

OT Narratives Bible Study Series
Genesis 1-3 - Beginnings

Read Genesis 1-3

-What does Genesis 1-3 tell us about God? (support your answers from the Scriptures!) How does this differ from other concepts of 'God' that you've come across? (some other Scriptures you might consider: Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:18-20; John 1:1-3)

-What does Genesis 1-2 tell us about the origins of the universe and of Man? How does this differ from secular worldviews? (you might also consider Hebrews 11:1-3)

-What does Genesis 1-3 tell us about the nature of Man (i.e. mankind)? (you might also consider Psalm 8:3-9; Genesis 9:5-6; Proverbs 14:31; Exodus 20:8-11; Romans 5:12-14) What implications does this have for issues facing our society today?

For further reflection

Genesis 1-3 lays the foundations for the Christian understanding of just about everything - that is, for the Christian's worldview. It tells us about who God is and who we are. It tells us about how we and the world came into being, and about why the world and mankind are the way they are today - fallen, and subject to bondage to death and decay. As we've started to see in this study, the truths of Genesis 1-3 are very much at odds with much of what the world thinks and teaches. In our next study, we'll think about why this is the case.

Reflect on your own worldview in light of Genesis 1-3. Is the way you understand the world informed and guided by God's Word, or is it informed more by your own understanding, or even by the understanding of others who would reject God and His ways? What can you do to bring your way of thinking in line with the truth of God, as revealed in His Word?

Additional Resources

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- Genesis Bible study series: http://www.cgygfellowship.com/BBS_Genesis.shtml
- OT Daily Devotional series

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- OT Survey and Genesis adult Christian education materials: <http://www.cgctorenglish.chinesegospelchurch.ca> (Resources section)