

SERMON: BIBLE CONTRADICTIONS IN GENESIS PART 1

[SLIDE 2] The title of the sermon today is “BIBLE CONTRADICTIONS IN GENESIS.”

- We’re going to start going over supposed CONTRADICTIONS in the Bible.
- This is the SCRIPTURE used by Christians and Non-Christians to say the Bible has mistakes.
- We’ll look at each and then you can tell me if the Bible contradicts itself.

We’re going to start in Genesis Chapter 1 and 2.

- In Genesis Chapter 1, we see the DAYS OF CREATION in order.
- DAY 1: heaven, earth, light, day, and night are created.
- DAY 2: the firmament or heaven was created (this is the sky and space).
- DAY 3: dry land or earth, the seas, grass, and trees.
- DAY 4: sun, moon, and stars for signs, seasons, days, and years.
- DAY 5: moving creatures, fowl, fish, sea life, whales.
- DAY 6: land creatures, creeping things, beasts, cattle.
- And then, what else do we see on Day 6 after all these other things were created?

[SLIDE 3] Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- According to Genesis Chapter 1, we see that all the animals were created first.
- THEN, we see MAN, male and female, created AFTER that.
- I want to make sure you see that today. We’re given the order of creation in Genesis Chapter 1.

[SLIDE 4] Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- So, obviously, the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and all the land creatures were already created.
- Directly after God creates man and woman, He tells them to have dominion over those creatures.
- If they weren’t yet created, that verse wouldn’t make any sense.
- So, again, we see that MAN is created on Day 6 after all the other creatures have been created.
- Now, we move to Genesis Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 5] Genesis 2:1-2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

- So, we see that creation was finished in 6 literal DAYS.
- But then we see a more detailed account of creation starting in Genesis Chapter 2.
- We’ll start there in verse 4 of Genesis Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 6] Genesis 2:4-5 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

- This means we're going to see a more detailed explanation of creation.
- "THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF THE HEAVENS AND OF THE EARTH WHEN THEY WERE CREATED."
- We see God use the phrase, "These are the generations" when He gives us more details.

[SLIDE 7] Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

[SLIDE 8] Genesis 10:1 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

[SLIDE 9] Genesis 11:10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

[SLIDE 10] Genesis 25:12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

[SLIDE 11] Genesis 25:19 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

[SLIDE 12] Genesis 36:1 Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.

- Each time we get more DETAILS when we see that phrase: "These are the generations."
- Genesis Chapter 1 is a high level overview of creation.
- So, I want you to now pay attention to the order of creation that we see in Genesis Chapter 2.

[SLIDE 13] Genesis 2:6-7 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- We see the creation of MAN right there. Let's continue in Chapter 2 in the order given.

[SLIDE 14] Genesis 2:8-9 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

- So, what do we see now? MAN first. Then, every tree God made to grow.
- Chapter 2 then talks about the rivers flowing out of the garden of Eden.

[SLIDE 15] Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

- And then God tells THE MAN not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- And then watch what happens next.

[SLIDE 16] Genesis 2:18-19 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

- So, what ORDER do you see now in Genesis Chapter 2?
- You see ADAM first and now you see God forming every beast of the field.
- But, in Genesis Chapter 1, all of the animals were formed BEFORE man.
- Eve hasn't been created yet. Remember, the animals were going to be helpers for Adam.

[SLIDE 17] Genesis 2:20-22 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

- That's when EVE was created. So we see man, the animals, and then Eve.

[SLIDE 18] Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

- So, is this a contradiction in the Bible? CHRISTIANS today will use that as proof that the Bible has errors.
- You can't say the Bible has contradictions just because you don't understand something.
- What happened? What order of creation is correct?

In Genesis Chapter 1, we see that sea creatures and fowl are created on Day 5 and then land creatures on Day 6.

- Let's read that so you see this today.

[SLIDE 19] Genesis 1:20-23 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

- And then let's take a look at Day 6.

[SLIDE 20] Genesis 1:24-25 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

- There's the 6th DAY in verses 24 and 25 and we see the creatures of the earth being created.

