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MORNING MESSAGE

“The God of Genesis”

Genesis 1:1

INTRODUCTION

- A. “Genesis” means “beginnings” or “origins”
  - 1. It tells us the beginning of everything except God
- B. The author of Genesis is Moses
  - 1. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible
- C. Genesis divides into two sections: Human History (1-11) and Hebrew History (12-50)
  - 1. The first section records four major events
    - a. Creation (chapters 1-2)
    - b. The Fall (chapter 3)
    - c. The Flood (chapters 6-9)
    - d. The Tower of Babel (chapters 10-11)
  - 2. The second section records four major characters
    - a. Abraham, the father of the faithful
    - b. Isaac, the son of promise
    - c. Jacob, the schemer
    - d. Joseph, the daddy’s boy
- I. THE INTRODUCTION OF GOD (v.1a)
  - A. The Bible is a book about God
    - 1. Moses uses the Hebrew name “Elohim” which means “one who is great, mighty, dreadful, and glorious”
    - 2. He is named 32 times in Genesis 1
    - 3. He is named 2700 times in the Bible
- II. THE INTERVENTION OF GOD (v.1b)
  - A. The Bible asserts that God “created”
    - 1. “Created” means to create something from nothing
    - 2. The word is found three times in Genesis
    - 3. The word is found 55 times in the Old Testament; it is always used in connection with God
  - B. The Bible asserts that God created the “heaven”
    - 1. The Hebrew word is plural; “heavens”
    - 2. Paul said he was caught up to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2)
  - C. The Bible asserts that God created the “earth”
    - 1. Genesis 1 describes the creation generally
    - 2. Genesis 2 records the creation particularly

D. Creation proves the existence of God

1. Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork"
2. Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end"
3. Romans 1:18-19, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (suppress) the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them"
4. Hebrews 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear"