

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

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**Title: WHY GENESIS?**

**Main Text:** Various

**Aim:** EQUIP SAINTS TO JUDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATION ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE...

**Sermon Description:** It is easy to forget how important the account of creation is to the believer. Many professing Christians hold to wildly divergent views of the interpretation of Genesis, primarily because of “scientific findings” and the cultural incredulity of our day. In light of the confusion, it becomes important to revisit the first book of the Bible and to do so realizing the weight greater scripture itself places on the creation account. Through the ages, cultures have been shaped by the origin stories they tell themselves. Our conception of a material beginning is an essentially religious idea. If we trace back through history, the cause for our existence as human beings, sooner or later you meet a physical dead end proving the ultimate answer to: “why are we here” is a metaphysical or supernatural cause. The answer to this inescapable question supplies a cultural identity for a people, uniting them by common memory, shaping their collective world-view. Will any pagan or secular origin story serve this purpose equally? Will any old myth suffice? No. The Word of God itself is far from neutral on the subject of origins and the book of Genesis serves to proclaim the truth of beginnings for all mankind while greater scripture itself demonstrates time and again the necessity of getting Genesis right. In preparation to study this book, we turn to several of these passages today.

**HEADING: ...According to scripture, OUR VIEW OF CREATION IS FOUNDATIONAL TO...**

**1. OUR FAITH & FAITHFULNESS TOWARD GOD**

- a. Author & application (Deut 31:24-32:6)    b. History of the faith (Heb 11:1-3)    c. Test of faith (Job 1:11-12)

**2. OUR WORSHIP AND FEAR OF GOD**

- a. God answers Job (Job 38-39)    b. Job answers God (Job 40:3-5)    c. Worthy of worship (Ps 104)

**3. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS**

- a. Person and work (Jn 1:1-13)    b. Mere Christianity? (Jn 1:9-13)    c. Creator & reconciler (Col 1:15-20, 2:2-3)

**4. THE MEANING OF HISTORY**

- a. Time is intentional (Ex 20:8-11)    b. Sabbath future (Heb 4:4-13)    c. The cost of believing

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Faithfulness	Faith	Worship	Fear of God	Jesus creator	Sabbath
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Deut 31:24-32:6	Heb 11:1-3	Ps 104	Job 38	Jn 1:1-3, Col 1:15-20	Ex 20:8-11, Heb 4

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Hebrews 13 ... Shepherding...*