

INTRODUCTION

- * The GIFT of God ... The Incarnation ... and everything else that was attached to it!
- * Though it came as a surprise to many, it shouldn't have. God had been dropping hints for 4,000 years!
- * Last week, we began a new series of studies considering God's plan throughout history – which focuses on Christ
 - There is a great debate in Theological realms as to the primary focus of Scripture – whether it is doxological or soteriological ... both though have as their ultimate focus – Christ ... who is the incarnate manifestation of God
 - who came to both bring glory to the Father and salvation to man!
- * Last week we consider the importance of the first segment of this study, The Shadow of Christ – revealing that Christ's coming was not happenstance; for God makes the same promise regarding Christ's second coming!
- * Lord willing, we will look at 22 different types, portents and indicators Christ's coming – considering their practical and prophetic applications
- * Today, we begin ... with the beginning!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The Or _____ of Life

1. A SYNOPSIS OF CREATION (cf. Genesis 1-2:3)

- a. The _____ of Creation (cf. Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6)
- b. The _____ of Creation

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CREATION

- a. The Denial of Creation is the First Step in _____'s Rejection of _____ (cf. II Peter 3:1-6)
- b. The Denial of Creation is the First Step in _____'s Rejection of _____ (cf. Romans 1:18-26)

B. The Or _____ of Life

1. GOD ESTABLISHED A PATTERN FOR _____ (cf. Genesis 2:1-3,8,13; Exod. 20:9-11)
2. GOD ESTABLISHED A PATTERN FOR _____ (cf. Genesis 2:18-24)

II. THE PROPHETICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE

A. Jesus is LORD of the S _____ (cf. Mark 2:27-28; Matthew 12:8)

B. Jesus is LORD of the C _____ (cf. Isaiah 40:21-28; 42:5; John 1:1-4)

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD? (John 20:29)
- * WHAT AFFECT DOES THAT HAVE UPON YOUR VIEW OF ORIGINS?
WHAT AFFECT DOES THAT HAVE UPON YOUR LIFESTYLE AND YOUR MARRIAGE?
- * THE FACT THAT JESUS IS THE GOD OF CREATION SHOULD NOT ONLY AFFECT MY THEOLOGY ...
IT SHOULD ALSO AFFECT MY WORK, MY MARRIAGE, MY TREATMENT OF MY BODY, ETC.
- * SEEING JESUS AS THE CREATOR GOD SHOULD LEAD US INTO A DESIRE TO WORSHIP HIM