

We will now begin the third lecture on biblical theology. /Today we will discuss the origins of life. /The Bible teaches on the origins of all creation. /We can learn about the origins of life in Genesis.

/We can learn about the creation of the world in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. /We cannot experience the origin of things so the only way for us to know is by what God has revealed to us.

/Genesis chapter 1 teaches on the Creator of life. /God is the Creator of life, and His providence rules over the world. /And the Bible teaches that God saves us as well as judges us for sin.

/So our God is our Creator and Redeemer./Only the one who created the world can save us from our sins.

/Let us think about the order of creation./The order is recorded in Genesis chapter 1./In chapter 1, plant, animals, and human beings were created in their respective order./On the first day, light and the earth were created./Everyone, as we study the essence of creation, please refer also the lecture on Genesis in our website.

/On the first day, light and the earth were created. /And on the second day, the water above the sky and the below the sky was separated. /And on the third day, plants, and trees were created.

/On the fourth day, the sun, moon, and the stars were created./On the fifth day, the birds and fish were created./On the sixth day the animals, and the creeping things were created./So on the fifth day fishes and birds were created.

/And on the sixth day, cattle, and animals were created./ And on the last part of the sixth day, humans were created./Genesis chapters 1 and 2 have unity./Genesis chapter 1 teaches us on the order of creation./Chapter 2 complements chapter 1.

/The details that are not in chapter 1 is explained in chapter 2./Let us think about the significance of the Creation./First, all things were Created by God's Word./Genesis 1:3, 6, 9 starts by saying, "God said..." /Psalm 33:6,/Psalm 148:5,/Hebrews 11:3,/Romans 4:17,/Amos 8:13

/According to these verse God created the heavens by His Word./Second significance regarding creation is that God created out of nothing./"to create" in Hebrew is 'bbara'/'bbara' means to created something out of nothing.

/Thirdly, the Triune God created./God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit created./But out of the three, God the Son had a more direct role in creation./Gen. 1:26,/Hebrews 1:2,/John 1:3,/Colossians 1:16,/Proverbs 8:30,/1 Cor. 8:6,

/If we look here Christ created through His Spirit. /Fourthly, God created living things according to their "kinds". /Gen. 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25./If we look here God created according to their kinds.

/Cows, horses, chicken all according to their kind.../types of monkey, and humans./different types of frogs,/snakes,/and various kinds of birds.

/But evolutionary theory says that monkeys evolved to become humans./This does not fit with scientific evidence./All living beings have genes./There are chromosomes in the cell./This chromosome is different for different species.

/And the chromosome cannot change from one species of animal to another. /There are 46 chromosomes in the human gene. /There are 54 chromosomes in the monkey. /They cannot be interchanged.

/The fifth point about creation is that God created them perfect and beautiful./Gen 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31./Sixthly, God created all things in six days./2:1-2,/Exodus 20:11

/Some people say the world was created in millions of years. /But their theories are not accurate. /All we know is that God created the world in six days.

/Next, let us discuss the “purpose of creation.”/The reason why God created the world is to let His glory shine. /Isaiah 43:7. /God also purposed to use mankind to rule over the creation.

/God created human beings last. /God created humans last so that all things could be prepared for life. /God commanded man to rule over the creation. Genesis 1:28.

/Therefore, through creation and by using creation we must give glory to God. /God is enthroned most high. /Then is mankind. /and then is all creation.

/So mankind stands between God and the rest of creation. /God’s grace is passed from mankind to creation, /And God uses creation to give glory to God. /But some people place creation over mankind.

/They worship animals! /worship bulls! /This is a foolish thing. /We must worship God only and give glory to him. /We must rule over and subdue creation.

/Next let us discuss the meaning of creation. /When God created the world it says he did so by speaking. /Created through the Word shows us the faithfulness of God to His covenant.

/When God speaks it comes to pass./God is faithful./If God covenants to save His people it will come to pass./The promise of God to save us will faithfully be accomplished.

/God’s word is the truth. /God’s Word is real. /God created the world through His word. /Therefore Christians have a theistic worldview.

/Also, an intelligent God created the world through His power. /He created out of nothing. /There is the false idea of evolution in our world. /Evolution says complex creatures came out of simple creatures.

/Monkeys evolved to become humans. /But this is false. /I’ve already mentioned it before. The genes are different. /Also, in Gen. 1:11, 12 it says that God created everything “according to their kinds.”

