

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

- I. Created = *bara* (instantaneous miraculous creation)
 - A. Man can : make "*asah*" things or form "*yatsa*" things
 1. Only God can *bara* things.
 - a. I make wood projects...but need the wood
 2. Occurs 55 times in the O. T. always with God as the originator
 - B. Something from nothing.
 1. 1st law of thermodynamics = law of conservation
 - a. Always the same amount of energy and mass - only changing form
 2. "Big Bang Theory" Where did all the stuff come from
 3. Universe: Eternal, Self creating or created by something eternal
 - a. Someone who exists outside the realm of physics created the natural world
 - b. A world governed by the rules that He set in place

II. Why did He create?

- A. Rev 4:11 & Col. 1:16

¹¹Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure** they are and were created.

¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him **and for Him.**

1. God is eternal - has need of nothing.

- B. To be glorified. 2 ways:

1. Ps 19:1-6

Intro: explain - Herald Creation Declares:

I The Glory of God (Ps. 19:1-6)

A. God's glory is too much for words

1. **Trying to explain a sunset to a blind man**
2. **So...the universe is the herald!**
 - a. **(vs 2) Without words screams the glory of God**
 - b. **(vs 2) Without a written word reveals knowledge**
 - c. **(vs 3) Without a translator speaks all languages**
 - d. **(vs 6) Without exposure its effects are everywhere**
3. **Satan could burn every Bible. Glory still declared!**

B. Explain "tabernacle" and "line"

1. **Sun can hold 1.3 Million earths in it.**
2. **line= tether to earth—looks like it is rising and setting**

C. This is only "the heavens" (vs 1)

1. **Only the trumpet blast—not the actual proclamation**
2. **The heavens only "get the attention" of the listener**
3. **Then the herald speaks through God's creation on the earth**

2. Through His redemptive work
 - a. Eph. 3:9-11 His “eternal purpose”

⁹ and to make all see what *is* the **fellowship** of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the **manifold wisdom** of God might be made known by the church to the **principalities and powers in the heavenly places**, ¹¹ according to the **eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

From the beginning (vs9) “*the fellowship of the mystery*”

fellowship = Administration or plan

A. Mystery—already revealed in Christ’s redemption

1. From the “*beginning of the ages..*” not a set of actions and re-actions
2. through Abraham “through your seed the world will be blessed”
 - a. Jew-Greek / Rich-Poor / Master-Slave
3. Church is to “*Make all see..*” the redemptive work of Christ
4. To show to all—even principalities in the heavenly places (vs 10)

B. God’s “play” - world=stage—church=actors—God=author—Christ=director

1. I Pet 1:12 “*things which angels desire to look into..*”
2. His power in our weakness—redeeming us
 - a. **Bob Ross**

3. Using men like ME to show His redemptive power

C. Mt 5 “*You are the light of the world..*” we are His masterpiece

III Who Jesus is (vs10) “*the manifold wisdom of God might be made known*”

A. The manifold wisdom of God

1. See text box—
2. Church is called to show this diversity

B. Mt 5 *PHOS KOSMOS* emitting—universe

1. universe = Christmas tree we are the star
 - a. For all to see: men, angels, demons
2. Christ alive in us—shining through us
 - a. Varied, different shades in each life

manifold= varied in appearance or color—marked with spots of different colors—diverse
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C. What the principalities will see

1. 1 John 3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- a. The only creature ever to have been redeemed.

2. Angels / demons created before us Job 38:4-7

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

3. Is 14:12-15 The 5 “I’s” of Isaiah Jealous of man in God’s image - angels = servants

- a. Jn 15:15, Heb 1:14

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you

But to which of the angels has He ever said “Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?