[SLIDE 21] Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- Now we see God creating MAN, male and female created HE them.
- Both Genesis Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 are correct.
- One chapter is giving an overview of what happened in order BY DAY.
- It's not necessarily in exact order of what happened each DAY.
- In Genesis Chapter 2, we see MORE DETAILS of what happened EXACTLY that DAY.

For Day 5, we see that the sea creatures and fowl were definitely created before MAN.

- But for Day 6, we see that the MAN, Adam is first created, then the land creatures, then EVE.
- And then God tells them to have DOMINION over the fish, the fowl, and every thing that moveth.

[SLIDE 22] Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- So, if you're going to say MAN was created on Day 6, MALE AND FEMALE were created:
- Would you put them BEFORE the animals even though BOTH weren't finished until after the animals?
- All the animals were finished BEFORE both man and woman were finished.
- Even though MAN was before the land animals, the woman wasn't created until after.
- So, if you're going to give an order of when MALE and FEMALE were created and finished:
- It would be AFTER the creation of the land animals.

I want to make 100% sure you see that today BECAUSE people will say the Bible contradicts itself there.

- The Bible gives us an overview in Chapter 1 and then gives more details for Day 6 in Chapter 2.
- The Bible does NOT contradict itself there AT ALL.
- I don't remember his name, but I remember watching a video from a preacher.
- When he was a child and had just been saved, he was at a Vacation Bible School camp and excited.
- He loved Jesus. The youth Pastor asks him the question: Do you believe the Bible is perfect?
- He said, "Yes, I do believe the Bible is perfect." That's what they were learning in church.

And that youth Pastor tells him to explain why Genesis Chapter 1 and 2 have a contradiction then.

- He showed all those children that day how the Bible isn't perfect and has contradictions.
- Where is the PASTOR? Where's the leader at?
- Did the PASTOR know this man believed the Bible isn't perfect? Did he even care?
- Do you know what that did to all those children. That youth Pastor is a WOLF in sheep's clothing.
- He crept in unawares.

[SLIDE 23] Jude 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- When you say that the Bible is the inspired word of God, but we don't have a perfect Bible today:

- What are you saying? You're saying God's a liar. The WORD OF GOD within the King James Bible is perfect.
- God says over and over in the Bible that He will give us a perfect Bible. We have it today.

And that's what we went over Genesis 1 and 2 today BECAUSE I don't want that happening to you.

- It's very simple and easy to see once you stop and take a look.
- But people can catch you off guard with these supposed Bible contradictions.
- And that's what happened to that young man that day.
- That preacher says he lost all faith in the Bible that day. It crushed him as a young man.
- Don't let people do that to you. BE STRONG IN FAITH and believe what God says.

So, that was an introduction to Bible Contradictions with the account of CREATION and its order.

- We're going to continue with all of these so-called contradictions.
- Let's look at Genesis 1 verse 26 that we've already seen today. Let's read it again.

[SLIDE 24] Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- Notice what it says there at the very beginning of the verse.
- "And GOD said, let US make man in OUR image."
- Some people will look at that and say, "Hey, there's a contradiction in the Bible."
- The Bible says there is only ONE GOD, but this is saying there are more than ONE right there.
- "GOD said, let US make man in OUR image."
- Why would it refer to GOD as singular and then say US and OUR?
- "So, what is it Bible? Is it ONE GOD or is it more than one God?"

[SLIDE 25] Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

- The Lord our GOD is one LORD.

[SLIDE 26] Isaiah 43:10-11 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

- "I AM HE. Before me there was no GOD formed NEITHER shall there be after me."
- That means there is ONLY one God in existence. Besides the ONE TRUE GOD, there is no other SAVIOUR.

[SLIDE 27] Isaiah 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

- Do you see what it says again? I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST. There are no other GODS!!!

[SLIDE 28] Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

- I hope you see that today. GOD IS AWESOME. He is the FIRST and the LAST at the same time.

- That means there are no other Gods!!! AT ALL. ZERO.

[SLIDE 29] Isaiah 44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

- So, GOD HIMSELF says that He doesn't know of ANY other Gods.
- And guess what? GOD knows everything. If He doesn't know of any other GOD, there aren't any others.

