisses what God has given/revealed. It incorporates human wisdom/philosophy into the miraculous. What is the Bible's warning on doing either? Don't! There is great penalty and judgment.

Read *Romans 1:18-22*. What does this powerful Scripture reveal about the Battle for the Beginning and the accountability God will demand based solely on Creation? God knows it all begins and hinges on Genesis. Once you dismiss God as sole, sovereign agent for Creation in six days, you can (and will) slip into a continuing dismissal of truth, miracles, and God's nature. Creation alone is enough to condemn the unbeliever to hell.

Discuss the sobering conclusion from Sunday: It is not "God the Creator" they hate. It is God the Judge. Various input and answers. Implications are: if Genesis is true, so is Revelation.
See also *John 3:19-21 & Revelation 4:9-11*

What are some ways and areas in which people claim to know better than the Bible? Various answers: [psychology/sociology = man, sin, nature, behavioral causes] medicine = life, death, biology. [History/literature = bible is not inspired or even unique. Other writings/mythology have same or similar accounts], science/geology/astrophysics dating, age, origins...