



Week #5: Road Work Ahead

1. THE STORY

- a. Creation—Big Bang I
- b. The Fall —Big Thud
- c. Redemption—Big Bang II

2. GOALS FOR THIS WEEKEND

- a. Why is there something rather than nothing?
- b. Why did God make man (and woman)?
- c. What does it mean to be made in God's image and likeness? (Part 1)

3. ABSOLUTE UNIQUENESS OF THE CREATION STORIES IN GENESIS

- a. The ANE (Ancient Near Eastern) creation stories:
 - i. Current thought: Genesis and the creation stories are more or less just like all the other Ancient Near Eastern creation myths. This is RUBBISH.
 - ii. There are not minor but major differences between them. Including:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 - iii. Despair, fear, and violence reign in this world. What would life possibly be about in a world like this except the pursuit of pleasure, power, and money? Sound familiar?
- b. Genesis 1
 - i. There is an immediate difference in this view of the world.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - ii. 1:24-30: "the sixth day,"
 1. Note verses 1:24-5.
 2. 1:26, we read, "let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion..." What does this mean?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

- iii. 1:27: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them."
 - a. This is a HUGE line.
 - b. This means a male does not exhaust what it means to be human, nor does a female. Only a man and woman together image God.
- iv. 1:28: "And God blessed them and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.'"
 - a. Note that God speaks directly only to man. This is another indication of the absolute uniqueness of the human being in creation. God speaks with him.
 - b. There is a purpose for marriage and family and sexuality.
- v. 1:29: "And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed...'"
 - a. Don't miss an important point here!
 - b. Note here, too, that nothing dies in Paradise.
- vi. Genesis 2:2: "And on the seventh day God finished His work which he had done, and He rested on the seventh day..."
 - a. The ending of the first story of creation highlights the importance of the Sabbath.
 - b. What kind of a culture doesn't want to rest? Ours!
 - c. We might ask ourselves today, "How do I approach Sunday?"

- c. So let's summarize again what God reveals in Genesis 1:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. _____
 - vi. _____
 - vii. _____
 - viii. _____
 - ix. _____



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Notes

QUOTE: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." Gen 1:1

"Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth." Gen 1:26-28

QUESTIONS for reflection/discussion:

1. How much of our modern worldview models the ancient pagan worldview whose mentality was one of fear and not knowing if God is real?
2. Why did God create man?
3. What does it mean to be made "in the image and likeness of God"?
4. What is my image of God and has it changed after viewing "How Great is Our God"?
(To view "How Great is Our God" by Louis Giglio, visit olgcp parish.net/rerouting under Week 5.)
5. Why is there something rather than nothing?
6. How do I approach reading Sacred Scripture?
7. As we began Rerouting, one of the three questions we posed was: "Why am I here?" After reading Genesis 1, how would I answer this question now?

For next week: Read and reflect on Genesis 2:4-25.