Series "In The Beginning...God" "Christian Worldview" Genesis 1-3 Study-17

Genesis 1:1-5

Genesis 1-3 lays the foundation for the entire <u>Bible</u> and the <u>Christian's</u> <u>Worldview</u>.

There is no such thing as being "Worldview Neutral" Matthew 12:30

Worldview – "*a set of beliefs"* every person has their own set of beliefs by which they interpret the world. **A Worldview helps us do 2 things:**

- 1. Decide What Is True? What I see in the world, is it true?
- **2. Decide Is It Right?**

What we believe about the origins of the universe determines our <u>Identify</u>, our <u>Responsibility</u> and our <u>Future</u>.

2 Peter 3:3-7

Thought Of Our Passage: All Persons Have A World View That Determines Ultimate Authority, What Is Right, Who They Are, And Why They Are Here.

- 1. What Is Ultimate Authority?
- 2. What Is Truth?
- 3. Who Am I?

1. What Is Ultimate Authority?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning <u>God</u> created the heavens and the earth. God existed before creation - **God** – Hebrew **Elohim** – speaks of *His majesty and power of the only true God*. Revealed through His creation. The name **Elohim** – is used **32 times** in **31 verses**, God is mentioned by name.

Exodus 3:14 God (Elohim) said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM";

Romans 1:18-22 All creation proves there is a God! (Man suppresses truth)

Atheism – Atheism is a result of the rejection of God. Psalm 14:1

Materialism - some say matter always existed, matter is god, we have evolved.

Humanism – The belief that man is God, NO! God is ultimate reality.

Evolutionism – There was mutation after mutation that has resulted in this complex world with all the species and the food chain.

Pantheism - God is creation - *God is the mind or soul of the universe.* (Everything is God and God is everything.)

<u>What Is Ultimate Authority? The Bible Reveals 8 Attributes</u> (characteristics) of God:

1. The God Of Eternity: *Meaning. God exists endlessly. His existence extends endlessly backward and forward (from our viewpoint of time) without any interruption or limitation caused by succession of events.* **Psalm 90:2**

Result: God has never, nor will He ever cease to exist; therefore, His sustaining, providential control of all things and events is assured.

2. Omniscience Of God: *Meaning. God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly, and equally well.* **Psalm 147:5**

Result: Can't inform God, nothing takes God by surprise.

3. The Omnipotence Of God: *Meaning. God is all-powerful and able to do anything consistent with His own nature.* **Job 42:2**

Result: In the past, God's power was seen in Creation, God's power through the Gospel, hope of bodily resurrection, and to daily living.

4. The Omnipresence Of God: *Meaning. God is everywhere present with His whole being at all times.* **Psalm 139:7-10**

Result: No person can escape the presence of God. This warns unbelievers and comforts believers, His presence is in every circumstance of life.

5. The Immutability Of God: *Meaning. God is unchangeable and thus unchanging.* **Malachi 3:6; 2 Timothy 2:13**

Result: Immutability assures us that none of God's attributes change. Comfort and assurance that God's promises will not fail. God's attitude toward sin, changes not.

6. The Sovereignty Of God: *Meaning. principal, chief, supreme. It speaks first of position (God is the chief Being in the universe),* **Isaiah 46:9-10**

Result: Moral being – Without God there is no basis for right and wrong.

7. The Transcendent God: *Meaning. means that God is independent of His creatures and His Creation.* **Isaiah 40:13-14**

Result: Being free, God is not obligated to us in any way unless He chooses to initiate an obligation. He does not have to do anything for us unless He chooses to do so. We cannot put God in debt. **We are totally dependent upon God.**

8. The God Of Infinity: *Meaning. God has no bounds or limits. He is in no way limited by the universe nor by time-space boundaries.* **1 Kings 8:27**

Result: Our God Is God!

<u>How Did God Create?</u> Genesis 1:3 "<u>Then God said</u>," 10 times in Genesis 1 Some call this "The 1st 10 Commandments" Exodus 20

Then God said, that is all God must do. Psalm 33:9; Hebrews 11:3

How did God create? It tells us here **10 times "God said" 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 29,**

"Let there be light"; and there was light. 1st time that God speaks in Scripture and what does He say? "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Genesis 1:1-2:2 The Literal Six Days of Creation: (24 Hour Days)

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7

Christian Worldview – God alone has divine ownership over His creation: Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 100:3; Psalm 139:13; Acts 17:24-25

Paul Preaching The Scriptures In Athens on Mar's Hill Tells The People To Repent. Acts 17:30-31

2. What Is Truth?

Truth Revealed Through Creation: Romans 1:18-20 Genesis 1:1-2:4

God said: Genesis 1:26-30; Genesis 2:15-17 LORD God commanded the man,

Truth Revealed Divine Revelation/God's Word: - John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Truth Revealed Through Jesus: John 14:6

"God's Word Versus Man's Word" or "What God's Says Versus What Man Says" Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 3:1-5

Adam And Eve Decided On Their Own Truth: Genesis 3:6-7

Ephesians 4:17-21 Christian Worldview Whenever God Speaks It Is True!

Darkest days of Israel's History was the Judges: Judges 21:25

3. Who Am I? Identity - Who Am I? Why Am I Here? Where Am I Going?

Who Am I? Am I the product of a big bang? Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7

Who Am I? I am mankind created by God, that I was created to come to know God, be given and filled by Him.

Why Am I Here? To worship God, to give God all the glory. Revelation 4:11

Where am I going? Future Security – Genesis 3:15; John 11:26

Application:

- 1. God Is Eternal With No Beginning And No End. God Is The Creator So God Alone Can Command And Have Ownership Over All His Creation.
- Truth Is Revealed Through Creation, Through Scripture, And Through Jesus: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and <u>the truth</u>, the life;
- 3. Mankind Is Made In The Image Of God, Created To Have A Relationship With God, Made To Worship And Glorify God Forever.