

SENIOR FIVE SELF STUDY WORK

C.R.E 1

DAY 1

THE CREATION STORIES! Gen 1& 2

The 1st creation Account (Gen 1)

God is the creator according to the author. Heaven and Earth were all created by Him.

God per-existed all creations. He was there before any creation was there.

God is a spirit according to the author. His spirit moved upon the face of the waters

God is a sole giver of life. He created everything like creations and gave them life to live.

Man was created superior to all creatures. Of all the creatures, only man was created in God's own image

God loved man in a special way. Of all the creatures, only man was created in his own image.

God started of marriage institution. He created male & female 2 start marriage

God intended the purpose of marriage to be multiplication. After creating, male & female he ordered them to have children and fill the earth.

God intended marriage to be hetero-sexual. It was to be between male and female since he created man & woman.

God intended marriage to be a permanent relationship. Male and female were to stay together permanently after God created them.

God is a perfect creator Everything and made him happy.

Good is omnipotent (powerful) He just commanded and everything was created.

God exists in form of the holy trinity. The phrase “let us make” shows that God the father son & Holy Spirit worked together during the creation process.

God created in a series of days according to the author creation took place day after day up to the end.

Man and woman are equal according to the author. Both male and female were created in God’s image hence equal.

Man is God’s creature according to the author he came into existence after God creating him male and female

Man shares into God’s attributes like reasoning. He was to have such attributes as reasoning, loving since he was created in the image of such a God

Man was given power over all creatures, birds, plants, fish and animals were put under man’s control by God.

N.B: Insights (Key ideas) in Gen 1

God is the creator

God pre-existed created

God is a spirit

God is a sole life giver

Good intended marriage institution

God intended marriage to be for multiplication

Good intended love between male and female in marriage.

God intended hetero- sexual marriage

Good intended a permanent marriage

God is a perfect creator

God is omnipotent

God exists in form of the holy trinity.

God created in a series of days

God is holy

Man was given power over all creatures
by God Man share into Gods attribute.
Man is God's creature
Man and woman are equal
Man was created superior to other creatures.

ACTIVITY 1

1: Examine

- (a) the major insights of the author of the 1st creation account
 - (b) The major insights of the author of the 2nd creation
 - (c) The major insights of the writers account in the book of Gen.
2. Analyse the Key ideas in the stories of creation in the Book of Gen

DAY 2

IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST CREATION ACCOUNT TO MODERN CHRISTIANS

The first creation account encourages modern Christians to worship God, since he created them according to his account.

It encourages them 2 ask God for life. Since he is the sole giver of life according to the 1st creation account.

It encourages them to love God since he loved man in a 1st creation account by creating male & female in his own image

It encourages them 2 love 1 another as Christians since they were created in God's own image according to the 1st creation account.

It encourages them to respect the marriage institution since it was started by God himself when he created male & female in the 1st creation account.

It encourages them to promote equality of man & woman since the two were created equal in God's own image.

It encourages them to promote monogamy the marriage of 1 man 1 woman since it was the marriage started by God in the 1st creation account.

It encourages them to promote a hetero- sexual marriage relationship where opposite sex male and female started by God in of 1st creation account.

It encourages them to produce and multiply since God commanded male & female 2 have many children and fill the earth when he created them.

It encourages them to observe the Holy Trinity the worship of God the father, God the son and God the Holy spirit seen during creation.

It encourages them 2 live holy lives since God the creator in the 1st creation account is holy too.

It encourages them to preserve God's creation such as birds, plants, animals since he created them all good.

THE RELEVANCE OF THE 1ST CREATION ACCOUNT TO CHRISTIANS TODAY, (CHURCH TODAY)

Modern Christians should

- Worship God
- Love God
- Love one another
- Respect the marriage institution
- Promote equality of man and woman
- Promote monogamy
- Promote a hetero- sexual relationship
- Produce and multiply
- Observe the holy lives

- Preserve God's creation

Note:

Significance/ importance= “encourages”

Relevance/ relevant= “should”

ACTIVITY 2

1. Of what significance (importance) is the first creation account to modern Christians?
2. (a) Analyze the insights in the first creation account?
(b) What do Christians learn from the above account?
3. (a) Examine the major ideas authored in the first creation story Gen 1
b) Of what relevance is the above story to Christians today.

DAY 3

The 2nd creation story (Account) or Genesis 2

God is a worker. His work was done through creating the earth with such things like plants, the Garden of Eden, man.

God is a source of blessings. He gave blessings to the seventh day and set it apart as a special day.

Sabbath is God's special day. God blessed Sabbath the 7th day and set it apart as his holy day.

Man is God's creature. It's God who formed a man from soil and breathed life into his nostrils hence his creature.

God loves man in a special way from other creatures, He was concerned when man was alone and created woman to give him company.

God is a source of life. He breathed life into man's nostrils and he became a living being.

God is an artist. He formed man from the soil of the ground like a potter makes a pot from clay.

God started the marriage institution. He created man first and woman later hence the beginning of the marriage institution.

God intended the purpose of marriage to be companionship. He created woman to give man company when he saw man was alone.

God intended marriage to be hetero sexual in nature. He created woman and man to make marriage of opposite sexes.

God intended marriage to be monogamous he created one woman for one man to be in marriage.

God intended unity in marriage man was to leave his father and mother and unite with his wife to become one.

God intended marriage to be permanent man was to leave his father and mother to be united with his wife and become one for ever.

God has power over man. He made man to sleep and out of his power picked out a rib and closed the flesh.

God is man's provider. He created man and later provided the garden of Eden for him for him to cultivate.

God commanded man to work. He planted the garden of Eden and commanded man to cultivate it.

Man and woman were created equal by God. The two were created from same flesh and bone hence equal.

Man is superior to woman. It is out of man's ribs that woman was created, hence man's superiority.

Man was given power over all creatures as a sign of his power over creatures, God gave man the task of naming the creatures.

Man is God's co- worker. As God Created, He gave man to name the creatures

NB: Major insights (ideas) in Gen: 2

- God is a worker
- God is a source of blessing
- God loves man in a special way from other creatures
- God is a source of life
- God has power over man
- God is man's provider
- God commanded man to work
- God started the marriage institution
- God intended of purpose of marriage to be companionship.
- God intended marriage to be teeter- sexual
- God intended unity in marriage
- God intended love in marriage God intended marriage to be permanent
- Man is God's creature
- Man and woman were created equal.
- Man was created superior to woman - Man was given power over all creatures

- Man is God's co-worker.
- 1 (b) Christians should: -
 - Work
 - Seek for blessings from God
 - Love God their creator
 - Love fellow Christians.
 - Seek for life from God
 - Seek for God's protection
 - Seek for God's provision
 - Obey God's command of work
 - Respect of marriage institution
 - Give each other company to these who are married
 - Respect the marriage of one man one woman as intended by God -
 - Love each other especially the married.
 - Unite together especially the married
 - promote equality of man and woman in society.

Approach – reasons = should

- Relevance/ relevant= should
- Significance/ importance = encourage

NB: 2 The above points must be qualified (related to the story)

ACTIVITY 3

1. a) analyze the insights in the 2nd creation account
 - b) What do Christians learn from the above account?
2. a) Examine the major ideas authored in 2nd creation story. Gen?
 - b) Of what reference is the above story to Christians today?

