

The Bible's Big Message

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Introduction:

The whole Bible presents creation as an unqualified historical fact – Gen. 1:1; Ex. 31:17; Psalm 33:6; Jonah 1:9; John 1:3; Acts 17:24-25; Col. 1:16; Rev. 10:6

1. Purpose of Creation –
 - a. God reveals Himself – Ps. 19:1; Jer. 10:12; John 2:11
 - i. Father creates – Gen. 1:1
 - ii. Son creates – John 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16
 - iii. Spirit creates – Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4; Ps. 104:30
 - b. God shares Himself – Isa. 43:7; Rev. 4:11

2. Extent of Creation
 - a. God created the physical dimension (matter, energy and time) – Gen. 1; Rom. 4:17
 - b. God created the spiritual dimension (angels – good and bad) – Nehemiah 9:6; Col. 1:16
 - c. God created man - Gen. 2:7, 21-22; Matt. 19:4; 1 Cor. 11:8-9
 - d. God re-creates man in salvation – 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10, 4:24; Col. 3:10

3. Responses to Creation
 - a. Submission – Exodus 20:8-11
 - b. Faith – Hebrews 11:3
 - c. Joy – creativity (humanity “creates” – unlike the animals – and this brings us joy. i.e. cooking, designing, building, coloring, inventing, etc.) 1 Tim. 4:1-5; 6:17

4. Rejections of Creation
 - a. Atheistic Evolution – Psalm 10:4; 14:1
 - b. Theistic evolution – John 5:46-47

Implications of Creation:

- God alone is eternal and thus alone must be worshiped – Isaiah 45:18
- God is powerful and able to do all His will – Jer. 32:17

- Man is responsible to God – Rom. 1:20
- Creation is the starting point of the gospel message – Acts 14:15