

God Exists

Lesson for Sunday, November 9, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Today we are beginning a new series we are calling, “Genesis – the Seedbed of the Bible.”
 - Every major doctrine that Christians believe is found in Genesis.
- ⇒ Ask: What do you think are the basic, core doctrines of the Christian faith?
 - After some discussion, make the point that the most basic thing we believe is the simple fact that God exists.
 - The entire Christian Worldview begins with this fact.
- ⇒ To us, this seems about as basic as it can get. But for many in the world, this is not an assumed fact. Consider these stats regarding professing atheists in the USA:
 - Atheists & Agnostics make up about 10% of the population. This is about a 5% increase between 2009 to 2019.
 - Most US atheists are men (7 out of 10); the median age is 34; most likely to be white and highly educated; tend to be aligned with the Democratic Party and with political liberalism.
 - A majority say churches and other religious organizations do more harm than good in society. 93% say that religious institutions have too much influence in US politics.
 - Interestingly, they are quite informed about religion, scoring as high as self-professing Christians on questions about religion. (This means you need to know what you believe.)
- ⇒ So, how do we know that God exists?
 - Group Work: If you are asked why you believe in God, what evidence would you provide? What would you say? Allow for some feedback; force them to think for themselves for a minute.
- ⇒ Let’s look at both God’s Word and the God’s World to see the evidence for God.

OUTLINE:

1. God’s Word assumes the existence of God.
 - a. God’s existence is taken for granted by the **Scripture Writers**.
 - b. Read Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God.”
 - i. From the first four words in the Bible, it is assumed that God exists.
 - ii. We think of Genesis 1 & 2 as the account of how all things were created. That is true with one exception; it is the account of the creation of all things except God.
 - iii. We could read Genesis 1:1 like this, “In the beginning, God was already there.”
 - c. As we consider the rest of the Bible, it does not seem to have occurred to any of the writers of either the Old or New Testaments to attempt to prove or to argue for the existence of God.
 - i. Everywhere and at all times it is an **assumed fact**.
 - ii. Go to the Bible and consider these verses as examples:
 1. Exodus 3:14 – God is the **self-existent** One.
 2. John 5:26 – God is the **source** of all life.
 3. Romans 1:18-19 – The Bible recognizes that men not only know of the existence of God but have a certain set of ideas as to who He is.
 - d. God’s Word saves the strongest words for those that choose to deny this reality. Read Psalm 14:1 – No one but a **fool** will deny the fact that God exists.
2. God’s World points to the existence of God.

- a. Back in Genesis 1, we see God creating the world as we know it to be. There is nothing that has been discovered in science that contradicts what we read in the Bible. But there is also evidence in the world around us. Consider...
 - b. The **Universal Belief** in the Existence of God
 - i. There has never been a discovery of an atheistic people group. Men everywhere worship something.
 - ii. CS Lewis in Mere Christianity writes, "Human beings, all over the earth, have this curious idea that they ought to behave in a certain way, and cannot really get rid of it. Secondly, that they do not in fact behave in that way. They know the Law of Nature; they break it. These two facts are the foundation of all clear thinking about ourselves and the universe we live in."
 - iii. He goes on to make the point: If we acknowledge a Law of Nature, then we must acknowledge there must be a Law Giver.
 - c. The Law of **Cause & Effect** points to the existence of God.
 - i. No effect can be produced without a cause. This is a basic principle of logic.
 - ii. The fact that the world exists implies that there is something or someone outside the world that is the official "cause."
 - iii. Example: When we see a building, we know there was a builder.
 - d. The **Order & Design** of the world points to the existence of God.
 - i. Evolution says that everything we see is simply the result of random chaos and survival of the fittest.
 - ii. We know that is not logical. Consider the watch on your wrist. Did all those parts just come to be? If you placed all the separate parts in a box, shook it up and poured the contents on a table, how many times would you have to do that before a perfectly formed watch came out?
 - iii. We live in a world of complex design that requires a Designer. This is supported in verses such as Psalm 19:1.
 - e. The bottom line: It takes more faith to believe there is not God when all the evidence points toward the God of the Bible.
3. Genesis 1 & 2 teach us much about God.
- a. When we slow down, it is amazing what we can learn about God in just the Creation account. Consider these truths about God:
 - b. Genesis 1:1 – God is **eternal**. This verse records the beginning of time and God was already there! He exists outside of time – He is eternal.
 - c. Genesis 1:1 – God is all-**powerful**. God created everything by the power of His Word!
 - d. Genesis 1 – God is **Creative**. Think of all the different flowers and types of animals. Think of all the different people from the different parts of the world. God thought of all that!
 - e. Genesis 1:29 – God **provides**. God gave Adam & Eve everything they needed for life!
 - f. Genesis 1:31 – God is **good**. The drumbeat in chapter one is, "And it was good." At the end of the creation account the Bible says, "it was very good!"
 - g. Genesis 2:18 – God is **concerned**. In spite of a perfect world, he recognized that man was missing something and then He set out to fix it. God is concerned about us!
 - h. If time: Is there anything else we can learn about God?

APPLICATION:

- ⇒ This kind of lesson may encourage some people to study this further. Encourage them to do so! The church is able to refer them to Bible-centered resources. You can also encourage groups such as Answers in Genesis.
- ⇒ If time, discuss why it is important to be able to defend the existence of God. You can use 1 Peter 3:15 as a key verse.