DAY 4

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE 1ST AND THE 2ND CREATION ACCOUNTS (GEN: 1 AND 2 STORIES)

In both accounts, God is at the centre of creation

In both accounts, God is the source of life like in the 2nd creation account, he breathes life into man's nostrils.

In both accounts, God is superior to all creatures like in the 1st account. He just commanded and all things were created.

In both accounts, God is a powerful creator. He created a woman out of one rib hence a powerful God.

In both accounts, God created all creatures perfect, birds, animals, man were all created perfect.

In both accounts, God is man's provider like Eden & put man there to cultivate it.

In both accounts, God pre existed creation before any creature was there.

In both accounts, God existed in form of a spirit like in Gen the spirit of God was moving over the water.

In both accounts God has a close relationship with man compared to other creatures like in the first creation God created man in his own image hence closer to him.

In both accounts man is God's co-creator like in the 2nd creation account, God created and man assisted him in naming the creatures.

In both accounts, man is superior to all creatures like God created and man named in the 2nd creation account.

In both accounts, man was created equal male and female like in the 1st creation account male and female were both created in God's own image hence equal

In both accounts, God intended marriage to be monogamous; he created one woman for one man.

In both accounts, God started the marriage institution. It's God who created man & woman as a way of starting marriage,

In both accounts, God intended a hetero- sexual marriage, marriage was to be between male and female not same sex.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 1ST AND THE 2ND CREATION ACCOUNTS (GEN: 1&2 STORIES)

While in the 1st creation account the creator is called God in the 2nd creation account the creator is called lord God.

While the 1st creation account talks about the holy trinity "let us make", the second creation account shows that Gods was alone in creation.

While man is created last in the 1st creation account, man is created first in the 2nd creation account.

While in the 1st creation account man & woman were created at once in the 2nd creation account man was created 1st and woman later from man's rib.

While in the 1st creation account man was created in God's own image, in the 2nd creation account man was formed from the soil.

While in the 1st creation account God created in a series of days in the second creation account it's a block creation.

While in the 1st creation account man was free to eat all things, in the 2nd creation account he was not to eat the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

While in the 1st creation account God created by ordering, in the 2nd creation God physically participated in creating.

While in the 1st creation account God named creatures, in the 2nd creation account man names creatures.

While the 1st creation account, is silent about Sabbath, the 2nd creation account shows Sabbath as God's special day set a part for resting.

While the 1st creation account is silent about the garden of Eden, the 2nd creation account talks about God creating the garden of Eden and put man there to cultivate it.

While in the 1st creation account marriage was for multiplication in the 2nd creation account marriage was for companionship.

While in the 1st creation account man and woman were created equal in God's own image in the 2nd creation account woman was created using 1 rip of man hence inferior to man.

While in the 1st creation account God was pleased with what he created, the 2nd creation account is silent about God being pleased.

While the 1st creation account is poetic, the 2nd creation account is symbolic.

While man was created with life in the first creation account, God had to breath a life giving breath into man's nostril and man became alive

Guiding Questions

1. Examine the similarities and differences in the stories of creation in Gen:1 and 2.
2. Compare the creation accounts in the book of Gen!

3. Comment on the consistence (similarity) & inconsistency (difference) in the creation stories of Gen 1&2

NB:

- (i) Give similarities first (start with both)
- (ii) However
- (iii) Give the differences (use whereas/ while/ but)

1. How far are the creation accounts in Gen 1 and 2 similar?

NB

- To a greater extent the creation accounts in Gen 1 & 2 are similar in the following ways.
- Give the similarities
- However, the creation accounts in Gen 1 and 2 are different in the following ways
- Give the differences

- In CRE there is no need for introductions and conclusions

To what extent are the stories of creation in Gen 1 & 2 different

How far are the stories of creation in Gen 1& 2 different

- Give a stand point (to a lesser extent the creation stories are different in the following ways)
- Give the differences
- However, they are similar in the following ways.
- Give the similarities

To what extent is the 2nd creation account a continuation of the 1st creation account

To what extent are the creation stories in the book of Gen: United
Both in Gen: 1& 2 God is the creator hence the two being united.
In both man was created male & female hence the two being united.

ACTIVITY 4

- 1a) analyze the insights in the 2nd creation account
- b) What do Christians learn from the above account?
- 2.a) Examine the major ideas authored in 2nd creation story. Gen?
- b) Of what reference is the above story to Christians today?
- 3.To what extent are the accounts of creation in Gen 1 and 2 similar?

DAY 5

REASONS FOR THE SIMILARITIES IN THE CREATION ACCOUNTS GEN 1 & 2

The 2 accounts are about the same subject creation hence being similar

Writers of the two accounts may have shared information while writing hence the similarity.

Writers of the two accounts may have had the same source when writing hence the similarity.

The two accounts writers were inspired by God's spirit when writing hence the same spirit may have caused the similarity.

Writers of the two account could have had the same aim of writing like showing what was created and who created hence the similarity.

Compilers of the two accounts could have brought the similarity by influencing what way written to like similar

Editors of the two accounts could have influenced the two stories to like similar.

REASONS FOR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CREATION ACCOUNTS GEN 1&2

The 2 creation accounts were written by 2 different writers one being a Yohwist and the 2nd being a priest writer

Writers of the 2 accounts had different aims of writing like the 1st account writer wanted to show that man was given work as a command from god hence the differences

Writers of the different two accounts used different sources to write their work where the 1st account writer used the priestly source and the 2 account writer used the Yahwist source.

Differences in the periods of writing led to the differences in the 2 accounts where the one account was written before exile and the other after.

The oral source used by the writers of the 2 accounts led to the differences since what they wrote was told to them by word of mouth. The 2 accounts were written from different places hence the differences where the 1st account was written in Israel while the 2nd was written in Babylon

Editors of the 2 accounts may have led to the differences in the 2 accounts during the editing process.

Compilers of the 2 accounts may have led to differences in the 2 accounts during their compilation process.

NB: Why similarities (consistence / agreements)

- The two accounts are about the same subject
- Writer of the two may have shared information
- They may have had a same source
- They may have had the same aim
- They were inspired by the holy spirit of God
- Editors may have led to the similarity

NB: DISAGREEMENTS/INCONSISTANCES

- Writers were different
- Writers may have had different aims
- Writers may have used different sources
- Periods of writing were different
- Places of writing were different
- The oral source they used led to their differences
- Editors led to the differences
- Compilers may have led to the differences

ACTIVITY 5

1. a) What insights to the 1st and 2nd chapters of Gen provide for a person seeking knowledge.
b) Discuss the lessons modern learns from the above knowledge.
- 2 a) Give an account of the consistances and inconsistencies in the 1st and 2nd chapters of Gen.
b) Account for the above consistances & inconsistencies in the 1st and 2nd chapters of Gen.
- 3 a) Compare the stories of creation as recorded in Gen 1& 2 b)
b) Account for the inconsistencies in the 2nd creation account.
- 4 a) Account for the agreements & disagreements in the stories of creation as recorded in Gen 1&2.
b) What lessons do Christians learn from the two creation stories Gen: 1&2?