/And evolutionists suppose that in the beginning of creation some substance existed. /There simply existed rocks and dirt. /And through tens of thousands of years living organisms appeared, the lower animals, and the higher animals.

/But the evolutionists do not know how everything existed in the beginning and why?/They simply say the substance was there, whether dirt or rocks and living things evolved from it.

/But they cannot explain how they existed./However the world moves from order back to disorder./This is the law of Entropy./Things change from order to disorder.

/But the evolutionists say the opposite that living being came from disorder. /It goes against science. /But many people today believe in this false theory of evolution.

/God did not make human beings like the animals. /Human beings are very different from animals. /Human beings have flesh but they have a soul as well. /Our souls are made in the image of God.

/Our souls can worship God and communicate with God./But animals are not like that they are but flesh./When animals die they simply become dust./However, people are saved through faith and their souls go to heaven.

/Our flesh become dirt but when Jesus returns even our flesh will be raised. /God created human beings as very special beings./That is why God gave human beings wisdom and strength to rule over the animals.

/In some ways people have less abilities than animals. /Lions are stronger than people. /Bulls and elephants have more power. /However, human beings rule over them all. /Human beings are intelligent and have power.

/Animals cannot develop and improve themselves. /Human beings develop and improve their culture./Their intelligence increases./But animals whether 1,000 years ago or 100 years ago are the same./But people develop tools and become better than before.

/People use tools. /So they drive automobiles. /Fly airplanes, /write books, /use computers, /and live in cleaner houses and convenient houses.

/Also human beings have language, spoken and written words. /Animals do not have spoken or written words. /Animals use "signals" not words. /Most importantly 'human being's souls are made in God's image.'

/That is why people have religion. /Animals do not have religion. /So human beings long to worship God. /And we must believe in Jesus and be saved. /So in these ways evolution is false.

/Then there is the theory of emanation. /Emanation says that there is a mother body of all creation and so there is origin of creation. And all the species came out from this origin. /Variety of species came from this origin.

/Therefore it says there is nothing besides this mother body of creation. /This is the same in both oriental and western philosophy.

/Platon was a Greek philosopher. /Platon taught that the world came from an "idea."/Idea/He said that everything we see with our eyes came from this "idea."

/Also, Lao-Tzu from China says that all creation came from "truth"/and Confucius said that creation came from the "Great Absolute"

/In these ways philosophers say that “species came from a certain origin.” /Therefore the “origin” and the “species” are same in nature because they came from it.

/Again, “species” came from the “origin” so they are equivalent in nature. /Therefore the theory of Emanation is wrong philosophy. /It is pantheism in the end which believes that all creation is like a god.

/Let us now discuss some misunderstandings concerning Creation./There is Karl Barth's neo-orthodoxy./He does believe in creation./But he says that the doctrine of creation is not self-evident.

/The creation story is a myth. /He says that creation is simply an expression of the actions of the eternal God. /It is an indefinable expression of the planned action of an eternal God.

/So he says that actions of God cannot be expressed historically. /The creation account in the Bible is not a revelation. /But we believe that the created things constitute common revelation.

/We can come to know God through His creation./God reveals himself through His creation./That is why this is called general revelation./Of course we cannot come to know God fully through general revelation because we have fallen.

/That is why God has revealed Himself to us also through special revelation. /Now let us discuss the topic of “understanding creation.”/Hebrews 11:3 says, “through faith we have come to know that the world came into being by the Word of God”./

/We have not seen God's creative work with our eyes./But there is a way we can know even more clearly than by seeing it with our physical eyes./This way is through ‘faith.’

/We can come to know that God created the heavens and the earth through faith in His Word. /In other words, Creation is outside of our personal experience. /The creation of the earth is outside of the experience of human beings.

/But the Bible states that the Almighty God created the heavens and the earth. /We believe that the Bible is God's Word. /So through the Bible we come to believe that God created the world.

/Now we will discuss “creation and life.”/First, by believing God's creative act we become humble. /We come to know how awesome and powerful God is by looking at the heavens and the earth.

/Compared to this we realize how frail and small we are./Look at the majesty of the mountains./Look at the expanse of the ocean./The sun burns its light without going out for thousands of years and gives off necessary heat.

/There are stars in the sky./There is the moon./We have the four seasons./God created all things with order./God created an environment in which human beings can live./There are many necessary conditions that must exist for human beings to survive on earth.

/We must have the sun./We must have the moon./We need the rain./And the oceans./and land./We also need variety of food./When we think about such things we human beings are frail.