[SLIDE 30] 1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

- God knows all things and He does not know of ANY OTHER God.
- But then we see God being referred to as PLURAL all throughout the Bible.
- So-called Christians and non-Christians say this is a contradiction in the Bible.
- And again, just because YOU don't understand something, this doesn't mean the Bible has contradictions.
- We know there's ONLY ONE GOD. But watch what other SCRIPTURE says.

[SLIDE 31] Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

- We see GOD say, "the man is become as one of US." That's plural again.

[SLIDE 32] Genesis 11:6-8 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

- This SCRIPTURE is talking about ONLY THE LORD going down and scattering the people.
- But then you see, "Let US go down." And then the LORD goes down and scatters the people.
- So you see that the LORD is plural once again.
- If you go to Genesis 1:1 and see the Hebrew word for God, you'll find the word is a plural word.
- In Hebrew, it's ELOHIYM and it's found 2,249 times in the Bible.
- It's the plural form of the Hebrew word ELOWAHH.
- That singular form of the word GOD is found 56 times in the Bible. 2,249 times is the plural word for God.

So, we know the Bible says there is ONLY ONE GOD, but then we see God is referred to as plural.

- But then, we also see that the Bible says there are other gods too.
- Let's look at some of those verses.

[SLIDE 33] Genesis 35:2-4 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

- I want you to notice that JACOB'S household had "STRANGE GODS."
- They gave them over to Jacob. He hid them under an oak tree, which I think is awesome.

- You have to understand today that the OTHER GODS in the Bible can be hid under an oak tree.
- An oak tree, which is a CREATION OF THE LIVING GOD, is more alive than these false gods.
- You can't take the ONE TRUE GOD, the LIVING GOD, and hide him under an oak tree.
- You don't ever see these FALSE GODS speaking in the Bible. They don't speak. They aren't alive.

[SLIDE 34] John 10:34-36 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

- JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF says it is written in your law that I SAID, "Ye are gods?"
- Notice He's saying HE IS GOD because He says, "I SAID IN YOUR LAW."
- But then we see JESUS says you are gods with a little g. The false preachers love this.
- They tell you that you are a LITTLE GOD and then you're like God and you can do this and that like God.
- "You can speak things into existence. Use your words to speak things into existence." WHAT???

[SLIDE 35] Psalm 82:6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

- You're a child of the MOST HIGH when you're saved. YE ARE GODS!!!
- Kenneth Copeland says you are a little god. Kenneth Copeland says he has the power over his life.
- He controls when he dies. "God can't take your life unless you allow him to take it from you."
- That's what Kenneth Copeland says. He forgot to read the rest of the Bible.

[SLIDE 36] Psalm 82:6-8 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

- When Jesus says, "Ye are gods" this doesn't mean you're LIKE THE ONE TRUE GOD.
- That doesn't mean YOU directly have power over life and death. You control when you die?
- Really? No one knows when or how they're going to die.
- You only control that if you decide to take your life.

[SLIDE 37] Genesis 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

- The serpent deceived but there is truth to what he said right there.
- "Then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be AS GODS, knowing good and evil."
- Their eyes were opened, they were ashamed because they knew they had done wrong.
- They became as gods because they can now judge between good and evil.
- That's what Jesus means when He says, "YE ARE GODS." You now know good and evil.
- That doesn't mean that we have GOD running around all over earth and you are GOD.
- There's only ONE TRUE GOD. The Bible says so.

[SLIDE 38] Acts 7:40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

- Aaron made them a golden calf. That calf was gold. That's it. It didn't do anything for them.
- EXCEPT it got them into a lot of trouble with the LIVING GOD who sees and hears everything.

[SLIDE 39] Acts 14:11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

- You have people that believe in multiple gods all over this world and throughout this world.

[SLIDE 40] 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

- There are gods everywhere the Bible says.
- People are gods because they can judge between good and evil.
- Angels are gods because they can judge between good and evil. SATAN was one of those angels.
- But, there's only ONE TRUE GOD with the BIG G.
- Within the Bible, we see all types of false gods mentioned.

