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is here given. Just how the Lord did it, exactly, we do not know. We know this, that there is taught here that there is a special creation, that God created man and created woman separately, each for his own part in His divine economy. Matthew Henry has a very nice expression there which I imagine a great many of you have heard, but which is always worth reading in this connection. He says, "The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam, not of his head, to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled on by him but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be beloved," which is a very nice thing to say about it. Well now such spiritual truths of Genesis 1 and 2, and after all that is what is important for us, that its scientific statements are true and dependable but none of them are complete. There is a great deal of additional scientific matter which naturally the Lord has not given and therefore while we can say of any statement, "This is true," we don't know how much else is involved in it to get the whole picture. That is true also of religious books, but there are many spiritual truths which are tremendously important in these chapters and that, of course, is its vital meaning for the Christian. God did not give it to us as something to fight over and argue about with those who take a non-Christian position. It is necessary that we do that but that is not the primary purpose of His giving us these two chapters. The primary purpose is that we learned the truths for our Spiritual life that are in them and the first of those is certainly in the very first verse. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. That is not taught merely in that one statement but all through the chapters. God did this, God did that, God did the other thing and step after step in these two chapters we see the formation of the whole constitution of human society and of human life and God is instrumental in the founding of each step of it. There have been many changes since, there has been much that man has brought in and everything that man has introduced deserves