

Genesis 1 – Lesson 2

The Six Days of Creation



Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

- What is the Gospel ?
 - Jesus: Death – Burial – Resurrection
 - He Conquered Sin
- We are studying Genesis, an account of the creation of the earth. Every day you step into a world that does not believe that. How do we handle that in the world today?
 - By the Righteousness of God that comes from Faith.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Faith

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is [the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen]. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.



Belief to Faith

Belief fundamentally describes a mental state in which the mind accepts propositions based on authority rather than direct evidence. When Belief is based on divine authority, it's called Faith.¹

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Faith

Romans 10:17

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

The Pattern of Faith

Exodus 7-14

- A Miracle performed thru Moses
- Gave the people knowledge of God
- Then they were called to believe in Him.



Biblical Faith is

- Trust based on the Evidence in God's Word.
- Trusting in what we have reason to believe is True.
- Trusting in God builds our Faith in God.



We are not called to blind faith

That would be wondering in the darkness –
And God does not honor that.

Lesson Objective

We are going to observe the Book of Genesis on the Day-by-Day basis to better understand the nature of our creating God.

Review

1. