

Outline #1 A Damaged World—What Happened?

O Give Thanks to the LORD Psalm 105-1-5

1. A bold declaration

- a) Genesis 1:1
- b) Psalm 100:3, Isaiah 40:28, Acts 17:24, Hebrews 1:1-2, Genesis 1:31.
- c) What major question remains unanswered by these inspired testimonies? (if all of creation was very good, why do we live in such a damaged world?)
- d) Why is it important to you to know we are here as a result of God's creative work?

2. Created in the image of the Creator

- a) Genesis 1:26-27 Why did God create human beings in His image?
- b) In what ways do human beings reflect the image of our Creator?
- c) How does the inspired account in Genesis 2:7,18-25 help us to understand the heart of our Creator?

3. Partners in creation

- a) Genesis 1:28-29 Why didn't God create our planet fully populated?
- b) What is the significance of the blessing given by God to our first parents before giving them directions to be fruitful and multiply?
- c) Some of you are parents. What important lessons have you learned about our Creator through your experience as a parent?

4. The solitary test in Eden

- a) Genesis 2:16-17 Why did our Creator give a single prohibition to our first parents?

- b) How is this first prohibition related to the inspired account recorded in Revelation 12:7-9
- c) What teaching of Jesus helps us to understand God's intention in providing a test of loyalty in Eden? John 14:15, 23
- d) How can we learn to obey God even when we don't fully understand the reasons for His instructions?

5. The attack by a fallen angel

- a) Genesis 3:1-6 Why does Satan use deception rather than clearly identifying himself as the leader of the angelic rebellion against God? (see John 8:44)
- b) Why was Adam's deliberate transgression even more significant than Eve's act of disobedience?
- c) Why do we continue in acts of willful disobedience even when we know the devastating results?
- d) What hope is found in the response of our Creator and His promise recorded in Genesis 3:9,15? (see also Galatians 4:4-7)
- e) Share a time when God spoke a word of hope to you.
- f) What encouragement would you give to someone who needs forgiveness and hope today?

