

Everyday Theology - Creation

A. Session Overview

Aim(s)

In this session we will

- Explore the creation account in its context
- Consider what is meant by the idea that God created from nothing and what this means for created beings.
- Consider what it means for human beings to be made in the image of God.
- Discuss the implications of all of this.

1. Creation in Context

- 1.1. What's the value of studying the doctrine of creation?
- 1.2. Two Creation Accounts
- 1.3. Enuma Elish
- 1.4. Atrahasis Epic
- 1.5. What might we draw from comparing these accounts?

2. Image and Nothingness

- 2.1. Creatio Ex Nihilo
- 2.2. Contingency of Creation
- 2.3. Imago Dei
 - 2.3.1. Structural
 - 2.3.2. Vocational
 - 2.3.3. Relational
- 2.4. Jesus as the Image of God

Discussion: What are the practical implications of the doctrine of creatio ex nihilo and imago Dei? Why does it matter?

Q&A (Remaining Time)