DAY 6

THE CREATION OF MAN IN GODS OWN IMAGE

Gen 1:26

1. Then God said, “and now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us.”

2. “..... And now we will make human beings, they will be like us.....” Gen 1: 26

(a) Examine the (significance importance implication of the above statement

(b) How has man abused God’s image in him in 2 days.

NB:

Significance on part

(a) – showed

Importance

Revealed

Illustrated

Demonstrated

Signified

Meaning on part **a**

- Meant
- Showed
- Revealed
- Demonstrated
- Illustrated

Implication

Implied

Meant

Showed

QN: “..... And now we will make human beings, they will be like us.....” Gen 1: 26

(a) Examine the (significance importance implication of the above statement

- It showed that man of all creatures resembled God this is because male & female were created in God’s image of all creatures.
- It showed the close relationship between man and God. Of all creatures only man was created in God’s image hence a close relationship.
- It showed man as the controller of the rest of creation. In the image of God man was to exercise control over all other creatures.
- It showed man as God’s co-creator. In the image of God, he was to assist in creating other things.
- It showed that man was to worship God. In the image of God, man had to worship his creator he resembled.
- It showed man was to pro-create male and female were made by God hence they were to produce and multiply
- It showed that man was to worship God. In the image of God, man had to worship his creator he resembled.
- It showed that man was to fellowship with God. He was created in God’s image therefore would meet with his creator from time to time.

- It showed that man was the climax of God's creation. God created man last. Hence showing that he spent more time on the beauty and appearance of man.
- It showed that man was given the ability by God to judge what was right and wrong of all creatures since they were created both in God's image.
- It showed that man shared some similar qualities with God since he was created in God's image, man would have such qualities as reasoning and loving
- It showed that man was to live a holy life. This is because he was created in the image of a holy God.
- It showed God's special love for man. This is because of all creatures man alone was created in God's image.
- It showed the equality the man & woman. This is because male and female were created both in God's image.
- It showed man's dependence on God. Man was to depend on God to provide for him since he is the God who created him in His image
- It showed God's desire for a hetero-sexual relationship in marriage. This is because; in the image of God male & female were created to start marriage.
- It showed man as a unique creature from other creatures. Not insects, birds or animals but man was created in God's image.
- It showed that man was God's representative among other creatures. Through man, God would continue existing among the rest of the creatures.

Significance /importance of God creating man in his own image.

- It showed: -
- Man resembled God of all creatures.
- A close relationship between man and God
- Man as the controller of all creatures
- Man as God's co-creator
- Man was to pro-create
- Man was to worship God
- Man was to worship God
- Man was to fellowship with God
- Man was the climax of God's creation.
- Man had the ability to choose between God & evil.
- Man shared some similar qualities with God
- Man was to live a holy life
- Man was loved by God in a special way
 - Man and woman were created equal.
- Man was to depend on God
- Man is a unique creature from the rest of the creatures
- Man is God's representative among the rest of the creatures
- Man was to worship God
- God desired for a hetero-sexual relationship in marriage.

NB.

Meaning/ implication of God creating man in his own image in Gen 1: 26

- It meant.....
- It implied

ACTIVITY 6

- 1.(a)Examine God’s plan for creating man in his own image in Gen 1: 26
(b)What do Christians learn from God’s act above
2. “..... And now we will make human beings, they will be like us.....” Gen 1: 26. Examine the implications of the above statement

DAY 7

Guiding Questions

1. For what purpose did God create man in his own image in Gen 1:26
2. Examine God’s purpose of creating man in his own image in Gen 1:26
3. Account for God creating humans in his own image in Gen 1:26
4. Justify God’s intention of creating man in his own image.

NB

- God wanted 2.....
- God intended 2.....
- God wanted man to resemble him of all creatures
- God wanted to make a close relationship between him and man
- God wanted man to control other creatures.
- God wanted man to be his co-creator
- God wanted man to pro-create
- God wanted man to worship
- God wanted man to fellowship with him
- God wanted man to be the climax of his creation.

- God wanted to give man ability to judge between wats God and evil.
- God wanted man to shared similar qualities with him.
- God wanted man to live a holy life
- God wanted to show his special love for man of all creatures.
- God wanted man to depend on him
- God wanted man and woman to be equal.
- God wanted to start a hetero- sexual marriage relationship.
- God wanted man to be unique from the rest of all creatures
- God wanted man to represent him among the rest of the creatures

WAYS THROUGH WHICH CHRISTIANS ABUSED GOD'S IMAGE TODAY.

SOME CHRISTIANS are involved in prostitution. This has abused God's image in them since God intended sex to be in marriage.

Some Christians have aborted. This has abused God's image in them since God intended them to have many child and fill the earth.

Some Christians have murdered. This has abused God's image in them since God intended man to control not to destroy creation.

Some Christians have involved in adultery thus have abused God's image in them since God created I man for 1 woman in his own image

- Witch craft
- Greediness
- Abusing the Sabbath day
- Embezzlement of funds
- Stealing of property

- Child sacrifice
- Domestic violence
- Homosexuality
- Destroying the environment
- Discrimination of fellow Christians and non-Christians
- Telling lies

The significance of God creating male & female in his own image

Some people worship God alone. Here they have lived up to God's intention of creating man to worship him.

Some observe the Sabbath as God's holy day. These have lived up to God's expectation since he blessed the Sabbath as his.

Some have respected life of fellow Christians thus have lived up to God's intention since he created man and saw that it was good that he created him.

Some have preserved the environment thru planting trees. Thus have fulfilled God's intention since he wanted man to be in charge of creation not a destroyer.

- Some are faithful in their marriages
- Some respect of gift of sex - Some treat fellow Christians equal.
- Some show love of one another.

However, some Christians have not lived up to the creating of male & female in his own image as follows

- Some Christians are involved in prostitution
- Some have destroyed the environment
- Some are jealousy of each other
- Some Christians are greedy
- Some Christians tell lies

- Some Christians commit adultery get married
- Some Christians steal property of follow Christians
- Some Christians embezzle church funds
- Some Christians start wars against their follows
 - Some are corrupt
- Some abuse God's Sabbath day
- Some carry out child sacrifice
- Some incriminate fellow Christians
- Some practice witch craft
- Some beat and fight their marriage partners.

THE SIGNIFICANCE/ IMPORTANCE/ MEANING OF GOD CREATING WOMAN FROM MAN'S RIB GEN2:21

It showed God's power over man with his power he picked out a rib from man and created for him a companion.

- It showed that marriage was started by God. He saw that man was lonely and there for created woman hence marriage.
- It showed God's love for man. God loved man and out of that love, created woman for him when he was alone.
- It showed the unity of the man & woman. The two were created out of same flesh and bone hence were to live as one
- It showed God's power to create he used just a rib and woman was created
- It showed God as man's provider. When man lacked company, God picked out a rib from him and provided him with woman to give him company.
- It showed man as the head of the family. It's out of his rib that woman was made hence the head of woman in marriage
- It showed that man and woman were worship God. Both man and woman were created by God hence they should worship him.

