

**Genesis Foundations Series**  
**Genesis 1:1a – “In the beginning, God”**

**Is God Your Foundation?: Everything Begins with God**

- **Meaning of “Genesis”** – Greek for “origin, source, generation, or beginning” – it is truly the Book of Beginnings
- **Genesis – The most rejected and fought against book of Scripture. One’s acceptance or rejection of this book makes all the difference in how one views the rest of Scripture.**
- **Foundational to understand all of Scripture:** Our purpose, our plight, our parents, our problems, etc. What is a man or woman to be? Genesis. Why wear clothes? Genesis. Why marriage? Genesis. What are the roles of men & women? Genesis. What is sin? Genesis. What is salvation? Genesis. It also “provides a historical perspective for the rest of the Bible by covering more time than all the other biblical books combined.” WTB 8

**“In the beginning, GOD”**

**I. The Bible Shows Us that Creation is about GOD – Creation is God-founded**

**A. The Bible Assumes that GOD Exists**

**Psalm 14:1** The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. (*see Rom 1:20 below*)

**B. The Bible Declares that GOD is the Creator of All Things**

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**C. The Bible Indicates that Creation is about GOD**

God is mentioned 35x from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:3 (*not including pronouns*)

**II. The Bible Shows Us that Creation is for GOD – Creation is God-focused**

**A. A Belief in GOD is the First Step Towards the Truth**

**Heb 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**B. A Proper Grasp of GOD is the Foundation for All Knowledge and Wisdom**

**Prov 1:7** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Prov 9:10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

**Prov 19:23** The fear of the LORD *leads* to life, And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

**Prov 14:27** The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, To turn *one* away from the snares of death.

**C. An Understanding that All Things (Including Ourselves) Were Made for GOD Is Key**

**Col 1:16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. God created us for Himself. He is the reason for our existence. He is our central focus.

He does not exist for our enjoyment. We exist for His enjoyment. We exist to honor Him as our Creator!

**D. A Proper Response to GOD as GOD is Required of All in Attitude and Action**

**Rom 1:18-25**<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,<sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,<sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man -- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,<sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.