CREATION OF MAN

Why might some Christians believe in *theistic evolution*?

What are some problems with theistic evolution?

1. Loses literal <u>interpretation</u> and <u>trustworthiness</u> of Scripture

2. Loses a <u>worldview</u> that starts with <u>God</u>

➢ *Reads <u>science</u> into the <u>Bible</u>, rather than the <u>Bible</u> into <u>science</u>*

3. Loses the understanding of <u>death</u>'s origin – <u>sin</u> (Romans 5:12)

4. Loses our basis for representation by <u>Adam</u> and <u>Jesus</u> (Romans 5:15, 18)

5. Loses the intimate involvement of a <u>Designer</u>

6. Adapts a worldview that rejects God, suppresses truth, and lives according to desire rather than design.

Read Psalm 139:13-16. How are we "fearfully and wonderfully made"?

★ God created us with <u>body</u>, <u>soul</u>, and <u>spirit</u>.

★ God created us with <u>emotions</u>, <u>intellect</u>, and <u>will</u>.

★ God created us <u>distinct</u> and has a <u>plan</u> for us!

★ *We had life and God knew us <u>in</u> <u>the</u> <u>womb</u>!*

Our Designer was intimately involved in designing and creating us, and He knows us intimately now!

We are <u>temporary</u> on earth; therefore, we must submit to God's <u>design</u> and <u>plan</u>! (James 4:14)

FOR PERSONAL STUDY:

Application

1. Pause to reflect on the amazing reality of God's intimate and careful design that poured His love into your appearance and personality. Even our weaknesses are carefully designed! Spend time praising God – for who He is more than for who you are!
2. How does the realization that we are but a vapor convict and influence you? Will you seek God's will in your life? How have you been attempting to make your own meaningfulness?

Memorization

1. Memorize and meditate on Psalm 139:14.
2. Review Ephesians 4:24.
3. Challenge: Memorize all of Psalm 8 throughout this study. (Psalm 8:5 this week)

Preparation

1. Have you ever been frustrated with members of the opposite gender? How can you grow in appreciation of that gender, which is made in God's image and valuable?
2. Do you resent the notion that God would create male and female with distinct roles? Consider: are you framing your beliefs by your preferences or by God's revealed design?