

## SESSION 5: INTRODUCTION TO GOD

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### **A. First purpose of Chapters 1 and 2 is to introduce God.**

1. *No one has a right view of God- All need revelation.*
2. *Note concerning the passage and science.*
  - a. Passage is true and scientifically accurate
    - Many good men are working to demonstrate how this can be seen.
    - This is not my purpose.
  - b. Our purpose is to see God clearly. Science will only be mentioned where we need to assess our own view of God.

### **B. There are a limited number of essential views of God. - Many variations of the themes.**

1. *Polytheism*- There are multiple "deities behind the seen world.
2. *Dualism*- World is the result of the interaction and conflict of two basic forces.

3. *Pantheism* - All finite things are merely aspects, modification or parts of one eternal and self-existent being.
4. *Agnosticism* - Whatever God there is remains beyond the possibility of knowledge.
5. *Atheism*- There is no God. The natural world is all there is.

**C. Genesis 1-2 sets the Biblical revelation squarely against all of these views.**

**D. The essential information about the true God in chapters 1 and 2 is given in a twofold manner.**

1. *Chapter 1* - God in His creative work.
2. *Chapter 2* - God in His interaction with unfallen man.

**E. What truths about Himself does the eternal God put out first?**

- A. *His separateness from creation* - In the beginning God created.
- B. *His power and authority* - He spoke and it was,
- C. *His intelligence*- When He acted all worked perfectly

D. *His personality*- God thinks and speaks and interacts.

E. *His goodness*- This would seem to be primary.

❑ In creation- It was good, beautiful, delightful, exhilarating, beneficial.

- Final assessment of creation- It was very good.

❑ With Man.

*-In His abundant provision.*

- The world is filled up for two people.

*-In His generous provision of much more than was necessary for life.*

*-In the freedom that He gave to man.*

1. Let him rule
2. Name the animals.
3. Whole restriction of man is eating the fruit of one tree in the whole earth.

*-In His concern for the details of Adam's life.*

- It is not good for Adam to be alone,

*-In freedom of fellowship*

**Assignment:**

Man was made in the image of God.  
Look up the other uses of the word  
"image" What does that tell you about  
what it means that we were made in  
God's image? How much of that image  
remains, and how much was lost in the  
fall?

