



Sermon Outline
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Is God Really Necessary?

Genesis 1-3

Series Overview:

1. Is It Normal to Have Doubts? Answer: Yes!

*-The opposite of faith is not doubt. The opposite of faith is unbelief.
-Doubt does not equal the absence of faith.*

2. Is God Really Necessary?

3. Isn't the Bible Full of Myths and Mistakes?

4. Why Is Jesus Such a Big Deal?

5. Why Would God Allow Tragedy & Suffering?

* **Does everything exist by _____ or random chance?**

* **The absence of a Divine Creator raises questions:**

- How did the universe come into existence?
- What created life?
- Why did humans end up on the top of the food chain?
- How did we even think up the idea of deity?
- How do we differentiate between good & evil, right & wrong?

* **The presence of a Divine Creator raises questions:**

- Why is there so much suffering in the world?
- Why is there a lack of tangible evidence of God's existence?
- Why does God allow evil?
- Why are there people who say they believe in God but behave hypocritically to their beliefs?

** When looking for evidence to believe in God, it can be found. When looking for evidence or any reason not to believe in God, there's some of that as well.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 - For we live by faith, not by sight.

* **Evidence in favor of the necessity for God:**

1. The _____.

* **The _____ Argument**

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

* **Even the Big Bang Theory requires something to pull the trigger or _____.**

Hebrews 11:3 - By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

2. The _____.

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities---His eternal power and divine nature---have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

* **Believing in God makes it easier to _____ of the design and complexity of the world.**

3. _____.

Genesis 1:27 - So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

I do not see how it would be possible to find a meaningful life in a meaningless universe. The only purpose that is worthy of life is something bigger than life itself. – John Ortberg

* **God does not coerce your free will. That's why belief is the _____ that He requires.**

Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

* **Belief in God just _____.**

Recommended reading:

The Case for the Creator – by Lee Strobel