

Foundational Lessons from Genesis 1-4

I. Intro.

A. A worldview is like a box top to a puzzle

B. If a worldview was (to switch metaphors) a house, Genesis is the foundation which the house is built on, and Genesis 1-4 are like the footers of the foundation – the part that bears the weight of the building.

II. Foundations

A. Foundation 1 Who God is: God created everything that exists and is the rightful king and owner of all.

1. **God is Powerful** (Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26; see also Ps. 19)
2. **God is Sovereign** (Acts 4:24, 17:24-25)
3. **God is Good** (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31; 2:16)

B. Foundation 2 – Who we are: Man and woman are the pinnacle of creation and made in the image of God. Marriage is designed as the foundation of human society.

1. **Image of God** (Genesis 1:26- 27)
2. **Man and Woman** (Genesis 1:27)
3. **Marriage** (Genesis 2:22-24, see also Matt. 19:4-5)

C. Foundation 3 – What is wrong with us and the world?

1. **The entrance of sin into the world** - Genesis 3:1-8
2. **Consequences of sin** – the curse Gen 3:14-19

D. Foundation 4- Where are we going? (promise of a savior)

i. Hope is not lost though

1. God doesn't kill them immediately, rather he clothes them (Gen 3:21)
2. Eve named "mother of living" (3:20)
3. Seth given to replace Abel (4:25)

ii. Promise of a savior (Gen 3:15; see also Rom. 16:20, Gal. 4:4, Heb. 2:14-15)

III. Conclusion

A. Genesis provides foundations for the biblical way of viewing the world, our existence, and who God is.

B. Genesis lays the foundations for hope and shows God's power in carrying out his plan.