- It showed God's desire for a hetero- sexual marriage relationship. Out of man's rib, God created for him woman not a fellow man to give him company.
- It showed that woman should be submissive to man. It was out of man's rib that woman was created hence she should submit to him.
- It showed that superiority of the man to the woman. Woman was created just out of 1 rib from man hence she's inferior to him.
- It showed that God started the marriage institution since he created both male and female.
- It showed that man and woman were created out of the same bone and flesh.
- It showed God's desire for love between man and woman
- It showed respect in marriage between man and woman
- It showed that man and woman were to stay together permanently since they were created out of the same flesh and bone
- It showed that woman was to act as man's helper since she was created out of the rib of the man.

Significance of God creating woman from man's rib.

It showed

- God's power over man
- Marriage was started by God
- God's love for man
- Man was to unite with woman
- God's power to create
- God as man's provider
- Man as the head of the family

- Man and woman were to worship God
- God desire of marriage 2 be monogamous.
- That woman should be submissive to man
- Man's superiority over woman
- That God allowed sex in marriage
- Equality of man and woman
- God started the marriage institution
- That man and woman were to live in happiness
- Love in marriage
- Respect in marriage
- That man and woman were to stay in a permanent marriage
- That woman was to act as man's helper.

ACTIVITY 7

- 1(a) Examine God's intention of creating human being in his own image in Gen 2:26
- (b) Show the way through which Christians have abased God's image 2day.
2. Evaluate the significance of God creating male & female in his own image

DAY 8

MISINTERPRETATION THAT COMES OUT TO DAY FROM THE ACT OF GOD CREATING WOMAN FROM MAN'S RIB.

Woman are denied superior positions in society today. This is because they are taken to be inferior people.

Woman today are being mistreated by their husbands. They were created from the man's rib some are beaten and others are abused

Some parents do not consider the girl child education. According to them such girls are to get married hence taking them to school would be useless.

In some societies women are denied some foods like chicken, grasshoppers, pork saying that it should be eaten by men in those societies. The women are taken as the cause of misfortune in society. Some men never want to meet with women as the first person while going for a journey.

Young girls are married off forcefully by their parents to very old men.

Women are denied inheritance of property in some societies. In such societies people believe she can be married off and the property is taken.

Woman are taken as sexual objects and they are not supposed to refuse at any time the husband asks for something.

Men marry many wives yet it's not common for a woman to marry more than 1 husband

Some churches do not ordain women as priests but only in the protestant church women are ordained reverends or priests.

In social gatherings, women are considered for the behind seats.

Women do all the work in the house. It's a common practice that they have to wash, cook, look after children and also care for husbands which is quite a lot of work.

They also ask permission from men for any journey they take and this is done while kneeling.

Women are supposed to greet their men while kneeling in some societies.

Women are regarded to be the cause of diseases like HIV/AIDS.

QN

“Then the lord God took some soil from the ground and formed man out of it, he breathed life giving a breath into his nostrils and the man began to live”

(a) Examine the significance of the above statement?

It showed that God is the source of life. Man who was without life got it on God breathing a breath of life into him

It showed God as the creator. He created man like he created other creatures

It showed God's superiority over man. It is God who created man and also breathed a breath of life into him.

It showed God's love to man. God created him out of his own love

It showed man's dependence on God. God breathed a breath of life into him, hence he is man's provider and therefore man depends on him.

It showed God as man's main provider God was to provide to man with all his necessities starting with a breath of life.

It showed that man was to worship God. This is because God is his creator who formed him from the soil.

It showed man's uniqueness from other creatures. Of all creatures only man was formed from the soil and breathed into him a breath of life by God

It showed God's powerful nature. He breathed into man's nostrils a breath of life and he became a living being hence a powerful God

It showed that man was to fellowship with God since of all creatures, man had a close relationship between him and God hence was fellowship with him

It showed that man was to live a holy life since he was created by God who is holy.

THE TEACHING OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS 1 AND 2 ABOUT MARRIAGE.

- Marriage is a blessing from God. He is the one who created male and female and therefore blessed them to live together.
- Marriage is meant for procreation. Having created male and female, God told them to go and fill the world.
- Marriage should be monogamous. God created one woman for one man hence he willed marriage to be for companionship. God saw that man was lonely and created woman to give him company.
- Marriage should be about love. According to God woman and man were to stay together permanently and man was happy when God created woman for him.
- Married couples should be faithful to one another. God intended one woman for 1 man as a symbol of faithfulness to each other.

- Man and woman should be permanent. According to God man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife hence a permanent institution.
- Marriage should be out of joy and happiness that is why Adam was so happy when God created Eve out of rib.
- Man and woman are equal to each other in Genesis 1 male and female were created equal in God's image.
- There should be peace and harmony in marriage when man and woman were created by God, they stayed in peace and harmony.
- There should be mutual understanding in marriage. When God created man and woman there was mutual understanding between the two
- There should be unity between married partners. When God created Adam and Eve, there was unity between the two.
- Marriage is a holy institution. This is because it was started by the God who is holy.
- Man is the head of the family.
- This is because it is out of his rib that woman was created.
- The married partners should depend on God as their provider. This is because when he created man and woman he provided them with a garden for their survival.
- Marriage should be between opposite sexes.
- This is because for Adam God created Eve and opposite sex for marriage
- Woman should be submissive to man in marriage. Since she was created out of his rib.
- Man should give protection to his wife in marriage. Since she was created out of his rib.

NB: Genesis 1 and 2 teaching on marriage

- Marriage is a blessing from God
- Marriage is meant for procreation
- Marriage should be monogamous
- Marriage should be for companionship
- It should be for multiplication
- It should be out of love
- Married partners should be faithful to each other
- Man and woman should co-create with God
- It should be permanent
- It should be out of joy and happiness
- Man and woman are equal to each other in marriage
 - There should be mutual understanding in marriage.
- There should be unity
- Marriage is a holy institution
- Man is the head of the family
- The marriage should depend on God
- Woman should be submissive to man in marriage
- Man should give protection to his wife in marriage

Guiding questions

1. Account for God's intention of creating male and female in Genesis 1&2
2. For what purpose did God create man and woman in Genesis 1&2
3. Justify God's intention of creating male and female in Genesis 1&2

- **God wanted: -**
- To bless man and woman
- Man and woman to procreate
- To make marriage monogamous
- To make marriage heterosexual
- Man and woman to give each other company
- Love to exist in marriage
- Man and woman to be faithful to each other
- Man and woman to co- create with him
- To make marriage permanent
- To make joy and happiness exist in marriage
- To make man and woman equal in marriage
- Peace and harmony to exist in marriage
- Mutual understanding to exist in marriage
- Unity to exist between man and woman in marriage
- To make marriage a holy institution.
- To make man the head of the family
- To make man and woman depend on him in marriage
- To make woman submissive to man in marriage
- Man to give woman protection.

ACTIVITY 8

1. Discuss the old testament teaching about marriage?
2. Examine the teaching of Genesis 1 and 2 stories about the subject of marriage?
3. Examine the circumstances where women are under looked by men in society today?

