

THE STORY OF GOD: ETERNITY PAST

PSALM 90:2 — NOV 8, 2009

Where does God's story start?

Psalm 90:2 — From eternity past, God has always been.

What was God doing before creation?

John 17:5,24

1 Timothy 1:11

"It is evident, by both Scripture and reason, that God is infinitely, eternally, unchangeably, and independently glorious and happy." Jonathan Edwards

From eternity past, God was full of joy in His glory.

Acts 17:24-25

Why did God create?

To display His glory, and share with us the joy of beholding His glory.

Psalm 19:1

Habakkuk 2:14

Isaiah 43:6-7

What is God's plan for bringing this about?

Acts 2:22-23

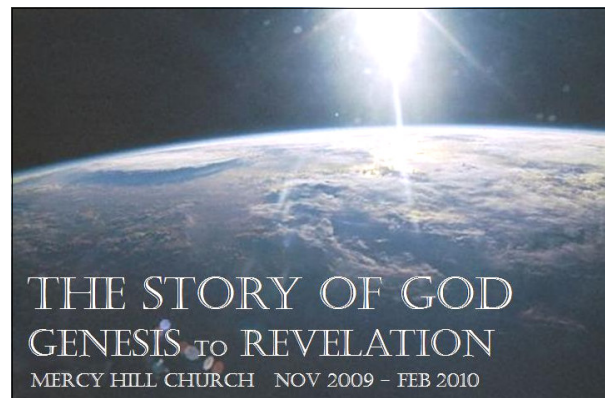
God's plan focused on the Cross.

The Cross is the greatest display of God's glory, as we see His love for sinful people.

What does this mean for us?

Trust your life fully to Jesus.

Devote time to beholding God's glory in the Cross.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What difference does it make to think that from eternity past God has always been full of joy?

What difference does it make to understand that God has no needs?

Do you agree that your highest joy is found in beholding God's glory? Have you experienced this? What other joys have been tempting you? Why should you not pursue those joys?

Does it make sense that God was not surprised by sin? That God purposefully allowed sin? What difference would it make if God had been surprised by sin?

Are you trusting your life to Jesus?

When do you take time to behold God's glory? How can you grow in that?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

