

The School of Biblical Law
Introduction to Law and Grace
Lesson Three: “God’s Initial Revelation of Himself”

The God of Scripture, as sovereign and absolute Lord, changes not. Therefore, His grace and Law, which remain the same in every age, continually testify to God’s immutable character and to the course of man’s activity. The strength of man is in the absoluteness of his God.

The opening chapters of Genesis give us an initial revelation of God.

1. As transcendent Creator, God gives purpose and meaning to every aspect of Creation.

Into the condition of “without form and void” (Gen. 1:2), God brought forth structure and proceeded to fill that structure with life and fruitfulness.

God gave purpose to everything He created and designed each created thing so as to serve its purpose.

The design of each creation testifies to the laws or principles, which God bound to the created order.

2. “Thou shall not” reveals that God claims the position as Law-giver.

The creator/designer of any invention defines the laws by which the innovation functions, and the invention is only as successful as its ability to comply with the natural law that governs all creation.

Not only are physical laws bound to the created order, but moral laws, spiritual laws, and ethics are intrinsically woven into natural law.

3. God’s position as judge is revealed in both His declaration of “good” upon the works of His hand and in His dealings with the first couple and the serpent.

The proclamation of “good” that Judge placed upon His works declared that the perfect will of God, the flawless design of the Creator, and the inerrant standard of eternal truth were all met. Blessing was pronounced.

The decrees that the Judge placed upon Adam, Eve, and the Serpent not only revealed that their words and works missed the mark of perfection but that the Judge had to power to apply negative sanctions.

4. God’s nature of truth and mercy can be seen in His redemptive dealings with fallen man.

God upheld His eternal truth and applied truth as His standard of Judgment.

God’s mercy is revealed when God clothed Adam and Eve with the coats of skin (Gen. 3:21)

Our first introduction to God is that of God as Creator of all. He chose to place this knowledge of Himself as preeminent and foremost in our thoughts. He elected that this aspect of His being should be the principle and paramount thing we must know about Him. It is the most important fact of all human knowledge. Although implications of God as Creator are immense and multifaceted, we are constrained to recognize that His being cannot be comprehended outside of the context of His role as Law-giver.