The Doctrine of Creation
& Cosmology

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Creator/Creature Distinction & Ex Nihilo Creation
Sovereignty in Creation
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- “He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in” (Is 40:22b).
Creation Action in Creation Is Mediated
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- God’s action in creation is ministerial
  - Some parts of God’s creation empowered to serve as mediators/ministers to other parts of creation
  - God intends for creation to bring about some elements of creation
    - “Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth…’” Gen. 1:11, 24
  - Not independently from God’s sustaining/guiding action
Purpose for Creation
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- To exhibit His glory
- To serve as God’s temple
- For creation to become genuinely itself
- To populate creation with life
  - Gen. 1, Is. 45
- To have an arena for comprehensive redemption
Creation, Salvation, Sanctification
Parallel
Creation/Salvation/Sanctification
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• God creates/saves/sanctifies in space & time
  • Gen. 1-2; Ps. 139:13; Ezek. 37:1-14; Rom. 8:28-30; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:17 Eph. 1:11-12
God Acts Patiently in Creation
Creation Has Functional Integrity