

God Made - Genesis 1:1-8

Intro

The point to focus on is that everything you see around you, the chairs you are sitting on, the coffee beans that became your hot beverage this morning, the photons of light producing this image behind me, the atoms of air you are breathing right now, all of them are Gods creation!

So what better way to realise our complete and utter dependence and need for God than to look through the lense of the first book in the bible, Genesis. So that's what we're going to be doing over the coming months, exploring the first four chapters of Genesis together in our 'God Made' preaching series.

1) In the Beginning God - Verse 1

This statement is possibly one of the most discussed and debated statements to ever cross the lips of the human race. And I think that it's no mistake that God chose these words to begin the bible. God wants it to be absolutely clear that He was already there at the beginning of creation, that God is uncreated, He is eternal, outside of time itself. In fact God, invented time, he created it.

John 1:1-4 says, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Verse 14 goes on to say, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"

And then in Genesis 1:2 "the spirit of God was hovering over the waters".

So we see that right in the beginning, there is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We need to have perspective in our lives.

2) God Made - Verses 2-4

He created the heavens and the earth. God made that landscape, God made the sea, God made the stars. What majesty, yet it is only a shadow of the beauty, the glory of the living God who created it.

Are you in awe of God? Are you acknowledging the majesty & lordship of God in your daily life?

- God is eternally sovereign, he is all powerful, what he says, happens! When God makes a promise in the bible, you can count on it! Nothing can stand in the way of what He commands, He will accomplish what He sets out to do. Trust in God, trust in the power of His word, trust in the promises He has made to you through Jesus.

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- Secondly; God delights in His creation “God saw that the light was good.” God is complete in himself. He has no deficiencies. Therefore he can’t be bribed or coerced so all that he does, according to his own good pleasure. He delights in what He has made! That means he also delights in you! Psalm 104:31 “May the glory of the Lord endure forever, may the Lord rejoice in his works.”

3) God Defines Boundaries - Verses 5-8

You know there is an order to God’s creation, He is not chaotic or, but more importantly, right at the beginning of creation, we see that God defines the boundaries. He decides where the light ends and the darkness begins. He determines the boundary between the sea and the sky. The eternal God is uniquely qualified to set the boundaries of this world, but not just that of physical creation, He is also the only one with the wisdom and authority to set the boundaries of morality, of right living!

Are you letting God define and shape good boundaries in your life?

God is not a cosmic killjoy, God is our Father. He defines things according to his good and perfect parenthood. We can trust in the boundaries God sets for morality, for our words, thoughts and actions. They are for our blessing.

Conclusion

We’ve looked at the eternal nature of the trinity, the in the beginning God! We’ve looked at how God made, that He is majestic and glorious and that he delights in His creation. And as we continues this God Made series together we are going to learn more about God’s creation and about God too. Finally we looked at how God defines the boundaries of creation, not just the physics, maths, chemistry and biology of this world, but the boundaries of morality, the boundary between right and wrong, good and evil, sin and blessing.

Psalm 24:1 says “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it”.

There is blessing when you submit yourself to God, when you submit yourself to the boundaries God has defined. And God hasn’t left you to flounder, to fail at living up to the perfection of the moral boundaries he has set before us all. No, God has sent His one and only Son Jesus to die on a cross for each and every one of us. So that anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord, will be saved and receive not only the future hope of eternal life, to be raised from the dead like Jesus was, but also to receive the Holy Spirit who enables you to live according to God’s moral boundaries.

- So will you submit and accept that you are utterly dependant on God?
- What areas of your life do you need to acknowledge the lordship of Jesus and re-address the boundaries that God has defined for your life?