

Beginnings Session 3 – It Was Good

Something To Think About

Did man really live to be hundreds of years old before the Flood, as the Bible says? Could there be a scientific and biblical explanation for dinosaurs and giant men? Why do we see suffering in the world if a good God created it? Creationism accounts for all of this with the Biblical account of Adam's Fall and Noah's Flood.



What To Watch For

Often, atheists reject the idea of a God with the excuse that they can't believe in a God who would create such suffering. Darwin himself used this point, stating that the suffering of the world implied that there was no Creator. Watch in this episode as Eric Hovind explains this topic in light of God's Word and true science. God did not create suffering. God did not create death. Notice how each feature of our cursed planet can be explained in light of man, and how man has changed the perfect creation God made for us. Notice the scientific evidence for a creation where life was abundant, larger, healthier, and perfectly provided with all the essentials to thrive. In this episode, you will learn about the majesty of God's good creation, and the consequences sin had on it.

Discussion Questions

1. What is society in general, and evolutionists in particular, willingly ignorant of, and why?

They are ignorant of the Creation, the Flood, and the Coming Judgment, because of their lusts. Evolutionists and atheists do not like the idea of a Creator who can give them rules for their lives, has judged His creation in the past, and will do it again for their disobedience. Their problem is their sin, not their science.

2. How would a hydrospheric layer, a canopy, on top of Earth's atmosphere affect living conditions on Earth?

Oxygen and pressure would be increased, allowing for global, tropical conditions, resulting in larger, healthier, more energetic life. This would make larger plants, men, reptiles (dinosaurs), etc., explaining the evidence found in the fossil record.

3. Who is responsible for suffering in the world?

Man. Man's sin ruined God's good creation.

Application

Satan has used the theory of evolution to deceive millions and further his cause. A war between good and evil is going on, and we must share the truth of science to dispel the darkness so prevalent in this debate. Evidence shows that God's original creation was very good. Death, suffering, and pain were not inherent in the world made for Adam and Eve. This evidence reveals an aspect of God's character to be goodness. We serve a good God, who gave us a good planet to inhabit, and who provided for our every need. However, we also see the consequences of our sin. Man is a fallen creature, and he has dragged down the entire creation with him. Sin is a disease that infects God's creation, resulting in suffering, death, and strife. Looking at the creation from this perspective, we can contrast God's goodness with our sinfulness. We can see our inferiority in light of God's greatness. By looking at the majesty that God created for us and at its current condition after 6,000 years of man's influence, it becomes easy to see that mankind is in desperate need of a Savior. Romans 8:22 tells us that all of creation groans, waiting for the redemption to come. Christ died for our redemption, and on day, He will return to clean up the mess that we made. We must make sure we are prepared to meet Him on that day of final judgment.

Challenge

Memorize Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Then strike up a conversation with someone you know – saved or unsaved. Ask them where death came from. Use this as an opportunity to share this insightful Scripture passage, showing them that the problem with creation is not the Creator, but rather us, sinful mankind.