

The Importance of Creation

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis 1:1-5)

With these words, the greatest of all books begins. These words are the foundation upon which everything else in the book is based. If these words are true, then everything else stands on its foundation. If these words are false, then nothing else said in the book matters because it begins with a lie.

There are many today who want to claim the opening sections of Genesis are nothing more than legend, bearing no more sense of reality than any other "origin story" out there. Many, even while stating that they believe in God, will argue that these opening chapters aren't all that important and can't be trusted, and what we should really focus on is Jesus.

However, what they don't understand is without this account, the rest of the Bible falls apart. Without the creation - there is no creator of all things to come and save us from our sins (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17). Without the creation, it is Jesus, not Satan who was a liar from the beginning and the father of all lies (John 8:44). Without the creation, there is no hope, for there can be no trust (Hebrews 6:17-19).

Genesis 1 is the core of everything. We believe in the evidence for God, we believe the evidence for Jesus, do we believe their claims, or not? The answer is of eternal consequence. ~ ~ *Adam Cozort*