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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

I will be speaking to you today on the subject: "FIVE REASONS WHY I REJECT THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION OR FIVE REASONS WHY I DO NOT BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION."

I'm going to be reading from Genesis Chapter 1, if you would like to follow along in your Bible.

It is written in **verse 1 of Genesis Chapter one:** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In **Genesis 1:26 and 27** the Scripture says: "God said: let us make man in our image, after our likeness, let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Let me ask you this question. How do we account for the existence of man? How do we account for man's existence on this earth? Where did he come from? How did he get here?

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Now, there are just two explanations!

First of all: The first one is the one I just read to you from God's Word, how that God created man, male and female, miraculously, marvelously, and wonderfully, in His own image

God made the body of man from the earth or from the dust; that is what the Scripture says, "God breathed into this man the breath of life and he became a living soul."

Now, Adam was never an infant; he was never a little baby. God made him a full grown man with all of his faculties. Adam was never a savage; he was an intelligent, brilliant, beautiful and a genius man.

He was a fit companion and fellow of almighty God, created in the image of God, brilliant, and a genius. God brought to Adam all of the animals on the face of the earth and he named them. They are called by those names to this day.

Adam was not a sinner. He was morally, mentally, emotionally, and physically perfect. God created man, the Scripture says, "God hath made upright, but they have sought out many inventions." His mind and his body expressed the very image of God.

Now, that is what the Scripture says about creation: "God created male and female, man in his own image." But, from that perfect state, Adam sinned and fell. I don't know how long Adam continued in this upright and perfect state. The Bible doesn't say.

I don't know how long he stood but I just know that he fell. I know that the Scripture says, Adam rejected the Lordship of almighty God and the reign of God over him. I know what his sin was like. It was very similar to the sin of the angels.

Do you remember over in **Isaiah Chapter 14** it describes the fall of Lucifer and one-third of the heavenly host. The Scripture says that this was their sin. They said: "I will be like God; I will ascend into the heights of the clouds; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."

That's the essence of sin, two words, "I will." The essence of sin is "I will." That is what Satan said to Eve, he said: "if you eat of this tree you will be like God." When she saw that it was a tree desired to make one wise, or to make one like God, the "I will" came into place; "I will take it."

Now, the essence of sin is I will, my will. The essence of holiness is God's will. That is what our Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: "not my will but thy will be done."

But, when man fell, he says: "not thy will, but my will. I will be like God. I will take the forbidden fruit" and man fell from this holy state. He fell from this perfect state. He fell from this state of righteousness.

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We see the results; we see the results of this fall in our bodies. It says in **Romans 5:12:** "by one man sin entered the world and death by sin."

I see the results of Adam's sin in my body. We don't live but an average of 72 years now. Somebody said: "Well, man is living longer every year." Well, it will be a long time before he catches Methuselah, a long time before he catches Adam, who lived over 900 years.

But, we see the results of man's fall in our bodies. Our bodies are frail, sickly; they get old quickly and they die. That's the results of man's sin. Man was not made to die. He wasn't made to grow old. He wasn't made to decay. He was made in the image of God.

Sin brought death. Sin brought depravity. Sin brought decay. Sin brought disease. All of these things are the results of sin.

Not only do we see the results of sin in our bodies but we see the results of Adam's fall in our natures, "by one man's disobedience we were made sinners." We think but we don't think on God. We walk but we do not walk with God. We love but we don't love God.

Our thoughts and our affections and our minds are twisted and warped and perverted. We call the sweet bitter and the bitter sweet: "we love darkness and hate light;" that is our nature. Our natures are evil.

Then, we see the results of sin in the world of nature, the nature and the creation. God's creation was made subject to vanity by reason of man's fall. But, that's what happened to man; God created man, the Scripture says, "in his image, in his likeness," and man fell.

But, I thank God that He will not leave man in this fallen sate. He purposed to save a people. "He took not on himself the nature of angels but he took on himself the seed of Abraham." He came to this earth in the form and likeness of flesh. He took on Himself the seed of Abraham. He came to this earth as the second Adam.

The Scripture recognizes two Adams. The Scripture teaches representation: "as in Adam we died, so in Christ we are made alive. As we've borne the image of the earthy, (the first Adam), we will bear the image of the heavenly, (the second Adam)."

The first Adam was a man from earth; the second Adam is the Lord from heaven. So, our Lord Jesus came to restore what we lost in Adam, to restore paradise, to restore righteousness, to restore life, to restore glory, and to restore creation.

