

are aliens real?

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Review

- In a series where we asked our congregation what question they would like addressed from a biblical perspective
 - Week 1 - Is Noah's Ark real?
 - Week 2 - What is the meaning of life?

This week - are aliens, UFOs, and the supernatural real?

- Where we will spend most of our time this week
 - While the Bible doesn't talk about space aliens and UFOs, people's beliefs about extraterrestrial life do often overlap with the supernatural and the spiritual realm. Things that the Bible actually has a lot to say about
- Question: Could aliens be real? Maybe
- Question: If there is other intelligent life in the universe, how does this change our understanding of who God is? IT DOESN'T!

Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT) For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.

- The Bible has a lot to say about the spiritual realm.
 - Angels and demons.
 - An invisible spiritual battle that's being waged around us (Colossians 2:13-15)

When it comes to engaging with the spiritual realm, there are two ditches

- Lack of recognition vs all-consuming (1 Peter 5:8)
- The belief that every negative thing that happens is a spiritual

There is a lot we don't know, which is where faith in God comes in. Do you trust God, even when you don't get all the answers? (Hebrews 11:1)

There are some things we DO know, and that's where we should focus

- We are eternal beings. (Matthew 25:31-33)
 - Why would we focus on the tiny part of eternity that is this current life?
- We are not the only eternal beings
 - Angels - There are different kinds of angels
 - Guardians, Messengers, Protectors, Warriors, Ministering angels.
 - Over 250 times, eagles are talked about in the Bible (Daniel 10:5-14)
- Holy beings are not the only supernatural beings. We have an enemy.
 - Satan - the enemy of man. The word Satan actually means "Adversary" or "Accuser".
 - His original name was Lucifer, which means "Morning Star"

- His primary weapon was, is, and always will be, deception (Genesis 3, Luke 4, John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Revelation 20)
- Question: Could aliens actually be demons? Maybe

There are ways we see our enemy work all through scripture

- Satan also loves to distract us from loving God and loving others

"If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy." Corrie ten Boom

- The devil wants us to try to discover God's mysteries in ways contrary to God's laws.
 - God makes it clear in scripture that He alone knows the future and gives us whatever knowledge of it that He wants us to have.
 - God strictly forbids experimenting with the supernatural in ways that aren't expressly described by Him. He forbids fortune telling, future telling, seances, mediums, spiritists, astrology, and any other type of occult practice.
 - Any other supernatural voice besides God is from the enemy. (1 John 4:1-4)
 - If our enemy is the father of lies, why would we open ourselves to his interpretation of supernatural events?

Hearing about our enemy causes some to walk around in constant fear of what they can't see or understand.

- God and his forces are greater than Satan's
 - God and Satan are not two equal opposing forces. Satan is a created being.

What does all this mean for humans?

- Realize that we are eternal and live like it. This place is not our home! (Philippians 3:20)
- God has given us weapons for our spiritual battle.

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NIV) ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- The supernatural creator of the universe sees you, knows you, loves you, and desires to spend eternity with you.

