

~ Sermon Reflections ~

In the Beginning... (Part 2): God the Creator (Genesis 1)

Summary:

Trust God with enduring faith and obedience through whatever situation His created world may bring you because He is the Almighty Creator.

Because God is . . .

1. The Almighty Creator ... Discussed last week

2. The Authoritative Creator

- Are our consciences infallible or not? How do you know? What is your experience?
- Recognizing that the Holy Spirit indwells each believer, and provides prompting thoughts, how do we test if a thought is really from the Holy Spirit or not?
- How does the Scripture and the Holy Spirit inform and change one's conscience? What are supporting biblical references?
- How can I make capturing each thought and testing each thought my habit - my routine as I go about my normal day?
- And, as pointed out on Sunday, a portion of this answer must come from Romans 12:1 - with the "renewing of my mind." How can I focus on worshiping and pleasing the LORD Jesus Christ - completely in accordance with the complete Word of God?

3. The Orderly Creator

- Read Jeremiah 31:36; 33:25-26; Genesis 8:22; and Lamentations 3:19-32. How does God's orderliness encourage us to trust God - that He will fulfill His promises?
- As you consider your life, where are you currently tempted to not trust God—areas of doubt, great discouragement, despair, sin, lack of self-control?
- How does orderliness, and thus His faithfulness to His promises, exhort you to trust Him in that particular area, right now?

4. The Purposeful Creator

- What was pointed out as the capstone of all God's creation?
- In light of this, how should that influence the way you see others? (Consider Genesis 9:5-6 and James 3:9.) How might your esteem of others (certain individuals) need to change?

5. The Redeeming Re-Creator

- One of the side passages touched on Sunday morning was from the book of Romans, Chapter 1. There we learned that we all have rejected God. In what ways does the world reject God? Give some examples. How do you reject God and reject His image and reject His way? Give some examples.
- Application question to ask myself today: How do I worship the creation instead of the Creator God? In what ways am I making myself god (this IS a violation of the first commandment)?
- Reread Romans 8:32. How does the cross of Christ encourage us that God will indeed keep His promises? What promises of God do you most anticipate? (Consider John 14:1-3.) Why?