

First of Two Sermons on Creation

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Genesis 1:1-11

In the Beginning

The Answers are in Genesis.

- 1. The Big Bang provides no answers on the meaning of life**
- 2. Genesis provides the foundation to the good news of the Gospel**
- 3. Whether we believe in a young earth or an old earth, we must teach and defend the accuracy and inerrancy of the Bible**

*Justice Oliver Wendall Holmes once said
“Science makes major contributions to minor needs”*

Conclusion: Young people today believe evolution is a fact. They believe they evolved from apes and are here on this earth by chance. They have no basis for standards of right or wrong. They don't see much purpose and meaning in life. They turn to sex and drugs to fill the void in their lives. The answers they need are in Genesis, and we must understand Genesis so we can talk to them about it.

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

Matthew 19:4-5

Jesus answered, “Have you not read that *he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,* ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, *and the two shall become one flesh*’?”

Isaiah 42:5-9

Thus says God, the Lord, who *created the heavens and stretched them out,*
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For *by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.* ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Jeremiah 51:15

“It is *he who made the earth by his power,* who established the world by his wisdom, and *by his understanding stretched out the heavens.*