

Series: Beginnings: The Picture of Blessings

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Text: Genesis 1 and 2a; Isaiah 46:9-10

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Introduction

Last week we saw the “What” – A song of Creation and overture of what God has made. The call to community with all creation to sing “Our maker has called us GOOD”

This week I want to look at the Why of Creation.

- Why is it that all things that have been made, have been made?
- Is there a purpose for the whole thing, and for all of the universe to exist?
- Illustration:
 - Blender blade – made but for what – to be used with a blender
 - Blender – Created, but for what – to blend
 - Blend – for what purpose – to blend ingredients into recipes
 - Recipes – created for pleasure and for consumption by you and me
 - That blade was made for the purpose to bring you and me, pleasure with the food it assists in making.
- So why is the universe in place?
- Why did God make all that is made?

Today I would like to make a suggestion as to why all things that have been made... have been made.

It reveals the heart of God.

Let me first take a moment to show that in this first chapter of Genesis, we see the unity of God and the trinity of God revealed.

In the beginning God – Elohim – The One Plural God

Gen. 1:1 –

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Yahweh Elohim – The Lord God

Gen. 2:4

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

The Spirit was hovering over the surface of the deep.

Gen. 1:2

“...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

Let us make man in our image – Elohim – the plurality of Oneness.

Gen. 1:26

“²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness;”

The Conversation and Creative Expression came from The One God as He decided among His plurality.

The Entire Godhead is present and in agreement.

- **Yet within the unity of the godhead there are three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

Jesus was there

The Pre-incarnate Son was present at that moment.

Colossians 1:16

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

John 1:1 – 3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Phil. 2:5-7

“...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Having established Who is present at Creation and who is creating

How do we discover the Why of it all?

Isaiah 46:9-10

⁹ remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’

- God declares the end from the beginning.
- He reveals a picture of his endgame right up front.

So what is He showing at the beginning that gives us a clue as to the end purpose?

He creates the Universe.

He creates the Earth.

He creates Vegetation.

He creates the luminaries as signs and seasons (clue – those are created for us).

He creates all birds, fish and animals.

- All of these are created as the pieces of a blender for the purpose of being a stage for that last creation...mankind.

Then he creates Mankind in His image –

- Male and Female He created.
- For it was not good to be alone.

Gen. 2:18

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Gen. 5: 1, 2

¹When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created.

He shows something remarkable in these first moments of Creation of Mankind....

Gen. 2:23-24

²³*"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."* ²⁴*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

- Unity and connection...One flesh
- The marriage and union of male and female
- This introduction to the connection of male and female is the story at the beginning that reveals the heart of creation that will come about at the end.

This reveals the WHY of Creation –

The Creation of Mankind is the picture of the relationship that the Son (Christ) will have with His Bride (the Church)

Let's look at the end and see if this could be true.

The end of it all is revealed in the last chapters of Revelation

- In Rev.19 - 22 – Eden is restored and there is a picture of the Bride and the Bridegroom

Revelation 19:7-9 ESV

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 22:17 ESV

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

The End of the story is the restoration of perfection and the Marriage of the Bride and the Bridegroom

It is a love story!

That is the WHY-----The Son gets a Bride

We see this relationship in the Old Testament

Isaiah 54:5 ESV

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

Hosea 2:16-23 ESV

“And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,... And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord. ...

We see in the New Testament

The Church is called the Bride and is being purified to be given to the Bridegroom

Jesus calls Himself the Bridegroom

Mark 2:19-20 ESV

And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

Jesus thanks the Father for them and wants us to be with Him

John 17: 20-24

²⁰ *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

²⁴ *“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.*

Paul shines light on the truth that we are the Bride

2 Corinthians 11:2 ESV

For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Or

“I am jealous for you with a jealousy that comes from God. I promised to give you to Christ. He must be your only husband. I want to give you to Christ to be his pure bride.”

The passage about husbands and wives in Ephesians 5 is all about Christ and His Church

²¹ +

Ephesians 5:25-27, 31-32 ESV

...love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

³¹ *“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”* ³² *This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

- So that he might present the church to himself in splendor,
- without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
- that she might be holy and without blemish.
- This mystery is profound, and I am saying that **it refers to Christ and the church.**

Why did God create? To make unto himself a bride!

He has lavished His love on us and called us to Himself.

How will we as the purpose of his creation respond?

Say I do!

- Creator and sustainer – providence
 - Providence subordinates everything
 - Nothing operates outside the plan
 - Is there a plan?
 - How long does it go?
 - Is it our job to sustain it?

- We can't even control the freeways.
 - The entire creation is a stage... a theater for redemption and for purification of the Bride.
 - He wrote down the names before the foundation of the world ... then created the stage.
- The beginning shows the end.
 - Revelation states that
 - Our names were written there before the foundation of the earth.
 - For the glory of His Son.
 - For the communion he desires that...
 - The church (His Bride) display His glory to the world.
 - He chose us in Christ and predestined us before the world began.
 - John 17 – thanks the Father for gathering the people.
 - Gather a redeemed humanity to glorify and reflect the Son's glory.
 - It is a love gift to the son from the Father.
 - The father's love for the Son is primary.
 - Love for humanity is secondary – we are the gift to the Son!
 - New Jerusalem is the bridal city.
 - The church is the Bride.
 - There is no need for billions of years to accomplish his purposes.
 - Rom. 5 – Adam and Christ
 - 1 Cor. 15 – 1st Adam given life / 2nd Adam brings life.
 - Revelation 1st and 2nd
 - The entire thing is the redemptive story

Closing Prayer