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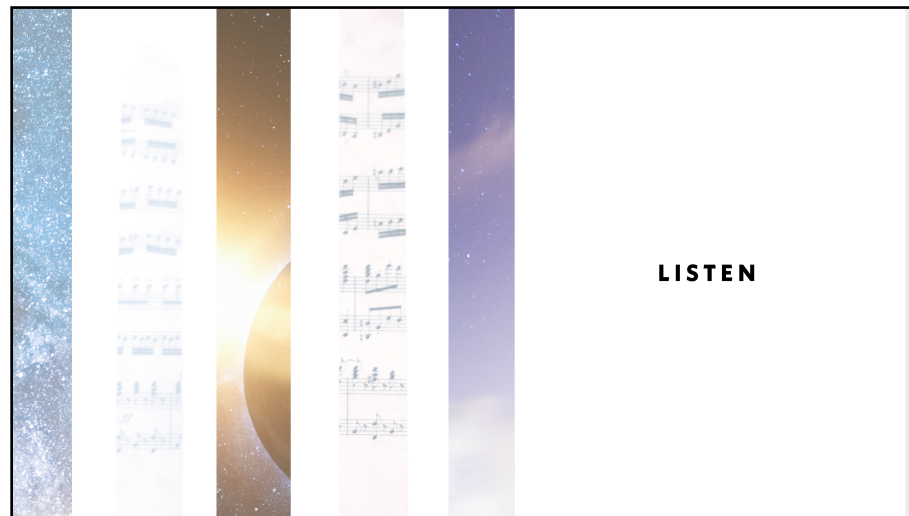
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September 26 & 27, 2026 | The Maestro | Genesis 1:1-2 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

THE ART OF COMPOSITION

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

1. Genesis 1:1 SUMMARIZES the whole chapter.
2. The MELODY begins in Genesis 1:2.
3. LISTENING begins with what's given, not with what isn't.

THE BEGINNING OF CREATION

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning....

1. "In the beginning" (בְּרֵאשִׁית // beh-ra-sheet) speaks to our PRIORITIES as much as to our timeline.

*Genesis 1:1 ...God created **the heavens and the earth**.*

2. EVERYTHING (אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ // at ha-sheh-ma-yim ve-at ha-ah-ritz) is subordinate to God.

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host... 8 **Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!** 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): **"I am the Lord, and there is no other."**

Colossians 1:16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And **he is before all things**, and in him all things hold together.

Revelation 4:11 **"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power**, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

- Listeners move toward HUMILITY: They understand that God is not part of our STORY. We are part of His.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Where do I need to grow in humility before the Lord right now?

THE END OF CHAOS

Genesis 1:2 The earth was **without form and void**,

- Creation was a PROCESS that began with an inhospitable emptiness (תֹהוּ וָבֹהוּ // toe-hoo va boe-hoo).

Genesis 1:2

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<i>And the Spirit of God</i>	<i>was hovering</i>	<i>over the face of</i>	<i>the waters.</i>

- God wasn't DETERRED by darkness and chaos.

Colossians 1:13 **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Listeners move toward HOPE: They understand that in God's world, darkness and chaos are never the whole STORY.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Where do I need to grow in my hope in the Lord right now?

God's Word begins with a call to HUMILITY and HOPE.