/Also look how mysterious are body is./However, human being are frail and weak./We cannot fully understand the universe that God has created./So we must be humble./And we must surrender to the will of God.

/So first we must become humble. Second, we have hope through faith./This world is passing away./Our lives will pass away./But one special hope that we have is faith in God./We are just sojourners.

/We have eternal life through faith in Jesus./God rules over the world./He oversees even the life of a sparrow./He is sovereign over life and death, and blessing and curse./That is why we must put our hope in the eternal God.

/Let us continue to look at a few more things about creation./“to create” in Hebrew is bara/bara/This verb, bara, sheds light on the creative character of God.

/This character and ability is distinct from human beings./God created something out of nothing./So this teaches us on the absolute creation of God./I will now discuss the creation of mankind.

/God created our souls in the image of God./And he created our bodies out of dirt./He created people last after creating the plants and animals./That is why God put human beings as stewards of creation.

/God set human beings as a representative on earth. /That is why God created us in His image. /God created our souls in the likeness of God.

/He created us to have a relationship with Him, /and to walk joyfully with God. /God created us to depend on Him as His creation. /And he gave the authority to rule over all creation.

/Let's look at Genesis 2:7. /Genesis 2:7 says, “Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

/Here “breath” in Hebrew is nishmat haim/nishmat haim/This is the breath of life./The breath of life./So when this breath of life entered man became a living being.

/“Living being” in Hebrew is nephesh haya. Nephesh hayah. This refers to a living being. /A living being. /Man became a living being because God breathed into him the breath of life.

/The breath of life is not the soul. /The breath of life connects life and God through the truth and the inspiration of the Spirit. /So we become connected with God./As a result we became living beings.

/Our lives are connected with God and therefore we became living beings. /Also, in Eden were 4 rivers. /And three types of trees. /First we see in Genesis 2:9 the tree of life.

/Second, there are varieties of natural trees. /These are good for food and beautiful to look at. /Thirdly, there is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. /Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

/But in Genesis 2:17 God said “you shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”/“the day you eat of it you shall surely die”/And God created Adam first and then Eve.

/God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep and took out one of his ribs to make Eve. /And in Gen. 2:18 it says God made a "suitable helper" for Adam. /Also, in Genesis 2:20 it says "suitable helper"/Therefore, the wife is a helper for the husband.

/Eve is supposed to help Adam rule over creation. /So Eve helps Adam serve God. /That is why a married couple should help one another to carry out God's work and mission.

/Why did God make women out of a rib? /Why not from a skull, or feet bones. /This is because Eve is equal to Adam. /And there are one body. /There is no one higher or lower; they are equal.

/That is why the husband and wife should respect one another./And because God created Eve out of Adam's rib they are originally from one body./Husband and wife are one body./Also they must be of one mind./They should have the mind of Christ.

/Married couples must live God-centered./They must raise up their family in the Lord./Also, that God made Eve from Adam's rib /means Adam should "love"/Just as the rib protects the heart Adam must love his wife.

/That is why it says in Gen. 2:23, "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh," as Adam saw his wife. /God brought Eve to Adam. /And Adam recognize right away that she was to be his wife.

/God created family. /God established the church and family Himself. /So church and the family are important in such a manner./And since the time of Adam the church and family are the same. The Church is the family, and the family is the church.

/For example, we have Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These patriarchs are both prophet and heads of the household. /At that time heads of households were like prophets, priests, and kings.

/Therefore, the family is the Church, and the Church is the family./Therefore, the family is important just as the Church./That is why we must raise up the family by faith./Also, in verse 24 it says "the husband will leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two will become one flesh."

/This means children must not always depend on their parents./When they are married they must draw toward God./The husband must cling to his wife and become one./One heart, and one faith.

/Gen. 2:25 says, "Adam and his wife were naked and were not ashamed."/This is because they love one another so much that the faults of the other is not seen.

/Of course there was no sin at that time./It was before they sinned./They did not see the faults of the other./They simply loved one another./And Adam and Eve only looked toward God.

/They did not depend on one another or look to one another./They simply loved one another./They loved one another./And Adam and Eve were content before the glory of God. They will filled with the Holy Spirit.

/They loved God, trusted in Him, and was happy in God. They were content with God. /God's glory filled these two.

/So they were not ashamed. /We must not depend on people but on God. /We must seek God's glory as our blessing.

/We have discussed about the origins of life during this hour. /We learned about God's creation.

/This concludes the third lecture on Biblical Theology./Thank you.