1- Genesis 1.1 - Perfections of God Ray Mondragon

I. The Introduction

A. A Scientific Statement
Ex: Gen 1.1. Deals with the natural realm, *matter*—all of it in the universe. *Energy:* omnipotence.
Processes, Creation. *Agency* God. *Time:* in the
beginning

B. The Incomprehensibility of God

Job 11.7. No, you cannot discover the depths of the almighty God. Ps 139.6 We cannot attain to the knowledge Romans 11.33-36 God's knowledge are beyond us. Matt 11.27 It takes revelation to know God, the Son...Therefore the unbeliever always has a distorted view of God. Rom 1.19-20: general revelation —>every human being is accountable. Special revelation: Deut 4.35 Israelites had special revelation. Jesus Christ: Jn 1.18 God has exegeted Him

II. The Perfections of God from Genesis 1

- A. The Primeval History 1:1-11:26
 - 1. The **History** of the **Creation** 1:1-2:3
 - a. The Creation of the Universe 1:1-2

The Perfection of God

1) **Transcendent** There was nothing...God is separate from His creation. No continuity of gods & creation. 2 realms of existence: God separate and distinct from the creation

2) Eternal Does not have a beginning = eternal implied in this passage

3) Self-existent Not dependent on the creation

4) Trinitarian There is a hint of the trinity: Elohim is plural 35x in Gen. The verb is masculine singular. Subject of Gen 1 and all Bible.

5) *Personal* Communication between persons

6) Immanent Enters into the world, creates man. Ultimately has a relationship with man.

7) Sovereign Ps 103.19; Matt 28.18

8) *Gracious* in creating..had no need for it. God did not have to create a universe, but in grace, with a view to salvation of mankind. Created mankind for a purpose—to glorify Himself. Interpersonal.

9) **Omnipotent** Can speak things into existence

10) Good Evaluates creation, calls them good, suggesting that He is good

11) Omniscient knows everything

12) Creator Counter to secular, etc, not with naturalism

We cannot understand the Bible apart from the knowledge of God.

b. The 6 Days of Creation 1:3-31