

Series: The Doctrine of Creation
"Before Creation" # 2
Gen. 1:1a
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Q- What was God doing before creation (Gen. 1:1)? What was God's purpose in creation? What was before Genesis?

I. God Eternally Existed in His glory.

God is eternal; He has neither beginning nor end. He is totally self-sufficient and self-existent. He needs nothing outside Himself to exist.

God needs nothing, the universe, the earth, or man. But He chose to create them.

Ps. 90:2, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

1 Tim. 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

I. God Eternally Existed in His glory.
II. The Trinity Existed in Communion.

There is one true God who exists in three persons: God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Warren Wiersbe says, "This does not mean that one God manifested Himself in three different forms, or that there are three Gods; it means that one God exists in three persons who are equal in their attributes and yet distinct in different offices and ministries."

Acts 2:32-33, This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Note the name "God" which is *ELOHIM* in the Hebrew. This name speaks of God's almighty power. This is in the plural noun and can be translated "Gods."

This identification of *Elohim* as Creator refutes several serious heresies that we will look at later.

The Trinity was involved in creation. Note the "let us" statements in the in the Book of Genesis and a few others.

Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7; Isaiah 6:8; Ps. 2:7

Q- When were angels created?

Some have suggested they were created on the 6th day with man. The Bible is not clear on this question but the answer may be inferred in two passages.

Job 38:4-7, Where wast thou [Job] when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. (5) Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? (6) Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; (7) When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Ps. 104:2-5, Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: (3) Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: (4) Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: (5) Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

It would seem that angels were created before creation [or least day one] because they witnessed creation and praised God for the glory of his creation.

What was happening before creation? God existed eternally, the Holy Trinity existed eternally in communion, and the Holy Trinity planned redemption.

- I. God Eternally Existed in His glory.**
- II. The Trinity Existed in Communion.**
- III. The Trinity Planned Redemption.**

The trinity took counsel in eternity past and planned salvation. Salvation was not an afterthought, but a predetermined plan.

Eph. 1:4-5, “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.”

Rev. 13:8, “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Rev. 17:8, “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”

We were chosen by the Father and given to the Son. The death of Christ on the cross and our belief in Him secured this transaction. God created a world that He might share His love with man who He made in the image of God.

According to Eph. 1:3-14; the plan of salvation included the Holy Trinity. We were chosen by the Father [vs. 3-6], purchased by the Son [vs. 7-12], and summons and sealed by the Holy Spirit [vs. 13-14].

Someone said, “Try to explain these things and you might lose your mind; but try to explain them away, and you will lose your soul.”

Next week we will finish vs. 1-2.