



The Great Overture: Beginnings

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

Now the earth was *formless* and *empty*, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was *hovering* over the waters.

Genesis 1:2

For this is what the Lord says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; *he did not create it to be empty*, but formed it to be inhabited.

Isaiah 45:18

Listen, O *heavens*, and I will speak; hear, O *earth*, the words of my mouth. I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. They have acted corruptly toward him; to

their shame they *are no longer his children*, but a warped and crooked generation. Is this the way you repay the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your *Creator*, who made you and *formed* you? For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance. In a desert land he found him, in a *barren and howling waste*. He *SHIELDED* him and *CARED* for him; he *GUARDED* him as the *apple of his eye*, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and *HOVERS* over its young.

Deuteronomy 32:1, 3-6, 9-11

God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows *how we are formed*, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalms 103:10,14

...the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

Christ was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. The Word became flesh and *made his dwelling among us*.

John 1:11,14

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8