

Beginnings with an End in Sight

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I. “Beginnings” in beginning to read the Bible through again this another year

A. Beginnings in Genesis—The Book of ‘Beginnings’

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Gen 2:7 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 soul.

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

B. Another “beginning” (63 generations later)

Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Mat 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Mat 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Mat 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

II. The son of God and the Son of God

A. In the beginning was the first Adam—the son of God

Luk 3:38 Which *was the son* of Enos, which *was the son* of Seth, which *was the son* of Adam, which *was the son* of God.

B. In the beginning of the New Testament was another Son of God

Mar 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

Luk 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

C. Two Sons of God—Two Adams

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

D. The Second made the first

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

E. The Second was made of the first

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

F. The first came from the Last—The Last came from the first

Rev 22:16 ...I am the root and the offspring of David...

G. Why did the Last make the first?

The Last made the first

—So that the first could make the Last

—So that the Last could save the first

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

The **Son** of God made the **son** of God

—So that the **son** of God might make the **Son** of God

—So that the **Son** of God might save the **sons** of the **son** of God

—And make the **sons** of the **son** of God to be the **sons** of the **Son** of God

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

III. Who is this God?

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

The apparent scientific discrepancy (even borderline absurdity) of this statement

—It seems that the making of the stars was as nothing—hardly worth mentioning

As if to say, “On day four God did a couple of really awesome things

—and by the way He also fixed the screen door on that same day.”

It seems akin to saying, “In one day one man built the ‘Twin Towers’

—and, oh yeah, he built a few “Lego” houses that day too”

Maybe Moses was just ignorant in not understanding what he was saying

—no modern day scientist would not have made such a ‘mistake’

Maybe the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to use some kind of reverse psychology

—kind of a hidden ‘understatement’ that would eventually amuse ‘Christian scientists’

Or maybe God is truly so big that He can make all the stars ‘toward the end of the day’

—as if it was an ‘afterthought’

Though the verse tends to make all the stars as if they are God’s ‘afterthoughts’

—They each are individualized personalized works of God’s greatness

Psa 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

IV. Thoughts about a God who is big enough to make universes as ‘afterthoughts’

A. Why did God create?

God created everything else in order to eventually make a son of God (the first Adam)

—(not that this first Adam or any and all of mankind is that special)

—but in order that this son of God (the first Adam) would make sons

—in order that through those sons would come the Son of God (the last Adam)

—in order that this Son of God (the last Adam) would make many sons of God

—in order that the Son of God would not be alone

B. Would a God who makes all the stars in a thought have a plan that works?

Think of the Son of God who makes a son of God

—in order to make a Son of God (61 generations later)

—in order to make sons of God that would forever reverence the Son of God

Surely this Son of God has a plan of salvation that is thought out and that will work

C. Does the God who makes the stars as an afterthought really now think of me?

Psa 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psa 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

Psa 147:5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

Psa 147:6 The LORD lifteth up the meek...

1. A general statement about birds and children

Mat 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

2. Specific statements about specific birds and specifics about each child

Luk 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

Luk 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

3. Statements that go beyond awareness to concern

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Psa 34:15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

Psa 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

4. Tears that got noticed

2Ki 20:5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

2Ki 20:6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years...

5. More tears that got noticed

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Luk 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Luk 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luk 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Luk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Luk 22:45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

6. The God who can and does answer prayers

Jas 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

V. Praying God's promises—God's prevalence—God's prudence

A. Praying God's promises

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Mat 28:20 ...lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me...

2Co 12:9 ...My grace is sufficient for thee...

Heb 13:5 ...*be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

B. Praying God's prevalence

Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD?...

Num 11:23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

Luk 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Mat 19:26 ...With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Mar 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

C. Praying God's prudence

1. Thy will be done

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Mat 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

2. God's wisdom in unanswered prayers

Isa 57:1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*.

VI. Anticipation of eternity without tears

Psa 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Psa 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Psa 30:5 ...weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.