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Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Three • Genesis 1:3-31
The God of Creation

Creation Testifies to the Creator

Creation points us to the CREATOR who alone is worthy of our worship.

*The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.
Psalm 19:1 ESV*

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 NIV

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11 NKJV

Three Reasons for the Genesis Creation Account

- ❖ To REASSURE Israel's faith as they enter the Promise Land.
- ❖ To REFUTE the creation myths of the surrounding nations.
- ❖ To REVEAL who God is as Creator and Redeemer.

What Do We Discover about God in the Genesis Creation Account?

1. God Is POWERFUL: He Creates by His Word!

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Genesis 1:3

See God's Power in Creation

- God brings about a perfect and harmonious creation by DIVISION and DISTINCTION. vs. 4, 6-7, 14, 18, 27
- God shows His sovereignty in NAMING His creation. vs. 5, 8, 10

- God provides FERTILITY for the earth and appoints LUMINARIES in the heavens. vs. 11-19
- God is sovereign over the most powerful of earthly FORCES: sea and sea creatures. vs. 20-22
- God decrees that all living things reproduce after ITS KIND. vs. 11-12, 20-25

2. God Is PERFECT: He Creates from His Goodness!

In God's Creation...

Not only what God says goes, but what God does is GOOD.

And God saw the light, that it was good. Genesis 1:4

And God saw that it [land and seas] was good. Genesis 1:10

And God saw that it [vegetation] was good. Genesis 1:12

And God saw that it [sun, moon & stars] was good. Genesis 1:18

And God saw that it [birds & sea creatures] was good. Genesis 1:21

And God saw that it [land animals] was good. Genesis 1:25

*Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.
Genesis 1:31*

3. God Is PERSONAL: He Creates Man to Know Him!

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them. Then He blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:27-28

Our Response to the God of Creation

Seeing that God is powerful, perfect, and personal is meant to lead us to WORSHIP God by trusting, obeying, and loving Him.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 NIV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24 ESV