# "In the Beginning" Genesis 1:1–2 January 8, 2022

## Introduction to Genesis

Genesis: beginning

- 1. Genesis 1:1–11:26: The Primeval History (Creation Through the Tower of Babel)
- 2. Genesis 11:27-37:1: The Patriarchal Narratives (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob)
- 3. Genesis 37:2-50:26: The Joseph Narrative

# The Eternal God

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 90:2)

# The Independent God

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine." (Psalm 50:12)

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." (Acts 17:24–25)

# The Creator God

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." (Hebrews 11:3)

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1–3)

# The Sovereign God

"You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it." (Nehemiah 9:6)

# New Creation

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away." (Revelation 21:1)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

### Notes

## Discuss

- Why do many people think that the Bible and science are contradictory, and what would you say in response to someone who thinks that they are?
- How are God's creation and his salvation related, and how does that give you hope for the future?
- What are some created things that you are tempted to worship, and what truths can you remind yourself of to protect yourself against that temptation?

## Read

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 1:18-32; Revelation 21:1-8

## Pray

- That the Lord will help you recognize his glory in creation and worship him for it.
- That the Holy Spirit will convict you of any ways that you are substituting worshiping creation for worshiping God.

## Bulletin

- Copies of M'Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan Available on Connect Desk
- Men's Breakfast: January 14 at 8:00am
- Exploring Membership Class: Four Consecutive Sundays at 9:30am Beginning on January 15