

Origins - 5 Creation and Morality

Memory Verse **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV) *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

God appeals to man’s reason and faith with this command. What right does God have to command man? It is universally recognized that as long as the child is dependent on parents for necessities, the child is obligated to accept the parents’ rules. In like manner, because we are always dependent on our heavenly Father for life and its necessities, it is always appropriate for us to accept God’s guidance. Because He is a God of love, we can trust Him to always provide what we need for our own good.

Our Dependence On The Creator

When God Used His Hands (Hands of God Sermon)

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) *And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

This verse depicts God as creating Adam individually, and represents him to be an intelligent moral being rather than as an animal.

Explain to you cat how sad it makes the mouse to be eaten.

Exodus 32:15–16 (NKJV) *And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. ¹⁶ Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets.*

Luke 4:40 (NKJV) *When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.*

***John 9:6 (NKJV)** *When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.*

One of the things that makes humans different from most creatures is our hands, we have **opposable thumbs** which means that we can easily move it around and it will help us to grab things a lot easier.

After 21 year old **Trevor Wikre**, (WICK-er-EE) badly shattered his right little finger at football practice the doctors told him he would need surgery, pins and a cast to repair the damaged digit. But Trevor, a star player with Mesa State College in Grand Junction, CO knew this meant his 2008 football season would be over.

So without hesitation Trevor told doctors to just cut off the injured section of his pinkie. At first the doctors strongly tried to dissuade him, emphasizing how important the little finger actually was but Trevor insisted that he would rather miss a finger than his senior football season. Reluctantly the doctor agreed to amputate the finger at the second knuckle, leaving a little stump. Wikre only missed one game while his stiches healed.

In The Image Of God

Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV) *Then God said, “Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Genesis 9:6 (NKJV)** ⁶ *“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; **For in the image of God He made man.

Why do even most atheists have some general morals?

***James 3:9 (NKJV)** *With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.*

Ephesians 4:20–24 *But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

John 10:34 (NKJV) *Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, I said, “You are gods””?*

Genesis 9:2 (NKJV) *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.*

Acts 17:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.

Made Of One Blood

In Genesis 2:23, Adam calls his wife *Havah*. This word is related to the Hebrew verb *hayah*, which means “to live” (Jews sometimes use the related expression *lehayim*, “to life!”). The Hebrew word for “Eve” (*Havah*) can be translated as “life-giver.” Eve’s name represents the fact that she is the ancestor of all humans. We are all one family.

Acts 17:26 (NKJV) *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*

***Matthew 23:9** (NKJV) *Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.*

1 Timothy 5:1–2 (NKJV) *Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.*

In our little church we taught our kids to call the other members “Aunt Betty, Uncle Joe”

Isaiah 58:7 (NKJV) *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?*

Proverbs 14:31 (NKJV) *He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.*

Proverbs 22:2 (NKJV) *The rich and the poor have this in common, The Lord is the maker of them all.*

Years ago, after Darwinism became fashionable, some justified the exploitation of the poor by the rich on the grounds of “social Darwinism,” the idea that in the natural world the strong overcome and exploit the weak, so why should not the same principle apply in economics? How is this another example of why a correct grasp of origins is crucial to the understanding of morality?

The Character Of Our Creator

Matthew 5:44–48 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

***Luke 10:29** (NKJV) *But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*

Philippians 2:1–8 (NKJV) *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Morality And Accountability

Acts 17:30–31 (NKJV) *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*

Hebrews 9:27 *“So it is appointed unto men once to die, but after that the judgement,”*

Every single man, woman and child hearing my voice is involved in this judgment. Not a single one can escape. We have all been subpoenaed to certainly appear in our trial by the court in heaven.

In that court there are only going to be two verdicts. There will be no hung jury. You will be pronounced innocent and receive eternal life, or you will be pronounced guilty—and face eternal destruction.

Ecc1 11:9 *Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.*

***Ecc1 12:13, 14** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

Mat 12:36, 37 *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

Luke 12:2, 3 *For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.*

Luke 2:35 *...that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*

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