
Genesis | AMEN Bible Study 2019-20

“In The Beginning”

Gen 1:1-2:3
September 4th- 5th, 2019

Scripture Introduction:

I. **Knowing God** (Gen. 1:1-2)

Attributes of God:

- He is **Preeminent**
- He is **Pre-existent**
- He is **Sovereign**
- He is **Transcendent**
- He is **Personal**
- He is **Triune**

Personal Application:

- If God is Holy, then...
- If God is Preeminent, then...
- If God is Sovereign, then...
- If God is Self-Sufficient, then...

II. **The Testimony of Creation** (Gen. 1:3-2:3; Ps 19, Ps 29; Rom. 1:20)

Various Creation Models/Theories:

- **Atheistic Evolution**
- **Theistic Evolution**
- **Young Earth Creationist** (Calvin)
- **Old Earth Creationist** (Augustine, Aquinas, Warfield, Schaeffer)

Essentials to Affirm: (Gen. 1:3-26; Ps. 8; Ps 33; Lk. 3:38; Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:45)

- **THERE IS: One Creator God who created all things out of nothing**
- **THE CREATION ACCOUNT IS: Factual and Historical**
- **THERE WAS AN: Historical Adam and Eve**
- **GOD MADE HUMAN BEINGS: Distinctly and purposefully**
- **GOD IS OUR ONLY HOPE: As our Creator, He is our only Redeemer**

The Days of Creation:

- Setting: **Uninhabitable, Uninhabited, Covered in Darkness** (v.1)
- Days 1-3: God makes creation **habitable** (1:1-13)
- Days 4-6: God fills the three habitats with **inhabitants** (1:14-31)
- Day 7: God is **enthroned** over His creation (2:1-3)

(Habitat or “Kingdoms”)

(Inhabitants or “Kings”)

Day 1: _____ **Light** _____

Day 4: _____ **Lights** _____

Day 2: _____ **Sky, Sea** _____

Day 5: _____ **Birds, Fish** _____

Day 3: _____ **Dry land** _____

Day 6: _____ **Land animals, Humans** _____

Day 7: _____ **Sabbath** _____

Take Away's:

- God is the source of goodness
- God is an extravagant Creator
- God is a trustworthy provider (Matt 6:26-34)
- God gives us great dignity.

III. The Good News of Imago Dei (Gen 1:26-31, Ps. 8)

Three Things:

- You are uniquely loved (Ps. 139)
 - You have a special identity: (vv.26-27)
We are God's mirrors
 - We are God's family
- You have a special purpose (vv.28-31)

Personal application:

- Every human being has dignity
- Every human being is significant

IV. Jesus in Genesis

All the attributes of Creator God are manifested in Jesus the Redeemer:

- Jesus is the Word of God made flesh (John 1)
- Jesus is the Giver of Life (John 14:6)
- Jesus is the Sovereign One (Matt. 28:18)
- Jesus is the Preeminent One (Phil 2:9-11)
- Jesus is the Transcendent One (Col 1:15-21)
- Jesus is the God who comes near (Matt 1:23)

All the primary themes of Genesis point to Jesus the Redeemer

- Jesus is the Light that came into the World (John 8:12)
- Jesus is the perfect and exact Image of God (Rom. 5; 1 Cor 15:49)
- Jesus is our Sabbath (Jn 19:30; Rev. 21:5-6)