

*God Speaks and Cares*

**Genesis 1:3-5**

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Introduction: Learning more about God Himself—the importance of recognizing that Genesis 1 is history. No metaphors, no simile, no metonymy, no synecdoche, no figurative language of any kind. No line parallelism (v27 is chiasm, which is different). Cardinal numbers. Light. Ex 20, Ps 104, Jesus Himself... every bit of textual evidence says history. We are learning about God Himself.

1. Announcement: God relates to His creation by His Word.
  - a. Not a “clockmaker”
  - b. Words
    - i. Verbal words
    - ii. The Eternal Word
  - c. Adoption and the Judgment
2. Commandment: “Be, Light!” (cf. Rom 4:17). The purpose of existence is to obey the will of God.
3. Evaluation: God makes judgments and distinctions and acts upon them. He sees you as you are.
4. Action: God acts upon what He sees. In the end, there will be no injustice.
5. Naming: Ownership.

Conclusion: Why get Genesis right?

- i. For the glory of God
- ii. To introduce...
  - a. Yearning people to the God who relates to us
  - b. Confused people to the God who assigns purpose
  - c. Insincere people to the God who sees us as we really are
  - d. Unserious people to the God who carries out judgment
  - e. Mistreated people to the God who takes up their cause
  - f. Rebellious people to the God who lays claim to them