

The Creation

Genesis 1:1-31

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Unit 5 Lesson 1

Supplemental Texts

Prov 8:22-30; John 1:1-10; Col 1:15-17; Rev 4:11

Focus Verse

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” – John 1:3

Introduction

In the creation account, we see the powerful works of the Almighty God, the visible and the invisible. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen 1:1). This declares God’s eternal existence, before all things. The word *God*, which in Hebrew is *Elohim*, is used in its plural form to reveal the three Persons in the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who were involved in the creation (Job 26:13; Prov 8:27; John 1:1-3,10; Eph 3:9; Col 1:15,17; Heb 1:2).

Deeper Look

In the Beginning – Gen 1:1-31

The story of creation affirms that all things had a beginning; nothing was created by chance, or by any other agent. God made all things; and being physically unseen in creation does not mean He is not Lord of all (Acts 17:24). He created the heavenly bodies and everything on the earth. The earth was without form and empty; and there was darkness over the face of the deep. The Spirit of God partook in creation by hovering over the waters like a hen does while hatching its eggs (Gen 1:2). Christ also was active in creation; He is the Word that God used to speak the world into existence (John 1:1-3,10; Col 1:15-17). The participation of the Godhead in creation is revealed in the word “us” in Genesis 1:26, “And God said, Let *us* make man in our image, after our likeness.”

On the first day, God created the heavens, the earth, water, and light. The atmosphere and the sky, on the second day. Dry land, seas, grass, herbs, and trees were made on the third day. On the fourth day, He made the lights, which include the heavenly bodies, the stars, the sun, and the moon. Birds and all sea creatures were created on the fifth day. God made all types of land animals and man on the sixth day. At every command of God, everything was created; and God saw that they were all good. Indeed, we can all attest to the beauty of God’s creation.

The last creative work of God is the creation of mankind, whom He made the ruler of all that He has made. Mankind is superior and unique of all the creatures because he carries the image of God (v. 27). He is the only creature God spoke to directly and made responsible for all things.

Questions

1. How would an average person define creation? According to Genesis, how would you define creation? Do the two definitions match? Why, or why not?
2. According to Science, the age of the earth has been estimated to be billions of years. Do you agree with that opinion? Why, or why not? On what did they base their calculation?
3. The Big Bang Theory contradicts the account of creation in the Bible. How is the Big Bang Theory explained? Prove that the Bible account is the only sure and reliable explanation for creation.
4. How can you explain to an atheist or agnostic that the world and everything in it were created God, and not by any random chance or agent? Are people just ignorant of the existence of God, or they choose to be ignorant? See Rom 1:19-20.
5. Apart from mankind, if you have to choose one, what other creative work of God marvels you? Why does it marvel you? On what day was it created?
6. Why is it difficult for some people to believe that God created the world in literal six days?
7. Mankind is the chief of all that God made. Why did God decide to create mankind on the sixth day of creation and making him the last creature created?

Personal Meditation

Psalms 40:5 declares “Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.” The creation declares the glory of God and His marvelous love to mankind. All God’s creative work was completed in six awesome days. Beholding the magnificence of His work, God said “it was very good.” Truly, everything was good. Think about the order with which He made all things!

The last creature that God made is the head of all creatures. To the creature, God imparted more glory and responsibility. In fact, it was the only creature He communicated directly with during creation. This creature is mankind; that means, you and me! What makes us so special is that God made us in His own image (Gen 1:27). He did not speak us into existence but actually made us and breathed life into us. Therefore, the bible says, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Gen 1:1-5
Tuesday	Gen 1:6-8
Wednesday	Gen 1:9-13
Thursday	Gen 1:14-19
Friday	Gen 1:20-23
Saturday	Gen 1:24-31



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