DAY 9

The significance of God creating man and woman in genesis 1 & 2

It showed: -

That God blessed man and woman

That man and woman should procreate

That marriage should be monogamous

That marriage should be heterosexual

That man and woman should give each other company

That love should exist in marriage

That man and woman should be faithful to each other

That man and woman should co-create with God.

That marriage should be permanent

That there should be joy and happiness in marriage

That mutual understanding should exist in marriage

That unity should exist between man and woman in marriage

That marriage is a holy institution

That man is the head of the family

That man and woman should depend on God. That woman should be submissive to man in marriage

That man should give protection to woman.

The new testament teaching on marriage

According to Paul, Marriage is a solution to sexual immorality such as prostitution, rape, defilement

Paul says that marriage is not sinful because it is God who started it.

Paul says that if wife or husband married to a non-believer is free to continue in that marriage.

According to Paul, the married should not refuse each other sex in marriage.

Paul says that married should abstain from sex during prayer or fasting.

According to Peter husbands should exercise love towards their wives.

Peter says that husbands should treat their wives as human beings since they will join men in inheritance of eternal life.

The married should learn to forgive and tolerate each other.

Paul says that wives should submit to their husbands Eph: 5:2

Jesus condemned divorce and separation in marriage

Paul teaches that marriage is a gift and a blessing from God.

Jesus emphasized mutual understanding in marriage.

Jesus emphasized equality in marriage.

Jesus emphasized a monogamous marriage.

THE FALL OF MAN GEN: 3:1

CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE FALL OF MAN

The snake was a cunning animal and that way it convinced woman to eat the forbidden fruit leading to the fall of man.

The snake distorted God's message hence convincing the woman to eat leading to the fall of woman.

The snake presented itself to be wiser than God hence convincing woman to eat the forbidden fruit leading to the fall of man.

The snake conspired with God to win man's heart hence convincing woman to eat leading to the fall of man.

The snake led the woman and man away from God leading to man's fall by eating the forbidden fruit

The forbidden fruit was attractive which the woman to pick it and eat later took it to the man who also ate leading to the fall.

The tree of knowledge of good and evil was in the middle of the garden hence becoming to close and accessible to woman who ended up eating leading to the fall of man.

Man left a woman to move alone in the garden giving a snake a gap to trick her leading to the fall of man

God being away at a time the snake tricked a woman exposed her to eating the forbidden fruit hence the fall of man.

Man believed in woman more than God and ate the forbidden fruit leading to his own fall.

Man failed to control woman and snake hence eating the forbidden fruit leading to his own fall.

Man became greedy by eating the forbidden fruit yet God had given him enough to eat in a garden leading to his fall.

Man wanted to be equal to God by eating the forbidden fruit yet something that led to his fall.

Woman listen to the snake instead of God hence ate the forbidden fruit leading to the fall.

The woman disobeyed God's instruction and ate a forbidden fruit causing the fall.

Woman doubted God's provision to them yet God was man's provider leading to the fall.

Woman becomes greedy by accepting to eat a forbidden fruit leading to the fall.

Guiding questions

1. Why it served thought for the parties in Gen:3 to be punished by God?
2. “the consequences of sin in Gen :3 were justified on the 3 parties involved” comment
3. Support the consequences of sin in Gen 3?
4. Account for God’s punishments to man in Gen:3

1. The consequences of sin in Gen: 3 were justified on the snake in the following

- The snake distorted God’ message when it told the woman that God never wanted them to be like Him hence a consequence being justified on it.
- The snake lied to the woman and caused her to disobey God hence being justified to face the consequence.
- The snake presented itself to be wiser than God by misinterpreting God’s instruction to the woman hence being justified to face to the consequence.
- The snake was proud with its cunning nature causing woman to sin hence being justified to face the consequence.
- The snake competed with God to win the heart of woman causing her to sin hence being justified to face the consequences.
- The snake took responsibility which was not its own over man causing them to sin hence justified to face the consequences.
- The snake led man away from God by making them eat the forbidden fruit

However, the consequences of sin in Gen:3 were justified on woman in the following ways

- Woman listen to the snake instead of God and ate the forbidden fruit hence the consequences being justified on her
- Woman disobeyed God's instruction and ate the forbidden fruit
- Woman doubted God's provision to them yet God was man's provider hence the consequences being justified
- Woman became greedy by accepting to eat the forbidden fruit hence the consequences being justified on her
- Woman did not accept responsibility for her sin and instead blamed the snake hence the consequences being justified on her
- She did not repent after eating the forbidden fruit yet she was guilt hence the consequences being justified on her.
- Woman led man into sinning by taking the forbidden fruit to him to eat hence the consequences being justified to her
- Woman went into hiding from God's presence after eating the forbidden fruit hence the consequences being justified on her
- Woman allowed the mere creature to lie to her and she ate the forbidden fruit hence the consequences justified on her.
- Woman did not consult man or God before eating the forbidden fruit hence the consequences justified on her.

On the other hand, the consequences of sin in Gen:3 were justified on man as follows.

- Man became greedy by eating the forbidden fruit yet God had given him enough in the garden to eat hence the consequences justified on her.
- Man disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit.
- Man wanted to be equal to God by eating the forbidden on her.

- Man lost faith in God by eating the forbidden fruit hence the consequences justified on him
- Man wanted to become independent of God his creator
- Man failed to control woman and also the snake hence the consequence being justified
- Man accepted woman to influence him to eat the forbidden fruit
- Man did not accept responsibility for his sin and instead condemned the woman.
- Man believed in the woman more than God and ended up eating the forbidden fruit hence the consequences being justified
- Man failed to repent even when he felt guilty of eating the forbidden fruit.
- Man went into hiding from God's presence after eating the forbidden fruit hence being justified

“it served man right to be punished in Gen: 3” comment?

- It is true it served man right to be punished in the following ways
- Man became greedy by eating the forbidden hence it served him right to be punished
- Man disobeyed God
- Man became a rebel by eating the forbidden fruit
- Man wanted to be equal to God
- Man lost faith in God
- Man wanted to become independent of God.
- Man failed to control woman and the snake
- Man accepted woman to influence him to eat.
- Man did not accept responsibility for his sin.

- He believed in the woman more than God
- He failed to repent
- He went into hiding from God's presence.

However, it served woman right to be punished in Gen:3 in the following ways.

- Woman listened to the snake instead of God
- She disobeyed God's instruction
- She doubted God's provision to them
- She became greedy by eating the forbidden fruit.
- she did not accept responsibility for her sin.
- She did not repent after eating the forbidden fruit.
- She led man to sin by taking him to eat
- She went into hiding after eating the forbidden fruit
- She allowed a more creature to lie to her
- She did not consult man and God before eating the forbidden fruit

To what extent (how far) did man deserve to be punished in Gen: 3?

To a greater extent man deserved to be punished in Gen:3 as follows

- Give man (hence)
- Give woman (hence)
- However, it wasn't man's fault alone but the snake is also to blame in the following ways
- Give the snake(hence)

It is the snake to blame for consequences of sin in Gen:3 how far?

- To a lesser extent
- Give the snake(hence)
- However, (give man)
- Give woman

ACTIVITY 9

- 1.Examine the circumstances that led to the fall of man
- 2.Account for God's disappointment upon man, woman and the serpent
- 3.The punishment given to the three parties in Gen: 3 were fully justified. Comment?