I want to go over some of those false gods. BAAL is mentioned 52 times in the Bible.

- BAALIM is mentioned 18 times in the Bible.

[SLIDE 41] Judges 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

- There are thousands upon thousands of false gods within this world today.
- We see Baalim and Ashtaroth mentioned there.

[SLIDE 42] Judges 11:24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

- We see a false god named Chemosh there.

[SLIDE 43] 1 Kings 11:7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

- King Solomon built a place for Chemosh to be worshipped. Do you see that?
- He also built a place of worship for MOLECH.

[SLIDE 44] Leviticus 18:21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

- KING SOLOMON did this and started worshipping false gods.
- There's a punishment for that within the Bible.

[SLIDE 45] Leviticus 20:2-3 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 And I will set my face against that man, and will

cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

- Solomon is punished for what He did. He was a SAVED man and started to worship false gods.
- The wisest man to ever live fell away from the LIVING GOD.

[SLIDE 46] 1 Kings 11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

- Now we see another name of a false god here: MILCOM.

[SLIDE 47] Judges 16:23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

- We see that the false god of the PHILISTINES is DAGON.

[SLIDE 48] 2 Kings 17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

- We see false gods mentioned here: Adrammelech and Anammelech.
- So, yes, the Bible talks about other GODS. But they never talk. They're never alive. THEY ARE FALSE.
- That doesn't mean there's a contradiction in the Bible.
- There is ONE GOD that is PLURAL. And people say, "That's a contradiction."
- You can't have ONE and then more than ONE so that ONE is plural.
- Oh yeah you can!!! WHY? Because God says so and HE makes the rules.
- He is the creator of all things and THIS is what HE SAYS.

[SLIDE 49] 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

- And right there is the answer to the supposed contradiction in the Bible.
- There are THREE that bear record in heaven. There are THREE witnesses in heaven.
- 1) THE FATHER, 2) THE WORD, 3) THE HOLY GHOST.
- "And these THREE are ONE." Those 3 right there are THE ONE TRUE GOD.

God the Father is the ONE TRUE GOD. Jesus Christ is THE ONE TRUE GOD. The Holy Ghost is THE ONE TRUE GOD.

- Each are GOD and these three are ONE GOD.
- Is God the Father GOD on HIS own? Yes. Is Jesus Christ GOD on HIS own? Yes.
- Is the Holy Ghost GOD on HIS own? Yes.
- So, when Genesis 1 verse 26 says:

[SLIDE 50] Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- That means GOD was there in the BEGINNING. Who was there?
- God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God, and the Holy Ghost. ALL 3 WERE THERE.
- ALL 3 are different persons but each are the ONE TRUE GOD. There isn't more than ONE GOD.
- The one true God is THE ONLY GOD in existence and the only one that is THREE IN ONE.
- All other gods are FALSE GODS!!! There are no contradiction within the BIBLE at all.
- I wanted you to see that today because other people see things differently.
- You need to know how to explain the Bible to other people.

[SLIDE 51] Galatians 4:8-9 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. 9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

- Now that you know God, don't turn back to these false gods? This leads to bondage.
- You don't want that. YOU WANT TO BE SET FREE FROM DEATH. You want everlasting life.

[SLIDE 52] Isaiah 37:19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

- These other gods are NOT GODS the Bible says.

[SLIDE 53] Jeremiah 2:11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

- A young man I talked to during Soul Winning said, "I believe in multiple gods."
- We need to have some of these verses ready for when people start talking like that.
- I told Him that the Bible says there is ONLY ONE TRUE GOD. And gave Him the Gospel.
- He didn't believe it. It's sad that people believe there are many gods. There's only ONE.
- You can make up your own god. You can create any god you want in your very own mind.

That doesn't mean it actually exists. You can make BASEBALL your god, but baseball isn't alive.

