
Study 1 – The creation of the world

Who are we? Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? These are often questions people ask. The first chapters of Genesis are crafted to answer these burning questions, convey key truths and overcome key errors about God, the world, and man.

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

1. As you read through the passage, what words and phrases do you find repeated?

	Forming....		Filling....
Day 1	(Genesis 1:3-5)	Day 4	(Genesis 1:14-19)
Day 2	(Genesis 1:6-8)	Day 5	(Genesis 1:20-23)
Day 3	(Genesis 1:9-13)	Day 6	(Genesis 1:24-31)
Day 7	(Genesis 2:1-3)		

2. On days 1-3, God gave form to what had been the formless darkness of chaos. In the left column above, write how God did this. (Observe the repeated word "separated" or "divided" in 1:3-13.)
3. On days 4-6, how do God's commands add fullness to the emptiness? In the right column above, write how God did this.
4. Identify and discuss the correspondence of these two sets of days (1-4, 2-5 & 3-6). How does this structure demonstrate God's purpose of creation? (Pay particular attention on the functions of the lights, and man) What does this pattern tell you about God and his creation?
5. In what ways do you think God views his creation being 'good'? (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)?
6. On day 7, how is this day different than the previous days? List the difference in the table above. What is the significance of these differences?
7. In what ways are man and woman unique among God's creation (Genesis 1:26-27)? What are the similarities/differences between God's work of creation and the commands and responsibilities he gave to man and woman? Have you fulfilled the commands God given to man?
8. What knowledge of God have you gained through out this study? How does this passage help you to give greater appreciation to the Creator?