

Morning Sermon Outline – March 19, 2017

“In the Beginning God Created...”

Genesis 1:1; 1:14-19 & 1:26-28

It is so extremely important that we understand all that is related to the fact that God is our Creator, and He is the Creator of our world. We live in a world that is rebelling against God as Creator: evolution, religious environmentalism, radical feminist theology, the entire gay – trans-sexual-there-are-more-than-two-genders movement, all of these movements and probably a few more, have one thing in common, REBELLION AGAINST GOD, as CREATOR!

I. See God, as Creator, in contrast to His creation - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJ)

1. *In contrast to His creation God is separate from, outside and above His creation –*

*In the sentence which makes up **Genesis 1:1** God is the Subject, creation, is the verb and the Heavens and Earth are both objects! God is the ONE Who makes the heavens and the earth -*

*It is **He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. (Isaiah 40:22 NKJ)***

2. *God is eternal, He is before His creation which begin in time –*

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (Psalm 90:2 NKJ)

A. *Angels, Demons & Human Beings were created in time but will continue through eternity future –*

B. *Animals, plants and the things of this world, were created in time and will end with time –*

C. *Only God is from everlasting to everlasting*

Dr. R.C. Sproul refers to God's difference from and being above creation with the theological term ASEITY, this term means God is Self-existent, non-created, eternal.

Dr. Peter Jones calls the Biblical truth about God being over, above and outside His creation “Two-ism.” This is in contrast to a modern, neo-pagan view where God is said to be one with creation or rather Creation is god, which he calls One-ism.

In the One-ism view, creation needs no creator or is considered the creator of It-self and therefore there is NO DIFFERENCE between God and Creation, because they are ONE and the same. This view considers God to be an impersonal natural force:

A. *Under and inferior to us, because not personal, (no longer considered HE) it has no will!*

B. *If the earth or universe is our god or creator, through evolutionary impersonal processes, it gives us no laws or rules to follow! Except to worship and care for the earth!*

Something like what Dr. Jones calls Oneism, in contrast to Twoism (Belief in a Biblical God); is embraced and promoted in our modern culture. One of the most blatant examples of this is the popular movie Avatar. In that movie Being ONE with the Earth is contrasted to and considered better than being RULED by the God of Heaven. Except in the point of view of the movie a God in Heaven does not exist! More about this later...

II. God is above and separate from His creation just as a potter is separate from and above his clay, He has a perfect right both to create it as He wishes and to RULE over it, as He wishes –

1. *This authority God has as Creator is a Potter- clay authority - Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? (Romans 9:21 NKJ)*

A potter has power over clay; he can shape it for his own purposes, for example, the potter can make:

- A. A cup for drinking
- B. A pot for plants
- C. A statue for its aesthetic value

Humans are the creators of computers and we use them for our own purposes, for instance, I use my computer to type my sermons. We use computers to communicate or to do a myriad of different jobs. If our computers or clay pots fail at their designed purposes, as creators and owners we have the power / right to fix these things or destroy them. I have thrown quite a few old computers in the TRASH!

- 2. This is a right and an authority a CREATOR has over His creation, it is an unquestionable AUTHORITY –

Yet, ungodly people question and challenge this AUTHORITY, as if they were equal to God -

You turn *things* around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, that what is made should say to its maker, "He did not make me"; or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding "? (Isaiah 29:16 NAS)

^{NAB} **Isaiah 29:16 Your perversity is as though the potter were taken to be the clay:... (Isaiah 29:16 NAB)**

“The first word (in Isaiah 29:16) may be rendered “perversity” or “absurdity.” “Contrariness” also brings out the thought.” Edward J. Young

The idea is that it is a crazy, perverse, absurd and contrary thing for a creature to challenge or try to correct its Creator, as if the Creator and creature were equals. Our toasters have a job, they toast our toast. If your toaster suddenly rebelled against you, saying “I am tired of toasting toast, I want to swim in the bathtub!” If it decided it would

argue with us about its true purpose, we would count such arguing perverse or absurd!

