

Message Notes

"The God who Creates"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Panters make the best Pastors"

Psalm 42:1-2

The God who Creates!

The seven days of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Take-aways from Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. God alone is seen as eternal – he exists before the "beginning"
2. God creates out of nothing
3. God is NOT creation, but it is his artwork
4. God alone creates purposefully
5. God alone creates powerfully
6. God alone creates beautifully
7. The Trinity is hinted at, certainly not explained though
8. God does it by his word
9. God is pleased with his work, it is VERY GOOD!
10. God created humans to be made in the "imago dei" who are to exercise stewardship over the rest of the creation
11. God rests on the 7th day, not because he is tired, but because he is done.

Some theories on "how" God did it

1. Let a day be a day...
2. Let a day be an eposh
3. The "gap" theory
4. Front loaded primordial slime...theistic evolution

How has God as Creator been under attack?

1. "Science" that presupposes a closed universe (Charles Darwin, The Original Big Bang Theory)
2. Philosophically (demand that the "proof" resides with the Christian worldview)
3. Historically – Copernicus, The Scopes Trial

Recent Scholarship

"New" Big Bang Theory
Intelligent Design

A very important book by Francis Shaeffer in 1975

What's at stake in how we view God in how we view creation?

Atheism
Pantheism
Deism
Biblical Christianity

How Scripture crescendos this idea?

Psalm 19:1
Psalm 51:9, 10
Psalm 139:13-16
Isaiah 45:5-8
Romans 1:25
2 Corinthians 5:17
Ephesians 2:10
Ephesians 4:22-24
Colossians 1:15, 16
Revelation 4:11

Application – Is God Creator to you?

1. The way you are
2. Who has the onus of proof?

Psalm 42:1, 2

¹As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Genesis 1:1

[Grab a Bible for the rest of Genesis 1:1-2:3]

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 19:1

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 51:9, 10

⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 139:13-16

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Isaiah 45:5-8

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. ⁸"You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the LORD, have created it.

Romans 1:25

²⁵They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator – who is for ever praised. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 4:22-24

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 1:15, 16

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Revelation 4:11

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."