

"The Beginning of Life"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (September 8, 2013)

Introduction: The beginning of our journey through the story of the Bible is like the beginning of an action-packed movie. If you miss the opening minutes of a movie with its fast-paced scenes, you will not understand the rest of the story. It is the same with the Bible. God's Story opens with a "big bang." Four to be exact! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The "Big Bang" of Creation

- A. **Genesis 1:1** - The Story's main character is God.
- B. The creation account is presented poetically and artistically.
 - 1. Days 1, 2, and 3 are places created by God.
 - 2. Days 4, 5, and 6 those places are filled with things.
- C. The creation concludes with God's passion: mankind (**Genesis 1:26-27**).

II. The "Big Bang" of Fallen Humanity

- A. Adam and Eve were created with the freedom and power to choose.
- B. The story introduces the tale of two trees: **Genesis 2:9** and **Genesis 2:17**.
- C. The rest of the Bible is about God's pursuit to get us back!

III. The "Big Bang" of Sin

- A. Adam and Eve chose a different vision than God's vision.
- B. Sin was introduced to the world by Satan and humanity fed on it!
- C. **Genesis 4-9** reveals how sin permeating the human race.
- D. Noah and his family got a second chance (**Genesis 9:20-23**).

IV. The "Big Bang" of Salvation

- A. Adam and Eve attempted to cover their nakedness (their shame).
- B. God chooses to restore mankind through the shedding of blood (**Genesis 3:21, Hebrews 9:22**) and a promise (**Genesis 3:15**).
- C. The story must go on.....

Conclusion: From the creation story we discover the value of all human beings. God wants to be with YOU. God wants to personally be with YOU. At a great cost to God, He has done everything possible to get YOU back. YOU are valuable to Him. As we continue reading this great story, YOU will see all that God has done for YOU. YOU will discover promises He has made for YOU! We are going to get to the heart of God's story. YOUR story. The greatest story ever told.