- 3. *God knows perfectly well why He created, all that He created and He gives to the creation its TRUE PURPOSE, which in general is to glorify Him, God’s creatures were created for His purposes and pleasure, to do His will –*

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." (Revelation 4:11 NKJ)

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Revelation 4:11 KJV)

- III. *When God is not seen and honored as Creator, and OBEYED as Creator, the entire fabric of society begins to unravel –*

- 1. *When God created everything He created with a design and purpose –*

Day One : *He created light, and He divided the light from darkness, making night and day – Genesis 1:3-5*

Day Two: *He created the firmament which we call sky – Genesis 1:6-8*

Day Three: *He rearranged the waters on earth to let dry land appear and to make room for grass and plant-life – Genesis 1:9-13*

Day Four: *After creating the Heavens, God created certain Heavenly bodies: the Sun, moon and stars, to RULE the Heavens –*

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. ¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. ¹⁷ God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over

the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. (Genesis 1:14-19 NKJ)

I made special notice of the Sun, Moon and Stars, because God gave them a certain RULE, authority, in the Heavens. The Sun, though not the biggest of stars in the Universe, definitely appears BIGGEST from the vantage point of our earth, it RULES our days. The moon rules our nights. This is according to how God has designed things.

Day Five: On day 5, God created sea creatures and birds – Genesis 1:20-23

Day Six: On day 6, God created the land animals (Genesis 1:24-25)

and MAN (Genesis 1:26-28) He gave man RULE over the earth –

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:26-28 NKJ)

2. *Part of God's purpose for Mankind was dominion -*

I will speak more about man being created in God's image on another day, and in another sermon. Today, I want to talk about us being created in God's image as rulers, who have dominion, under God's Authority.

Earlier in this sermon, I mentioned the movie Avatar! Avatar is a movie made to protest against the TRUTHS of Genesis 1:

A. *It protests the very existence of a REAL GOD outside of NATURE, everything in the movie SCREAMS "NATURE IS GOD, NATURE is God! A God in Heaven, according to this viscous movie, is a LIE of those who want to rape Mother Earth!*

B. *Since it challenges the very being of God, it certainly also challenges man's God given right(s) to have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26 NKJ)*

Biblical Christians, who want to obey God's command(s), are portrayed in the movie Avatar as:

(1) Militaristic

(2) Manly, in a way that is viciously destructive!

(3) Wanting not only to rule over and use nature as God's gift

– And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

(Genesis 1:29 NKJ) But to USE nature and annihilate it!

(4) Their habitat in the movie is portrayed with no life in it; it is all cement, metal, smoke and smog!

These are contrasted to the pagans, in the movie, the NA'VI, who are

(1) Peaceful

(2) Their only weapons are bows and arrows

(3) Tall, beautiful, slim, intelligent, gentle

(4) These people are Tree and Earth worshippers; they live in near perfect harmony with nature and each other.

Now, there are or have been in our sin-filled world:

(1) Men who abuse their wives, daughters and children

(2) Companies, governments that have wrongly used, or abused the land, polluting or taking without planting ...

(3) Yet, this is not due to obedience but to disobedience to God's laws, men are commanded to:

(A) Love their wives, even self-sacrificially –

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, (Ephesians 5:25 NKJ)

(B) Care for animals –

A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel. (Proverbs 12:10 NKJ)

(C) Adam's job was to tend and care for the Garden –

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 NKJ)

Man was created in relation to nature, to rule over it, and to tend it as a sort of loving husband! He was not created to bow down and worship, nature, but he was and is called to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:26-28 NKJ)

3. This rule, this loving dominion of man, over nature, is also to be expressed in:

A. Self-control, self-discipline, not giving in to your natural lusts –
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23 NKJ)

B. Family Government –

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22 NKJ)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: (Ephesians 6:1-2 NKJ)

However, an ungodly world does not see things in this way: for instance, a radical feminist atheist who does NOT BELIEVE in a God Who CREATED and is above our world; throws off the rules of God.

Biblical truth is seen as distorted male left brain thinking. The spiritual / material; human / non-human; male / female; even good and evil, even the existence of a transcendent God; according to Rosemary Reuther are just ideas that popped out of evolved animals heads.

Not being a CREATED being, means there was no PURPOSE or DESIGN!

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. (Romans 1:26 NKJ)

Women were designed to be able to give birth to babies, men and women were designed to procreate –

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 NKJ)

Men and women were designed male and female, to carry out certain roles as God's Masterpieces! Yet, there is GREAT rebellion; the toaster wants to swim in the bathtub!

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:28-32 NKJ)

A female art student at Yale, Aliza Shvarts, being taught there was no God; and no design in her ability to have babies, repeatedly got pregnant and repeatedly aborted her babies, because she used their little bodies and blood in her artwork.

God has given us up to a debased mind! Why? Because we have forgotten Him! We no longer honor Him as Creator! If we are in Christ, He is both our Creator and Redeemer! Therefore, from us He is due double honor!

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