

Message Notes

"The God who Creates"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Panthers 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 epoch
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. ⁸Ye 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."



Hope CC presents:

GOD



an introduction

a 10 week study of how God progressively
reveals himself in Scripture

The God who Creates



God's relationship with humans expanded on

Genesis 2:4-25

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens —
⁵and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground,
⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground — ⁷the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

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1. The Temptation

Genesis 3:1-24



¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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2. The first human sin ever committed

Genesis 3:1-24

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.



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3. The Result

Genesis 3:1-24

⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



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4. A changed relationship with God

Genesis 3:1-24



⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

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5. A changed relationship with one another

Genesis 3:1-24

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



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6. The Curse - to the serpent

Genesis 3:1-24

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”



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¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."



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8. The Curse - to the man

Genesis 3:1-24



¹⁷To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

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Genesis 3:1-24



²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²²And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever.” ²³So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Genesis 4:1-2

¹Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” ²Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

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Genesis 6:5

⁵The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

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Genesis 8:21a

²¹The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart:
“Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though
every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood”.

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Psalm 14:1-3

¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ²The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no-one who does good, not even one.

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Ecclesiastes 9:3

³This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of men, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterwards they join the dead.

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Isaiah 53:6a

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.

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Romans 1:29-32

²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

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²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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Jeremiah 13:23

²³Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?
Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.

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Matthew 7:18

¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,
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John 6:44

⁴⁴“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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John 15:4, 5

⁴“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

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3. This is the effect of “Original Sin”

Romans 5:12, 18-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned —

¹⁸Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

“Original sin, therefore, seems to be a hereditary depravity and corruption of our nature, diffused into all parts of the soul, which first makes us liable to God's wrath, then also brings forth in us those works which Scripture calls "works of the flesh" (Gal 5:19). And that is properly what Paul often calls sin. The works that come forth from it--such as adulteries, fornications, thefts, hatreds, murders, carousings--he accordingly calls "fruits of sin" (Gal 5:19-21), although they are also commonly called "sins" in Scripture, and even by Paul himself.”

~John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, vol 2, page 251

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Genesis 50:19, 20

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

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Exodus 34:5-9

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped. ⁹“O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes,” he said, “Then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

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Psalm 103:8-14

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger for ever; ¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

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Jonah 4:1, 2

¹But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”

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John 3:16-18

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

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Ephesians 2:4, 5

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

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Romans 5:8

⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Revelation 21:1-5

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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Revelation 22:1-5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

