

This morning I would like to speak about the first four words of the Bible. "In the beginning God." A newspaper man speaks about the importance of a good lead. They try to have a first sentence that gives the gist of what they are saying. Someone has said that the greatest lead that ever was written is this: In the beginning God. Certainly it lays the great stress on the great central theme of the Bible. God is in the beginning of all things.

First, we'd like to look briefly at the fact that God is at the beginning of the universe. We don't mean merely that he started it. We mean that he started it and still controls everything that happens. What a tremendous universe it is that God has made. I did a little figuring to try to figure something about the size of it. Suppose we were to drive at 100 mph (which would certainly be breaking the speed limit) but while we are assuming that, let's assume that there was a highway built going completely around the world so that we could go straight around without ever stopping to eat or sleep or anything -- just go straight on around. It would take you 250 hours. In other words it would take you more than 20 days to go around the world. When you finish going around the world, if you still were not satisfied with motion, and you were able to turn that highway up toward the sun and head toward the sun still driving at 100 mph, it would take you more than 106 years to reach the sun! Such distances are absolutely beyond our imagination. We can't realize these tremendous distances. Yet they tell us that light comes from the sun in only 8 min. Light travelling at that same rate takes many many years to come