DAY 10

THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN ON THE PARTIES IN GEN:3 13-24

1. Examine the consequences of sin on the parties in Gen:3
 - Give the consequences of sin to the snake
 - On woman
 - On man
 - No need of introductions and conclusions in CRE.

2. Discuss the punishments to the parties involved in sin in Gen 3

The following are the consequences of sin in Gen:3 on the snake include the following: -

The snake was to eat dust as its food of all animals

The off springs of woman were to crush the head of the offsprings or the snake

The woman

The snake was to crawl on belly as a punishment for leading woman into sinning

The following are the consequence of sin in Gen:3 on woman.

Woman was to have increased pain while giving birth.

Woman was cursed to have trouble during her pregnancy.

Woman was to have excessive desire for her husband.

Woman was cursed to be subordinate of man

The snake was to bite the heels of women offsprings

On the other hand, the following are the consequences of sin in Gen:3 on man.

The ground where man was to cultivate was cursed to produce weeds and thorns

Man was to sweat to get what to eat

Man was to die and be buried in the soil from where he was created.

Man was to be an enemy with snake.

Man was chased out of the garden of Eden.

Discuss the consequences of man's disobedience to mankind 2day?

- Man dies today and is buried in the soil from where he was created.
- The ground is cursed and it now produces weeds making man's life difficult when cultivating.
- Man toils and sweats before he gets what to eat today.
- Work is now a curse to man today yet it was initially a blessing from God to man.

- Man and God are separated since the two no longer enjoy close relationship as man was chased out of the garden where he would meet God.
- Man feels shy and ashamed whenever he sins due to the sin of Adam and Eve which brought them shame in the garden.
- Woman is a subordinate of man especially in the villages where man looks at her as a creature under him.
- There are fights and quarrels in marriage yet God intended mutual love when he created male and female for marriage.
- Woman experiences pain when producing today due to man's disobedience to God in Gen:3.
- There are fights between man and fellow man yet God intended man to live Godly life.
- Man has a negative attitude towards work today yet work was a blessing from God to man but man does such things like stealing.
- Man murders fellow men today due to the sin of Adam and Eve which led to Cain killing his own brother Abel.
- There is a bitter relationship between man and other creatures today especially wild animals hunt for man's life as he hunts for their life.
- Drought, famine and starvation are facing man today as a result of man's disobedience in Gen:3.
- Man suffers from incurable diseases like AIDS, due to man's disobedience in Gen:3 which started off man's suffering.
- Disasters are common, like floods and earthquakes in man's environment.
- Adultery is common in marriage today.
- Man treats woman as a slave.

CONSEQUENCES (OUTCOMES) OF MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD IN GEN:3

- The relationship between man and other creatures became worse due to man's disobedience to god.
- Woman's offsprings and those of the snake were made to destroy each other.
- Woman was to produce through pain due to man's disobedience.
- Woman was to become a subject of man due to man's disobedience.
- Woman was to continue desiring for man hence her desires like for protection were to be provided by man.
- Work which was a blessing to man became a curse hence man to sweat in order to eat.
- Man lost friendship with God since God got annoyed with disobedience.
- Man was sent out of the garden of Eden due to his disobedience.
- The relationship between man and woman became bitter due to man's disobedience to God.
- Man was cursed to die and go back to soil from where God created him from due to the disobedience.
- Man was to be affected by problem like diseases since the ground was cursed yet he was chased out of the garden of Eden.
- Man's disobedience resulted into other sins like jealousy where Cain killed his brother Abel.
- Man's disobedience resulted into their nakedness hence became ashamed and hid themselves.
- Man's disobedience destroyed the close relationship of love and trust between them and God.

- The disobedience resulted into woman and man blaming each other for causing the eating of the forbidden fruit.
- The snake was to bite the woman's heel hence woman and the snake were to have bitter experience.
- The snake was cursed to walk on its stomach of all animals.
- The snake was cursed to be hit on its head by man's offspring.
- The snake was cursed to eat dust as its food.
- God became scarce to man since when man disobeyed he was chased out of the garden.

To what extent did man deserve to be punished in Gen: 3?

To a greater extent, man deserved to be punished in Gen 3 as follows.

- Man disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen:3
- Man became a rebel to his God by eating the forbidden in Gen:3
- Man wanted to be equal to God by eating the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen:3
- Man lost faith especially when woman listened to the serpent and ate the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3
- Man wanted to become independent of God by eating the forbidden fruit to be like God hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3
- Man failed to control woman and the snake leading him into eating the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3
- Man accepted woman to influence him to eat the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3
- Man believed in woman other than God and ate the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3

- Man to repent after eating the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3
- Man went to hiding from God's presence after eating the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished in Gen 3,

However, it wasn't man's fall alone but other factors hence it did not solve him right to be punished due to the following

- The snake distorted God's message leading them in to eating the forbidden fruit hence it didn't serve man right to be punished but to the snake.
- It lied to woman and caused her to disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit hence it didn't serve right for a woman to be punished but the snake.
- The snake presented itself to be more wise than God hence confused her to eat the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished and not woman.
- The snake was a cunning animal which tricked the woman to eat the forbidden fruit hence deserved to be punished and the woman.
- The snake was competing with God to win man's heart making them to eat the forbidden fruit hence it deserved to be punished instead of man.
- The snake wanted to own the responsibility over man hence made them to eat the forbidden fruit so it deserved to be punished and the man.
- The forbidden fruit was attractive leading woman into eating it hence wasn't right for woman to be punished but the fruit being attractive is to be blamed.
- The tree of knowledge to good and evil was in middle of garden making it nearer for woman to across and eat the forbidden fruit

hence she didn't deserve to be punished but situation of the tree to blame.

- Its man who left the woman to move alone in the Garden of Eden from where she was tempted by the snake hence it's the man who deserved to be punished not the woman.
- God was aware when the snake was tempting the woman to eat the forbidden fruit hence he didn't deserve to be punished but God is to be blamed for creating such an animal.

ACTIVITY 10

1. Examine the consequences of sin on the parties in gen:3.
2. Discuss the punishments to the parties involved in sin in gen:3.
3. To what extent did man deserve to be punished in Gen: 3?

DAY 11

1. "Man is entirely to blame (completely /fully) for his own down fall in Gen3". Discuss

comment

*it's true man is to blame but not entirely as follows

- Give what he did and led to his down fall.
 - Give other points in line with the above)
 - *however, other factors caused man's down fall
- give those factors
- In C.R.E no need for conclusion and introduction

“The fall of man and the punishment didn’t mean his end”

comment.

The Lord God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and Eve and clothed them which showed that he continued loving them.

