

In the Beginning



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PART 3

Genesis 1:1

Isaiah 45:18-25; Colossians 1:15-23

Do You Know God?

- Do you know the God of the Bible?
- Knowing God is critical for salvation, worship, daily living, and for our children's safety. (John 17:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hosea 4:1, 6)
- You cannot believe in a God that you do not KNOW.
- You cannot worship a God that you do not KNOW.
- You cannot live a life pleasing to God without knowing God.

Is the God You Worship Awesome?

- Does He take your breath away?
- Does He cause your knees to become weak?
- Does He silence your complaints and murmuring?
- Does the thought of Him cause you want to **bow** in fear and reverence?

Genesis 1:1 - Parts 1 & 2

- Genesis 1:1 - most important verse in the Bible. These words are the first words of **every** word that has proceeded from the mouth of God. (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3)
- God existed **before** "the beginning".
 - ① He existed in His Triune nature. (John 1:1; 17:5, 24)
 - ② He existed in His aseity – self-sufficiency – God alone is FREE. (Acts 17:24-25)
 - ③ He knew all His works. (Acts 15:8; Isaiah 14:24, 26-27)
 - He declares the end from the beginning. (Isaiah 46:10)

- He chose for Himself a people that He would share eternity. (Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9)
- He foreordained the Cross. (1 Peter 1:20; Acts 2:23; 4:28)
- ★ God moved and is moving all history to accomplish His purpose. (Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28; Psalm 115:3)
- God is **unique** (Job 23:13). God is NOT like us. (Psalm 50:21)
- God inhabits **eternity** (Isaiah 57:15).
- Time does not affect God. God affects time. (Daniel 2:21)
- God does not predict the future He **knows** the future because He decreed it. (Isaiah 41:1; 14:24, 26-27) **NOTHING** surprises God!
- God **owns** and **rules** time – ALL TIME.
- God does not/**cannot** change! (Malachi 3:6)
- God is **complete** and **perfect**. If God changed He would not be complete nor would He be perfect.
- God works **all** things according to His counsel (plan, thoughts, will, desire). (Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35)
- God is ALMIGHTY - all power/authority belong to God. (Psalm 62:11; John 19:10-11). **God does not TRY to do things. He DOES them.**
- God is ALL-WISE. (Psalm 147:5; Romans 11:33-36)
- God is SPIRIT. He ONE. He is INVISIBLE. He is INDIVISIBLE.

In the Beginning GOD Created . . . (Genesis 1:1)

- The triune GOD (אֱלֹהִים - Elohiym - plural) created. (Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 45:12, 18; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17).
- GOD CREATED - בָּרָא (*bara*). *Bara* is a verb that is **only** used for God. It is used 46x times.
- God **spoke** the **worlds** into existence! (Psalm 33:6, 9; 148:1-5; Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5)
- God *bara'd* everything - all space, all matter, all time. He *bara'd* out of NOTHING.
- God created the **heavens** (Isaiah 40:26; Psalm 147:4-5) and the earth and **all** that is within them. (Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 24:1; Deut 11:14)
- God created everything in SIX DAYS. (Exodus 20:11; 31:17)
- God created **everything for** Himself. (Rev. 4:11; Rom. 11:36; Col. 1:16; **Proverbs 16:4**; Isaiah 43:21)
- God has a purpose for **all** His creation. (Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 46:10; Ephesians 3:10)

- Since God **is** the Creator of all creation (including all creatures) everything is **dependent** on Him! (Zechariah 12:1; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; Job 12:10; Isaiah 48:13)
- Not only did GOD create the heavens and the earth, but He also created the αἰών aion {ahee-ohn'} "times" – the whole universe (time, space, and matter). (Hebrews 1:2) – He created it ALL.
- **God created the earth to be inhabited.** (See Isaiah 45:18 handout)

He Is LORD - Owner of Everything (Acts 17:24-25)

- Logically speaking, since God created all things (everything – every quark) then God owns everything. (Exodus 9:29; 19:5; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11; Psalm 24:1; 50:12; 89:11; 1 Corinthians 10:26)
- Since God created everything, and since God owns everything, He has the RIGHT, AUTHORITY, and POWER to do whatever He wishes with His own. (Psa.115:3; 135:6)
- God is the One who . . .
 - Brings life **and** death. (Acts 17:25; Job 12:10; 14:5; Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6; 2 Kings 5:7; Revelation 1:18; **Matthew 10:29**)
 - Makes the mute and the speaking; the deaf and the hearing; the blind and the seeing. (Exodus 4:11; Psalm 94:9; John 9:1-3)
 - He heals and brings disease. (Deut.32:39; Jeremiah 24:10; Revelation 16:9)
 - **In whom we live and move and have our being!** (Acts 17:28)

He Is LORD - Ruler of Everything (Acts 17:24-25)

- GOD, the MOST HIGH, **rules** (PRESENT TENSE - right now) over all. (Psalm 22:28; 103:19; Daniel 4:17, 25, 26, 32, 5:21)
- GOD, the OMNIPOTENT, **reigns** (PRESENT TENSE - right now) over all. (1 Chronicles 16:31; Psalm 47:8; 93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1; Isaiah 52:7; Revelation 19:6)
- NOTHING happens in the world unless God commands it. (Lamentation 3:37-38; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 21:30; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Romans 9:15; Ephesians 1:11; James 4:13-15)
- God created everything for Himself. (Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 43:7, 21; Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 2:10)
- Our God is in heaven and He does (always) whatever He pleases. (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Ephesians 1:11)

He Is LORD - Master of Everything (Acts 17:24-25)

- ALL of CREATION exists to serves the Lord.
- Creatures serve their Creator.
- ALL men/women are servants of the Lord. (Jeremiah 25:9; 27:6; 43:10; Proverbs 21:1; Isaiah 44:28; Romans 13:1-7; Revelation 17:17)
- We are servants of the Lord. (Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:4-8)
- We confess, “Jesus is Lord”. In so confessing, we acknowledge that we are His servants and He is our Master.

God Is the Potter (Jeremiah 18:1-6; Romans 9:21-23)

- God is the Potter of EVERYTHING! (Isaiah 64:8; Proverbs 16:4)
- **The Potter has the RIGHT and POWER to do to the clay (dirt) as it seems good to Him!** (Jeremiah 18:4; Romans 9:21)
- יָצַר yatsar {yaw-tsar'} – “potter”; “to fashion”; “to form”; “to make”.
 - God, the Potter, has “formed” us as it seems to good to Him. (Genesis 2:7-8; Isaiah 64:8)
 - God, the Potter, “formed” us in the womb as it seemed good to Him. (Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 44:24; Job 31:15; Psalm 139:13-16)
 - God, the Potter, has “formed” our spirits as it seems good to Him. (Zechariah 12:1)
 - God, the Potter, has “formed” our hearts as it seems good to Him. (Psalm 33:15)
 - God, the Potter, has “formed” our days as it seems good to Him. (Psalm 139:16)
 - God, the Potter, has “formed” the times as it seems good to Him. (Isaiah 37:26; 46:9-11)

Our Response

- **AWE!** (Psalm 33:8)
- Contentment. WOE to those who are not content with what our Creator has done and is doing! (Isaiah 45:9-12; 29:16) – Murmuring and complaining are gross sins!
- Worship and Thanksgiving. (Romans 1:21; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6-7; Colossians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- **OR** Hosea 4:6

Isaiah 44:24 — Isaiah 45:18 — Romans 11:36