



**Sunday, Feb 22, 2009: Genesis and the Missing Piece of the Puzzle**

**Scripture: Psalm 11:3**

**Sermon Notes:**

1. Genesis is one of the most attacked books of the Bible.
2. Everyone is faced with the three big questions of life:  
1) *Where did I come from?* 2) *What is my purpose in life?*  
3) *What will happen when I die?* The answer they provide for the first question will form the foundation for answering the next two.
3. The Bible has a meta-narrative, or overarching story, which gives context and meaning to each event that is recorded and answers the three big life questions. The events of the Virgin Birth, the Cross, and the Resurrection are founded upon and derive their significance from the events of the Creation, Fall, Flood (Judgment), and the giving of the Law. The meta-narrative anticipates a Restoration at the end of time.
4. The atheistic worldview is built upon the narrative of evolution. This worldview seeks to answer the first big life question while excluding God, and as a result there is no purpose in life and no life after death.
5. When the biblical event of Creation is attacked and undermined, the other events in the meta-narrative in the Bible are also undermined and the foundation for the event of the Cross is eradicated. When skepticism is applied to the Bible, not only Creation, but also the miracles of Jesus, the Virgin Birth, and the Resurrection are denied as historical events.

**Application Questions:**

1. What biblical doctrines are dependent on the historical event of the literal six day creation? See Exodus 20:8-11, Romans 5:12 and 6:23 for some examples.
2. How does the theory of evolution support the atheistic worldview? What then are the consequences of teaching evolution to Christian children in the public schools?
3. No one witnessed the beginning of the world, or, as evolutionary scientist Richard Dawkins admits, has ever observed evolution taking place. In light of this, is the creation-evolution debate really a debate over faith versus science or is it faith versus faith?
4. In light of the importance of Genesis and Creation as foundational to the rest of the biblical narrative, how will this affect how we share the gospel with others?