- Clothing them was a sign of God’s forgiveness to man when man had fallen.
- Clothing them showed a close relationship between God and man from other creatures like birds even when he had fallen.
- Clothing them showed that God wanted to bring man closer by rescuing him from embarrassment when they became naked after eating the forbidden fruit.
- Clothing man showed God as the creator since he went ahead to dress the man He had created Himself by making clothes out of animal skin.
- Clothing the man showed God’s plan for saving man from sin after falling in Gen:3.
- Clothing them showed God’s love for man even after eating the forbidden fruit
- Clothing them showed God’s care and concern towards man especially when he became naked and embarrassed after sinning.
- Clothing them showed God’s mercy and sympathy towards man especially when he became naked and embarrassed after sinning.
- Clothing them showed God’s desire to reconcile with man who had become naked and embarrassed and went into hiding after sinning.
- Clothing them showed God’s desire for man to repent and come back to God His Creator

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- Clothing them showed the Holy nature of God who chose to cover up the sinful nature and embarrassment of man.

LESSONS CHRISTAINS LEARN FROM THE FALL OF MAN.

Christians should accept their sin unlike Adam and Eve who decided to blame one another.

- They should have faith in God unlike Adam and Eve who lacked faith and ate the forbidden fruit.
- They should obey God and His laws unlike Adam and Eve who disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit.
- They should be contented with what God has given them unlike Adam and Eve who were greedy and ate the forbidden fruit.
- They should respect God unlike Adam and Eve who disrespected God by eating the forbidden fruit.
- They should accept the punishment given to them just as Adam and Eve accepted punishment given to them by God after eating the forbidden fruit
- They should promote God's name on Earth as their Creator unlike Adam and Eve who listened to the snake instead of God their creator.

They should judge first advice given to them by their friends unlike Adam and Eve who accepted advice from the snake and it caused the trouble.

1. Discuss the nature of sin according to Gen: 3?

Which sin man commit in Gen:3

- Sin is attractive in Nature since the tree was attractive making woman to pick and eat.
- Sin led to shame in nature since after eating, the man and woman went into hiding.
- Sin brings fear in man by nature since the hiding of man and woman after sin was out of fear.
- Sin brings punishments to the offender by nature since man and woman and the snake were all punished.
- Sin made man helpless and failed to defend himself just as man and woman went into hiding.
- Sin made man blame fellow man in nature. Just as man blamed woman in Gen:3.
- Sin destroyed the relationship between man and God just as man lost closeness to hide after sinning in Gen:3.
- Sin makes evil look good to man just as the forbidden fruit looked so attracted to woman to eat.
- Sin led man into further sinning just as Cain killed Abel his brother.
- Sin makes man to try to take over God's power just as woman picked and ate the forbidden fruit so that she becomes like God.
- Sin makes man act independent of God just as woman ate to become her own master like God.

NB

1. The above is the nature of sin
 2. So which sin did they commit
- Sin of disobedience
 - Sin of doubting God's provision

- Sin of wanting to become equal to God
- Sin of being greedy
- Sin of listening to mere creators instead of God
- Sin of wanting to won responsibility
- Sin of distorting God's message.
- Sin of wanting to be wiser than God
- Sin of believing in other creatures
- Sin of being proud
- Sin of being irresponsibility
- Sin of being responsible for din
- Sin of running away from God's presence
- Sin of blaming a neighbor
 - Sin of not accepting his sin
 - Sin of not repenting.

The nature of God and man in gen 1-3

God is the initiator of marriage like in Gen.1. he created male and female as evidence that marriage was started by him.

God is emotional like in Gen 3. He got annoyed when man disobeyed him.

God is powerful. As a powerful God, He just ordered and Universe was created in Gen1.

God exists inform of the Trinity like in Gen 1 "let us make....."
 Showed God the father, God the son and God the holy spirit
 worked Hand in Hand during the creation process.

God is the source of life like in Gen 2, God Breathed a breath of life into the nostril of man

God is spiritual and physical in nature as a physical God he would meet man in the garden in Gen 3 and a spiritual God his spirit moved over the water in Gen 1

God is holy by nature. Like in Gen 3 he punished man who became unholy by eating on the tree of knowledge of Good and bad.

God is loving by nature like in Gen 3. As a loving God he made clothes and dressed up man after sinning which was as sign of love

God is a law giver. Like in Gen 2, He gave man instructions not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

God is a judge like in Gen 3, he posed his judgment to the snake, man and woman for sinning.

God punishes sin by nature like in Gen 3, he punished the snake, man and woman for sinning

God is fair by nature like in Gen: 3 the snake, woman and man all fairly shared in their act of sinning before God by punishment.

God is all knowing. Like in Gen :3. He was able to identify that man and woman ate on the tree of knowledge of good and evil before they were even able to tell him

God is the source of wisdom like in Gen :2, he planted the tree of knowledge of good and evil

Good is the source of blessings. Like in Gen :1, he blessed male and female to go and produce and multiply the world.

However, man's nature according to Genesis 1&3 can be discussed as below

Man resembles God like in Gen:1 male & female were created in God image.

Man exists in forms of sexes i.e man and woman like in Gen :1

Man can be tempted by nature like in Gen: 3 women was tempted by the snake and she accepted.

Man is a worker like in Gen :2, man was commanded by God to till the ground for food.

Man is greedy by nature like in Gen :3, man eats the forbidden fruit yet God had given him enough in the garden of Eden.

Man is disobedient in nature like in Gen :3, man disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit.

Man is unrepentant like in Gen :3, man ate forbidden fruit but failed to repent.

ACTIVITY 11

- 1.To what lesson can Christian draw from the fall of man in Gen 3
2. Discuss the nature of God and man manifested in Gen 1-3
3. Discuss the nature of sin according 2 Gen: 3?
4. "the fall of man and the punishment didn't mean his end"
comment.

DAY 12

ABRAHAM AND THE DIVINE KINGDOM OF GRACE

Gen: 12, 15, 17

Comment on the call of Abraham

- God appeared to Abraham and commanded him to leave his relatives, his home and country.
- God told him to go to the land which God would show him.
- God promised to give Abraham descendants in the call.
- God promised to make, Abraham's descendants into a great nation in the call.
- God promised to bless Abraham in the call.
- God promised to make Abraham's name famous in the call.
- God promised to bless those who blessed Abraham in the call meaning Abraham to become a source of blessing.
- God promised to curse those who would curse Abraham in the call meaning God would give Abraham protection.
- At 75 years old, Abraham started his journey from Haran as God had told him.
- Abraham went with Sarah his wife and Lot his nephew to the land.
- Abraham took with him all his wealth and slaves he had acquired in Haran to the land God was to show him.
- Abraham arrived in Canaan and camped at Shechem where he built an altar to worship on.
- God appeared to Abraham in Canaan and confirmed that it was the land he was to give him.
- God said to Abraham that his descendants were to own that land.
- Abraham moved to Bethel where he built an altar and continued to worship God.

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS LEARN FROM ABRAHAM'S CALL?

Christians should accept God's call, as Abraham accepted to go to the land God was to show him.

They should obey God, as Abraham obeyed God and went to the land God was to show him.

They should worship one God, as Abraham left the god's he was worshipping and started worship one God who appeared to him.

They should go for missionary journeys, to Holy places like Uganda Martyrs shrines Namugongo, as Abraham left his country and moved to the land God was to show him.

They should accept God's promises, as Abraham accepted God's promise of land and went.

They should fulfill the promises they make, as God fulfilled his promise of land to Abraham.

