

WHERE WE CAME FROM MATTERS

Framing Your Worldview - Part 3

I. WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

1. God created _____.

Genesis 1:1 (NIV) “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

2 Peter 3:8 “Do not forget this one thing, dear friends. With the Lord a day is like a thousand years. And a thousand years is like a day.”

Isaiah 45:18b (NIV) “He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited.”

Hebrews 2:10a (NCV) “God is the one who made all things, and all things are for His glory. He wanted to have many children share His glory...”

2. God _____ but He _____.

Ephesians 1:4 (Mes) “Long before He laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and had settled on us as the focus of His love...”

James 1:18 (TEV) “God brought us into being through the word of truth, so that we should have first place among all His creatures.”

3. God _____ each of us.

Psalms 139:13-16 (NLT) “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born.”

Romans 11:34-35 “Have you ever come across anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God? This deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out. Is there any one around who can explain God?”

2 Corinthians 9:15 “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”

II. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?

1. Your life _____.

Genesis 1:27 (NLT) “God created people in His own image; God patterned them after Himself; male and female He created them.”

Psalms 8:5 “You made people inferior only to Yourself. You crowned them with glory and honor.”

Genesis 9:5-6 “Animals that kill people must die. And any person who murders another must be executed. For to murder a person is to kill a living being made in God’s image.”

Jeremiah 1:5 (GW) (God to Jeremiah) "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart for My holy purpose.”

Revelations 4:11b (NLT) “You God created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created!”

2. Your identity _____.

1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT) “God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life... He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ... and He did this for you.”

1 Peter 2:17 “Treat everyone you meet with dignity.”

1 Corinthians 6:19 (LB) “Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that He lives within you? Your own body does not belong to you.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TEV) “Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come.”

3. Your days _____.

Psalms 139:16 (NCV) “All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

4. Your problems _____.

Genesis 50:20 “You [talking to the brothers] intended to harm me. But God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Romans 8:28 (NLT) “We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”

Psalms 100:3 “Remember, God is God. He made us. We didn’t make Him.”

5. Your future _____.

Psalms 23:6 (NIV) “Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Ephesians 1:10 (LB) “This is God’s purpose: when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are – in heaven or on earth – to be with Him in Christ forever.”

Romans 8:19 (NLT) “All creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are.”