How do you take account for man's existence; how do you take account for his presence on this earth? God made him; that is what the Scripture says; "God created man."

Secondly: The other explanation for the existence of man on this earth is called "evolution;" it's called a "theory." That's what it is called, it's called a "theory" because that is what it is; it is a theory, it's a guess; it's a supposition.

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Evolution rejects the Word of God; it rejects the Word of Christ; it rejects the prophets; it has no proof; it leaves God out; it explains the phenomena of man as the product of an impersonal, godless, universe. That's exactly what evolution is.

Let me read you a paragraph from one of the books on evolution. I want you to listen carefully to this and listen with an open heart and listen with a receptive heart.

You say: "Will you listen to my explanation of evolution and I will listen to your preaching of the Word of God?" That's fair; now I will read to you what the evolutionist says:

He says: "Sometimes, somewhere, a bolt of lightning passed through the gassiest vapors and created a speck of protoplasm, so small, that it could not be seen by the naked eye.

"That small speck of protoplasm fell into the ocean and it began to grow and it became an amoeba and out of the amoeba came a fish. From the fish came an amphibian. From the amphibian came a reptile and from the reptile came an ape and from the ape came a man."

Now, that is one of the theories; that is one of the explanations as to how man got here on this earth. That accounts for man's existence.

"One day, somewhere, somehow, a bolt of lightning came out of the sky and split the gassiest vapors and created a speck of protoplasm and that fell into the ocean or the sea and it became an amoeba, a one cell animal. That became a fish and that became an amphibian, which is a creature that could go on land or water. That became a reptile and that became an ape, and that became a man."

Now, you talk about having trouble believing the Scripture on account of creation. I gasp in amazement that any intelligent person could believe what I just read, this theory of evolution. You wonder how we can believe what the Bible says about creation; my friend, I wonder, even to a greater degree, how you can believe that.

I want to give you several reasons why I reject, strongly reject, what we call the "theory of evolution," and why I could never believe it. Now you listen carefully and I will be able to help you this morning.

If you have some young people; invite them right now to come into the room and listen to these five reasons that I am going to give you why I reject, totally reject, the theory of evolution:

First of all: The reason why I do not believe in evolution is that I believe the Word of God

You might say: "I believe the Word of God." Now wait a minute! Evolution is a denial of the Word of God. I hear people calling creation "the Genesis account of creation." Now you hold it a minute!

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I hear people say this: "I reject the Genesis' account of creation." My dear friend; God creating man in His own image is not a Genesis account; it is an Exodus account, a Leviticus account, a Numbers account, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Judges.

And you can go all the way through Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Mark, Matthew, Luke, the Book of Acts; it is all the way through. Let me show you that; it's all the way through the Bible.

I read to you from the Book of Genesis; it said: "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God said: "Let us make man." Listen to **Exodus 20:** "In six days the Lord God made the heavens and the earth and all that in them is." That's the Exodus account of creation.

All right; go to **2 Kings 19:15**: "O Lord thou hast made the heavens and the earth and all that there is therein." Oh, that's the Kings account of creation. Look at **Nehemiah Chapter 9:6**: "God made heaven, earth, and all things that are therein."

Job; do you love the **Book of Job**? We quote from it enough: "naked I came out of my mother's womb, naked I shall return. The Lord giveth the Lord taketh away. I know that my redeemer liveth."

Listen to **Job**; God said: "Job, where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" He tells Job how He created the rain, the snow, the sleet, the hail, the animals, the men, and all of these things.

The **Psalms**; do you love **Psalm 23**: "the Lord is my shepherd." What about **Psalm 24:1:** "the earth is the Lord's, the world and all they that dwell therein, for he founded it; he established it."

Don't take **Psalm 23** if you won't take **Psalm 24**; you are a dishonest person. I'm not talking about the Genesis account of creation; I am talking about the **Psalms** account of creation.

Let's listen to **Isaiah**; we all love **Isaiah 53:** "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was wounded for our transgressions."

Do you love **Psalm 44:24:** "I am the Lord; I made all things?" **Isaiah 45:12** says: "I made the earth and I created man upon the earth, saith the Lord; **Isaiah 45:12**. It's not the Genesis account of creation my friend, it is the Isaiah account of creation, the **Psalm** account of creation.

Here's **Jeremiah**; the Lord God said: "I made the earth, man, and beast that are upon it." We will have to throw out the **Book of Jeremiah** if we reject creation.

