

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD!

John 1:1-2

I. INTRODUCTION – Biblical Context and Historical Background

Genesis 1:1-31 (vv. 1-2); Psalm 33:1-9

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters” (Genesis 1:1-2)

1. **Before** “the beginning” of anything, **there was God!** God “***began***” everything: God began all that was created! Before there was anything that was “the beginning,” ***there was God!*** Hallelujah! Therefore, God was outside of what He created: He was *outside* of the Universe that He created! Hallelujah! Since the Universe that God created stretches on all sides *to Eternity*, God was also outside **Time!** Hallelujah! That is why ***our God who created the universe is from Everlasting to Everlasting!*** (Psalm 90:2; 93:2) Hallelujah!
2. **The Spirit of God was there “In the Beginning”:** “***The Spirit of God*** was hovering over the waters” during the **Creation of the Universe**. Therefore, the **Holy Spirit** was with God “***In the Beginning!***” Hallelujah!
3. **The Word** was also ***there “In the Beginning”***: God **spoke** the Universe into existence. God used **His Word** to *speak the Universe into existence*. “In the beginning was **The Word**, and **The Word** was with God, and **The Word was God!** **He was with God in the beginning**” (John 1:1-2). Hallelujah!

So, let us linger a little while on “**The Beginning**.” “***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from darkness. God called the light ‘day,’ and the darkness He called ‘night.’ And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day***” (Gen. 1:1-5). Hallelujah! *That is how God spoke the Universe into existence!* As soon as He said something, that something came into being! Hallelujah! He spoke, and whatever He willed came into being, instantly! Notice that there is NO GAP in verse 3 between what God said and what happened! As soon as God said it, it happened: It came into

being!!! Hallelujah! So, for Six Days, God **spoke**, and *whatever He had in mind, came into being!* Out of NOTHING, God **spoke** THINGS into BEING! God **spoke**, and THINGS *came into being!*

Notice also **God is a God of ORDER!** HE had a **PLAN** as to what came first, second, third, and so on! The marvelous thing is that God kept the best part for last as far as Earth is concerned! On the SIX DAY OF CREATION, GOD said, ***“Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. ...”*** (vv. 26-31). Let us linger for a minute on these verses.

- a) **First** of all, God said, “Let **us** make **man** in **our** image, in **our** likeness.” God used the “plural tense” when He to created man. So, the “us,” and “our” indicate that the Holy Trinity was involved in the creation of man¹! *Isn't it awesome that The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit were involved in the creation of man!* Hallelujah! We are created with spirit, mind, and body. *God breathed through Adam's nostrils and he became alive!* Until God breathed into him, Adam was not alive! Adam was just body and mind. ***When God breathed into him, Adam became alive! God breathed His Spirit into man! That is why the spirit of man goes back to the One who gave it!*** Hallelujah!
- b) **Second**, the fact that God created man, that is, humans, in His own image, in God's likeness, is just extraordinary! From the **Beginning**, God meant for us to have **His attributes** as far as being empowered to be creative! Because God created us in “**His own image**,” at creation, **we have been endowed with Godly characteristics! His virtues were bestowed upon us!** Hallelujah!
- c) **Third**, from the “**beginning**,” God meant for us to have **dominion over His creation, that is, on everything He created on Earth!** We have been blessed to have Power over everything on Earth! That is awesome! *We must understand God created us to be powerful, successful, and prosperous on earth when He created us. He created the Earth for us; for our benefit! However, we cannot be all that He intended for us to be separated from Him! We cannot be all that He intended for us to be while we are*

¹ **Man** here is used as in “**Human**,” and not as in gender.

unfaithful, ungrateful, uncommitted and disobedient to the God who created us! It is unreasonable for us to expect God to shower us with His blessings while we are sinning against Him! It is unreasonable for us to expect God's Plan to be fulfilled in our lives while we are bent on doing things outside of His Will! It stands to reason that we owe God all the Praise, Honor and Thanksgiving He deserves for creating us in the first place!

II. THE LESSON – JOHN 1:1-2: IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning” (vv. 1-2). Hallelujah!

In the Book of John, we find the exact same opening regarding **The Beginning**. What God said in the Old Testament is repeated in the New Testament regarding **The Beginning**. However, in John 1: 1-3, the *emphasis* and *focus* is on **The Word**. *Scripture wants us to know that The Word was with His Father in the Beginning*. The Bible want us to understand that **The Word** is Jesus, The Son of God! That **He** was with His Father in **The Beginning**.

- a) ***“In the beginning was the Word;”*** that is, that **The Word** was *there* in **The Beginning**!
- b) ***“And the Word was with God,”*** that is, **“The Word was with God”** *from the beginning*!
- c) ***“And The Word was God,”*** that is, *from the beginning* **“The Word was God!”**
- d) ***“He was with God in the beginning”*** (v. 2). Hallelujah! Therefore,
 - ***The Bible wants you to know that Jesus was with God in The Beginning!***
 - ***Jesus was The Word by which His Father spoke the Universe into existence!***
 - ***The Word is the Son of God!!!! Jesus Is His Name!!!! (Rev. 19:13) Hallelujah!!***

Since **The Bible** is **The Word of God**, Scripture provides us descriptions of Jesus in heavenly words. In Colossians, the Bible says,

1. ***“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church: He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell***

in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His Blood, shed on the Cross” (Col.1:15-20).

2. **THE WORD became FLESH** (John 1:14)

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Hallelujah!

He who was with God in **The Beginning was made Flesh** to reveal the mystery that was hidden for ages! Because Adam and Eve sinned and were expelled from heaven, their offspring were cursed (Genesis 3:1-24). But, God whose Love has no bounds, the Merciful and Gracious God could not abandon His own sinful children! Therefore, God **initiated** and *set in motion His Plan of Salvation to reconcile sinners back to Himself through Jesus Christ!* Our Merciful and Gracious God walked with Enoch and then made a Covenant with Noah! When His children failed to keep His Covenant, the Lord renewed it with Abraham and Sarah. Even though His children were not faithful, God kept His Promises through the generations!

God maintained His Faithfulness over the centuries despite the unfaithfulness of His children! God kept **His Covenant Promise** generation after generation until He sent His own Son in the Flesh! Because of His Unfailing Love, God kept His Promises! **God kept His Plan of Salvation through the generations despite the rebelliousness of His children!** As recorded in Matthew chapter 1, God maintained His Promises through the generations: “... **fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ**” (Matt. 1:1-17). When it was Time to reveal the mystery which has been prophesized through the prophets, **Jesus was revealed in the Flesh!** **The Word became flesh!** **The Word became flesh in the womb of a virgin girl called Mary of Bethlehem by the Power of the Holy Spirit!** Hallelujah! **God’s Plan of Salvation was revealed in The Word that became Flesh!** **The Word walked in the Flesh among men and revealed the will of God! He came to defeat Satan once and for all at Calvary!**