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MORNING MESSAGE

“The War on Truth: Creation”

Genesis 1:1

- I. THE INTRODUCTION OF GOD (v.1a)
  - A. The first four words of the Bible introduce us to God
    1. “God” translates the Hebrew word “Elohim”
      - a. Elohim means “one who is great, mighty, or glorious”
    2. The Bible is a book about God
      - a. It begins with God, “In the beginning God...”
      - b. It ends with God, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all” (Revelation 22:21)
    3. The Bible does not argue the existence of God, it just asserts that God is
- II. THE INTERVENTION OF GOD (v.1b)
  - A. The God of the Bible created heaven and earth
    1. “Created” translates the Hebrew word “bara”
      - a. Bara means “to instantly create something from nothing”; to make something visible out of the invisible
      - b. Colossians 1:16, “For by him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him”
    2. “Heaven” is plural in the Hebrew text
      - a. The Bible teaches that there are three heavens: (1) the first heaven is the air around us and where the clouds are; (2) the second heaven is where the stars and planets are; (3) the third heaven is where God lives, the heaven of heavens
      - b. 2 Corinthians 12:2, “I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to third heaven”
    3. “Earth” is the focus of Genesis 1
      - a. Earth is man’s abode; where man lives