Jonah; do you want to throw your **Book of Jonah** out? Our Lord said: "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish, so shall the son of man be three nights and three days in the heart of the earth."

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We are just going to have to just discredit the testimony of Jesus Christ himself if we deny the **Book of Jonah and Jonah, in chapter 1:9;** he says to the people on the boat: "I am a Hebrew; I fear the Lord God who made heaven, the seas, and the dry land." Who made it? God made it?

What about the **Book of Mark chapter 10:6:** "from the beginning of creation God made them, male and female?" You don't have much Bible left, my liberal friends. The **Book of Mark:** "God made them from the beginning, male and female."

What about the **Book of Acts**? God said: "Hath not my hand made all things in heaven and in earth?" **Acts 17:24** says: "God made the world and all things therein."

In the **Book of Ephesians** it says: "God created all things." In the **Book of Revelation**; we love that don't we: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth; the old earth and old heaven passed away and there will be no more tears, no more sorrow, and no more death?"

Do you love that? Why don't you take all the **Book of Revelation? Revelation 4:11** says: "Thou has created all things O Lord for thy pleasure they are and were created."

I reject the theory of evolution because it is a direct denial of the Word of God, not just the Book of Genesis, but every Book in this Bible, every Book in this Bible.

The Bible teaches that "God created all things in heaven, earth, and under the earth and God created them male and female in his own image, in his own likeness."

And I say this boldly and candidly and plainly without any fear of correction! To deny the account of creation as given in the Word of God is to deny the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation because there is a reference to creation by the hand of God in practically every one of the 66 Books.

Secondly: I reject the theory of evolution because it is a denial of the Gospel; it's a denial of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

You cannot believe evolution and believe the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel of God's redeeming grace and evolution is entirely opposite; they are enemies. Now listen to me; the Gospel says that man was made in the image of God and because of hi sin, man fell into death, darkness, and depravity.

The condition, in which we now live, by birth, by nature, by choice and by practice, was the result of a fall but evolution says that the opposite is true, that man didn't fall; man started at the bottom and he is climbing upward. The Gospel says that man started at the top and he fell to the bottom.

Now, "God sending his son in the likeness of sinful flesh, condemned sin in the flesh," and by His grace and mercy and atonement, He is going to lift the sinner, but evolution denies that.

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The Gospel says that man is a fallen creature who needs a divine work of grace, which needs a divine Saviour to lift him from His fallen state, that he cannot lift himself, that he is unable to restore himself.

Evolution says "not so!" Evolution says: "Leave man alone; he will eventually evolve into an archangel. He's getting better; he's getting smarter; he's getting greater; he's getting more moral, more holy, and by himself, if you will leave him alone; he will continue to improve and continue to get better being saved by his own works."

That's a denial of the Gospel of God's grace. The Gospel says: sin is a moral transgression of the holy law of God, for which man is responsible. The Gospel goes back and charges Adam and charges all men in Adam with a moral transgression.

Evolution says: "Sin and evil is nothing but the drag of our animal ancestry; that's where we got it; it's the pull and the drag of our animal ancestors; we are not really responsible and if left alone we will overcome this drag of our animal ancestors. Man is not responsible for his condition if he came from an ape, if he came from a snake, if he came from amoeba."

Man was made in the image of God and was as morally, accountable, responsible creature, and met face to face the holy law of God which says: "do this and live; eat of this tree and die" and Adam chose rather to die than to obey God. He is morally accountable and responsible for his condition.

The Gospel says that: God sent His son into the world to be our Redeemer and that by his grace, through faith in Him, we can become new creatures in Christ Jesus, new creatures, not the old creature improved, not the old heart we treated, not the old spirit we made, but new creatures in Christ Jesus

Evolution denies this. It denies the original sin. It denies the new birth and it denies the atonement. Yes, my friend; I reject evolution whole heartedly and completely because it mocks the Word of God and because it discounts and discredits the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No man, whoever he might claim to be, can preach the Gospel of redeeming grace, whereby God almighty in His mercy, reaches down into the cesspool of iniquity, wherein morally, responsible and accountable creatures have fallen, and washes them in the blood of His son and lifts them by His grace and power and enthrones them and makes them kings and priests unto Him, for His glory:

No man can preach that and preach evolution; it's impossible. It's like old **Joshua** said that day when he faced pagan Israel; "you choose you this day whom you will serve," either the Lord God of creation and salvation and the Gospel or the god your daddy's worshipped back there across the flood when they bowed before the gods of Egypt. You cannot serve both, "but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord God."

