



Lesson 4

Creation

Key Verse

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” *Genesis 1:1*

Key Words

- Firmament:
- Create:
- Abundance:
- Dominion:
- Multiply:

Key Points

Read Genesis 1.

- This description of how this world came to be is radically opposed to popular theories of our day. Is there any evidence that would support this account of the world's creation? Keep an open mind as you go through the story, and consider the idea that everything around us was made by an intelligent, powerful being.

A Few Interesting Points

- God suited our environment very specifically to our needs. There are many variables that are currently fine-tuned to keep us alive – temperature, oxygen, etc. If any of them were slightly different, we wouldn't be able to survive.
- The Bible contains principles about the earth that by far precede the scientific discoveries that made them clear to us.
 - For example: Isaiah 40:22 tells us the earth is round and Job 26:7 tells us it is suspended in space.
- In spite all the criticism that is directed towards the creation story, the currently accepted model explaining the creation of the world is also very vulnerable to attack. The theory of evolution is in fact severely flawed in several areas. Even if it were to explain how matter transitioned from one state to another, it does not explain how matter came to be in the first place.

Seven Days

Day One

The Bible tells us that God created light by the power of his word. He spoke and there was light.

Day Two

In day two, we read that God created an atmosphere. This setting seems to be different than the one we have today, and the earth was probably a lot more tropical during that time period.

Day Three

Day three can be looked at in two parts. First, God caused dry land to appear, separating the water from the land. Secondly, God created vegetation. Here we can see that God was providing for our physical needs: food to eat, oxygen to breath and wood for building.

Day Four

The bible tells us that on day Four God created the light givers: the sun, the moon and the stars. This is difficult to understand how God could create light before creating a light source, but we must remember that it is just as easy for God to create light as it is to create the sun.

Day Five

On this day, God created all kinds of birds and creatures of the sea.

Day Six

God now began to create.

Day Seven

God rested from all of his work.

Questions

- 1) Count the number of times we read the word "good" in Genesis 1.
- 2) Name two resources that can be accessed for more information on creationism.
- 3) Note some of the ways in which we can see that God has perfectly suited this planet for us.
- 4) If, when God created the world, it was "good", why is it that there seems to be so much bad in it today?