

Pentateuch Overview: Genesis

[#2] *How Did We Get Here?* – Genesis 1-11

Sermon Outline – March 26, 2017

Children's Sermon: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

Was Olivia really that bad?
Are you?



Matthew 26:39

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, *if it be possible*, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

If we are that bad, why does God love us like his precious children?

Review

Notes:

How do we know that Genesis is true?

➤ We Know God's Voice (Rom. 1:18-19; John 10:27)

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also **thank God** constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.



➤ The signs and wonders

The Briefing: “Mother Divine” died; 2nd wife to the Late “Father Devine”, The Rev. Major Jealous Divine, regarded as God incarnate by his disciples. (1912, 30's, 40's & 50's) ¹

Do Not Fall Off Either Side of the Road

- Beware Scientism
- Beware Going beyond What is Written

Why Go All the Way Back to Creation?

- Who is this God that has rescued us?
- What is the history of our relationship?
- Who are we? (Israel & Christians)

¹ **The New York Times.** “Mother Divine, Who Took Over Her Husband's Cult, Dies at 91” By WILLIAM GRIMESMARCH 14, 2017

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Our ancient history plainly reveals that we are sin cursed rebels who have been given a gracious promise of rescue by our just & merciful God.



Outline of Genesis 1-11

- I. Creation Week (1:1-2:3)
 - A. The Who, What & the Why but not the How
 - B. The Miracle of Creation
 1. Ex Nihilo (Supernatural)
 2. Natural Order
- II. The Generations of Heaven & Earth (2-4)
 - A. The Creation of Man and Woman (2)
 1. Man...breath of life
 2. The LORD planted a garden...
 - ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
 3. Rich natural resources...
 4. A Helper...
 - B. The Fall into Sin (3)
 1. Pride & Rebellion
 2. Judgment & Mercy
 - ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise his heel.” ...
 - ²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and **clothed them**.
- C. Cain & Abel (4)
 1. Pride, Rebellion & Murder
 2. Judgment & Mercy
 - ¹⁵ Behold, **you have driven me today away from the ground**, and **from your face I shall be hidden**. I shall be **a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth**, and whoever finds me will kill me.
 3. Bad to Worse... (Lamech: Adah & Zillah)
 4. But Seth, Enosh...



III. The Book of the Generations of Adam (5-50)

A. Adam/Seth to Noah (5)

²² ***Enoch walked with God*** after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

B. Total Corruption on Earth (6:1-8)

⁵ The Lord saw that ***the wickedness of man was great*** in the earth, and that ***every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually***. ...⁸ But **Noah**...



C. Generations of Noah (6:9-9; Judg./Mercy)

²¹ And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

D. Generations of Shem, Ham & Japheth (10-11)

1. Spread of the Nations (10)
2. The Tower of Babel (11:1-9)
3. Generations of Shem (11:10-26)
4. Generations of Terah (11:27-25:32... 25)

This is Our/Israel’s History. What does it teach us?

The True Identity of God & Man

Who were we created to be? (Israel & Us)

- Image Bearers
- Male & Female
- Priest-Kings

Genesis 1:27–28a

²⁷ ***So God created man in his own image***, in the image of God he created him; ***male and female*** he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it**, and have dominion over...”

Who are we now? (Boastful Rebels)

- We are Part of a Race that Defies His Boundaries
- We are Part of a Race that Defies Purposes

Who is God? (Creator)

- Righteous Judge/Merciful Savior

Genesis 3:9 (Redeemer)

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “*Where are you?*”

Repentance & Faith is Possible

Hebrews 11:5–6

⁵ By faith **Enoch** was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for *whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists* and that *he rewards those who seek him*.

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

We Are That Bad! (inescapable images)

Psalms 14:1–3 (Cf. Mt. 22:37–39; Mk. 12:30–31)

¹ The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. ² The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; *there is none who does good, not even one*.

God’s Holy Character!

- The Righteous Curse Upon Us is Death
- God’s Gracious Love Led to Absorbing Our Debt

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Yes, our sin is so bad that we deserve eternal death, but God, who is rich in mercy, has paid what we owe through the death of his Son!