- You can set a baseball up on the wall and worship it. It won't do anything for you.
- "Please, oh great god BASEBALL, send me food and drink. Send me money."
- In reality, what is that baseball? It's cork, yarn, and cowhide. It sure isn't alive.
- Same thing with Baal, Molech, Chemosh, Milcom, Dagon.
- You can setup a great figure like King Nebuchadnezzar and worship it all you want.
- It's going to do the same thing that BASEBALL will do for you. NOTHING.
- You can make MONEY number one in your life. You will NEVER buy your way out of hell.

I want to go over one more so-called contradiction in the Book of Genesis today.

- We will continue with contradictions in Genesis and throughout the Bible.
- But this will be the last one for today.
- We're going over these because these are the things that cause people to lose faith.
- GOD PUT THESE THERE FOR A REASON. He knew people would twist these things.
- Don't lose faith in God because some MAN or WOMAN tries to twist the SCRIPTURE.

[SLIDE 54] Genesis 3:8-9 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

- Some Christians will say that this is a contradiction in the Bible.
- And look, I know this is silly but you need to be prepared for what people will say about the Bible.
- They'll say: "See, God doesn't know everything. He didn't know where Adam was."
- God asks the question: "Adam, where are you?"
- They say: "Why would God ask that question if He knows everything?"
- "This clearly shows that GOD does not know everything."

Is that what this verse shows?

- I can see my daughter outside playing, and I can ask: "Hey, what are you doing?"
- I can ask them questions about the Bible that I already know the answer to.
- Does that SCRIPTURE say that God doesn't know everything?
- Does it say, "God asked where Adam was because He didn't know where He was?"
- No, it sure doesn't say that. You can't make up your own words and add them to the Scripture.

[SLIDE 55] Psalm 139:1-4 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

- God does know everything. He knows the words you're going to speak before you speak it.
- He knows your thoughts. HE IS GOD. He knows the dreams you forget.
- He knew King Nebuchadnezzar's dream that he forgot.

[SLIDE 56] Isaiah 40:13-14 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

- No one has ever taught God. He is all knowing. No one shows God understanding. He already has it ALL.

[SLIDE 57] Psalm 33:13-15 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

- The entire Bible teaches us that God knows everything.
- So, did God not know where Adam was that day?

[SLIDE 58] Romans 11:33-36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

- No one has been GOD'S counsellor. All things come from God and that means knowledge and wisdom.

- All things are through HIM and to HIM are all things.
- Why did God ask Adam where He was? There's a reason for every WORD in the Bible.
- God has a reason for everything that He does. It's there for a reason.
- He's asking Adam a question so Adam will speak with a response. Then, it's written for us to see.

God asks, "Adam, where are you?" Adam says, "I heard thy voice. I was afraid. I was naked. I hid myself."

- God says, "Who told you that you were naked?" God knew that answer too.
- The Bible tells us that God already knew the words Adam would speak. He knew Adam's thoughts.
- God says, "Have you eaten of the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
- Then Adam blames it on Eve. Then God asks Eve a question. Eve blames it on the serpent.
- God doesn't ask the serpent if he did it or not. Notice that. He gives the serpent a punishment.
- He didn't find out whether he did it or not for sure. He already knew what he did.

The sin destroyed the fellowship that Adam had with God.

- Obviously, God used to walk in the garden with them and talk with them.
- But now, the man and woman were hiding from God. God was there, but they didn't want to talk to Him.
- Same thing with us today. All the words in the Bible are there for a reason.
- Are people going to continue to hide from God? That's what people are trying to do today.

They won't hear the words in the Bible, they won't study them, they make up what they want.

- They hide from the ONE TRUE GOD and don't want any part of Him.
- You can learn from the questions God asks Adam. He already knew the answers.
- Where are we at today? Are we trying to hide from God due to sin on our life?
- Simply go to God directly. Confess your sin and He will forgive you. There's no reason to hide from God.
- Why would you hide from God? It's pointless. You can't hide from God.

[SLIDE 59] Jeremiah 23:23-25 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

- God is everywhere. We need to know the Bible so we can speak the truth about God.
- We don't want to speak lies about God. That's the last thing we want.
- That's why we're here studying the Bible and learning the truth.
- You can't hide from God. He's watching.
- We will continue learning all about the so-called contradictions within the Bible.

Let's pray.