

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD
The First Fact and Ultimate Reality of Human History
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Genesis 1:1-31

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1

This first sentence of Scripture abounds with information regarding God and with significance for human understanding of God, of mankind, and of all things created. Were nothing more revealed to us than the first four words of this verse, it would be sufficient to teach man the reality of God, His place in time and eternity, and man’s subservience and accountability to Him.

I. It is a NECESSARY STARTING POINT.

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| A. For Scripture | C. For All Knowledge (Proverbs 1:7; II Timothy 3:7) |
| B. For All Things | D. For All Wisdom (Psalm 111:10) |

II. It is a REVELATION OF THE NATURE OF GOD.

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| A. His Single, Solitary Existence | F. His Love, Grace and Mercy |
| B. He is Lord of Eternity (Psalm 90:1-2) | G. His Originality and Creativity |
| C. He is Lord of Time (Joshua 10:12-13) | H. He is Unrivaled and Unthreatened |
| D. His Sovereignty over All Things | I. He is Author and Definer of Morality |
| E. His Self-Sufficiency | |

III. It is an OFT-AFFIRMED TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE.

- A. Affirmed in God’s giving of the Law (Exodus 20)
- B. Affirmed in the Great Commandment: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” (Deuteronomy 6:4, 5; Matthew 22:36, 37).
- C. Reinforced in His people’s expression of trust: “Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night” (Psalm 90:1-4).

IV. It is an INTRODUCTION TO JESUS CHRIST.

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”

Colossians 1:17 “And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

Hebrews 1:10 “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth;
and the heavens are the works of thine hands.”

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”