Thirdly: I reject evolution because every man in every way, man is different from a beast!

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Listen to the Bible again in 1 Corinthians 15:39: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men and there's another flesh of beasts; there's another flesh of fish and another flesh of birds;" all flesh is not the same. It differs; man differs in every way from an animal, from a fish or a bird.

He differs in blood. If they want blood transfusions; go out here and get blood from apes and pigs and goats and cows. You can't put that kind of blood in a man. They differ in blood. They differ in bone. Why don't we have transplants from animals if we came from animals?

They differ in flesh; they differ in cells. When we have the decay of cells in our bodies we replace it with pig cells. They differ in soul and spirit and mind. A man is totally and in every way, different from any kind of beast.

I will show you in several ways:

<u>First of all:</u> A man walks erect! There's not a beast on this earth that stands and walks erect, only a man who was made in God's image.

Second: A man's countenance differs from a beast!

<u>Third</u>: The light of intelligence is in a man's eyes! The light of intelligence is in a man's face. It's the intelligence of God. That may vary; there may be degrees of intelligence but every creature reveals intelligence of God in his eyes. You get the blank stares when you look into the eyes of an animal.

<u>Fourth:</u> A man can reason! He can invent. An animal can be taught to obey but not to reason. He can be taught to respond but not to invent. He can be taught fear.

Did you ever try to teach geology to a dog? Did you ever try to teach astronomy to a pig? Did you ever try to teach history to a horse? Did you ever try to teach English to a cat?

But yet, the most primitive man can learn any of these subjects, but you cannot teach an animal. You can teach him to respond, you can teach him to obey, and you can teach him to fear, but not to reason, and to inventions.

Man has invented the steamship. Man has invented the automobile, and the airplane. Now he is inventing rockets, missiles, and all of these things, televisions and radios.

The animal kingdoms only concern is survival. A man has a hand; only a man has a hand. A fish has a fin, a lion has a claw, a horse has a hoof, and a bird has a claw, only a man has a hand.

God has given them that marvelous gift that enables him to handle a tool. No animal can handle a tool. Oh, you can teach one to pound with a hammer but you can't teach him to build a house.

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He can operate delicate machines. He can play a small musical instrument. He can perform surgery with those hands. Only a man has a hand, a marvelous gift of God.

Fourthly, I reject evolution because evolutionists cannot account for the presence of life, (l-i-f-e) life. Now brother, there is life everywhere. This world teams with life. Life is in the dust. Life is in every drop of moisture. Life is in the air, and the ocean, and in the ice and the desert. Life is everywhere.

The evolutionist cannot account for life. The evolutionist says: "Well life came here on a meteor." Well, how did it get on the meteor? Did you hear what I read a while ago, "somewhere, sometime, a bolt of lightning pierced the gassiest vapors and fell into the ocean and grew?"

"Somewhere," where did the "where" come from? "Sometimes;" where did the "time" come from? "A bolt of lightning:" where did the "lightning" come from? "It passed through vapor;" where did the "vapor" come from? "It fell into the sea:" where did the "sea" come from?

Every time the evolutionist opens his mouth he runs into a blank wall because he goes back and back and he has to stop here: where did that come from, where did life come from?

The Scripture says that "life came from God. In him was life, the light of man was in God, all life is in God. God is life and everything that lives and moves and has its being, lives and moves and has its being in God Almighty; it came from God."

Fifthly: I reject evolution because evolution has no explanation for the mind of man and the soul of men!

Evolution has no explanation for the non-material qualities in a man. Evolution explains that he came from this, that, and the other, but evolution has no explanation for those principles and qualities and emotions that dwell in a man.

Where did man get his love for music? Where did man get his love for art? Where did man get his love for beauty, huh? Where did man get his conscience?

Have you been out in the jungle lately? Be careful. It's like a story I heard one time about the snake and the rabbit that made an agreement. The snake said to the rabbit: "If you will do this for me I won't hurt you."

The rabbit did it and then the snake started to eat him. The rabbit said: "you promised that you wouldn't do that." The snake said: "you knew I was a snake when we made that agreement."

Have you ever tried to reason with an animal? Where did man get his conscience? Where did man get grief, tears, sorrow, and laughter, huh? Where did man get these things?

I will tell you: The gift of affections, heart and mind, are not physical properties; they are spiritual properties, the soul properties that came from God.

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But chiefly my friend; I reject evolution because it rejects God. It rejects the Word of God; it rejects the Lord Jesus Christ!