They should give offerings to God as Abraham gave sacrifices to God at the Alters he built in Canaan.

They should build worshipping places for God, as Abraham built alters at shecten and Bethel to worship God

They should accept God's change in their lives, as Abraham accepted God's change to move from his home land and country to the land God was to show him.

They should use their wealth for serving God as Abraham took his wealth from Haran to the land God was to show Him.

They should allow their relatives to serve to serve God with them, as Abraham took his wife Sarah and nephew Lot when God called him.

They should search for blessings from God since he is the source of blessings, as he blessed Abraham in the call.

They should search for protection from God since he is the source of protection as he promised protection to Abraham in the call

Reasons for Abraham's call

“the call of Abraham in Gen 12 was inevitable (unavoidable) comment?”

God wanted to begin a new chapter in His relationship with sinful mankind hence ended up calling Abraham.

God wanted to establish new religion monotheism the worship of one God as opposed to polytheism the worship of man gods which was being practiced at that time.

God wanted to begin a salvation plan of sinful mankind hence calling Abraham who was a sinner to start the salvation plan of fellow sinners.

God wanted to revive the plan of man's lost glory, happiness and holiness which man lost when Adam and Eve became disobedient and they were chased out of the garden.

God wanted to restore his confidence in man so that he makes man more dependent on him.

God wanted to renew man's lost faith in him hence called Abraham to revive that faith.

God wanted to renew his love for man inspire of his sinful nature. At that time man kept sinning like worshipping small Gods hence calling Abraham to end that sinful nature.

God wanted to show that his call is irrational. Here God intended to reveal that he calls a person regardless of his background.

God wanted to craze the curses which he had put on man in Gen 3 hence called Abraham to bless man he had curses.

God wanted to reconcile with man. God separated with man when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit hence calling Abraham to reconcile

God wanted to start a new race of people who would worship him alone. Hence he called Abraham to use him in starting that new race.

God wanted to enter into a new covenant with man. God has lost closeness with man when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit hence calling Abraham to enter into a covenant with man.

The purpose of Abraham's call

- Begin a new chapter
- Salvation plan
- Man's lost glory, happiness and holiness
- His confidence in man
- Renew man's lost faith
- Renew love for man

- Erase his curses on man
- His call was irrational
- Establish a new religion, monotheism
- Reconcile with man
- Start a new race of people
- Enter a new covenant with man

ACTIVITY 12

1. Show the relevance of Abraham's call to the modern church

2.(a)Account for Abraham's call in Gen.12?

(b)How does the New Testament portray Abraham?

DAY 13

ABRAHAM'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL ABRAHAM'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL:

When God called Abraham, his response was positive hence he did not resist God's will

Abraham did not question God but responded to God's call with "blind" faith following a God he had never known before

Abraham migrated from Haran to the land that God was to show him
Abraham left Haran with his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot to the land God was to show him.

Abraham obeyed and trusted as well as showing confidence in God who called him.

Abraham constructed an Altar on reaching shechem to symbolize a new type of worship.

Abraham adopted monotheism, on reaching Shechem by building an Altar to worship one God.

Abraham earned a title “**the father of the faithful**” by responding positively to God’s call.

God confirmed the land of Canaan he had promised to Abraham when he arrived in Canaan

God confirmed blessing Abraham and making him a source of blessings on reaching the land of Canaan.

Abraham who was childless earned a son as a promise in the land of Canaan and out of that son Isaac, he got many descendants.

God’s promises to Abraham

God promised Abraham many blessings that he would even bless whoever blessed Abraham.

God promised Abraham a son on seeing that he was childless

God promised Abraham a great nation and this would be got out of Abraham’s son

God promised Abraham the land Canaan which is said to be the land flowing with milk and honey.

God promised Abraham to make Abraham the grandfather of a great nation and that nation would be the nation of Israel.

God promised to give Abraham as many descendants as stars in the sky hence his descendants the Israelites were to be many and a powerful nation.

God promised Abraham that his descendants would go to a strange land where they would suffer from slavery but after 400 years he would bring them out.

God promised Abraham long life that he was to live up to a ripe age.

God promised Abraham protection by saying he would curse whoever would curse Abraham God promised that Abraham would have a peaceful and honorable death.

How God's promises to Abraham fulfilled

- Abraham at old age got a son Isaac as God had promised him a son.
- Out of Abraham's son Isaac, came Jacob out of whom came the twelve sons, out of whom came the many descendants of Israel as many descendants as stars as God had promised.
- Abraham's descendants went to Egypt and became slaves for 400 years but God sent them Moses as a liberator and they were set free from Egypt. Back to Canaan
- Abraham's descendants came back and owned the land of Canaan from Egypt as slaves as a promise God has made to Abraham that he would possess the land and his descendants.
- Jesus came who was a descendent of Abraham thru whom all nations came to be blessed as a promise to Abraham that God would bless nations thru him.
- God punished nations in Canaan which tried to fight against Abraham's descendants as a way of fulfilling the promise that God would curse whoever would curse Abraham.
- Abraham's descendants the Israelites became a great and powerful nation up to today as God's promise of a great nation to Abraham.

- Great kings rose in Israel like Saul, David, Solomon, Jesus as a way of fulfilling God's promise to rise great kings out of his descendants,
- God's promise of making Abraham's name great and famous came to pass that Abraham up to today is talked about as a great name.
- Abraham died at 175 years old which fulfilled God's promise of giving Abraham long life.
- Israel became blessed among nations as a way of fulfilling God's promise of blessing whoever would bless Abraham.

Importance of Abraham's call to the Israelites

- God came to call other Israelites like Moses, Samuel the way he called Abraham.
- Israelites came to be chosen as a special nation of God as a promise God made to Abraham in the call.
- Israelites received God's blessings as a nation which were God's blessings to Abraham in the Call.
- Monotheism the worship of one God became the practice of worship in Israel which was started by Abraham in the call.
- Obedience shown by Abraham to God in the call came to be show to God by the Israelites such as Joshua, Samuel.
- Faith shown by Abraham in the call to God came to be shown by Israelites His descendants such as Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Elijah.
- The Land of Canaan Promised to Abraham in the call came to be owned by the Israelites his descendants.

- The protection God promised to Abraham in the call came to be received by Israelites his descendants as a nation.
- God appeared to Abraham in a vision during the call and the same God came to appear to the Israelites the descendants of Abraham in a vision such as Samuel.
- God who became the God of Abraham in the call came to be the God of the nation of Israel.
- Abraham built Altars at shechem and Bethel in Canaan and worshipped God and Isrealities came to build Altars a way of worshipping God.
- Abraham sacrificed to god at the Altars he built in Canaan and sacrificing to God became a practice among the Isrealites.
- Shechem and Bethel the places at which Abraham sacrificed to God in Canaan in the call became important cities in Israel.

ACTIVITY 13

1. a) How significant was Abraham to the Israelites?
b) What lessons do Christians learn from Abraham's
- 2.(a) Analyze how the Israelites disappointed God in the promised land
(b) In what ways do Christians disappoint God today?
- 3.(a) Discuss the faithfulness Abraham portrayed in God.
(b) Show the ways in which faithfulness in God can be shown by a Christian today?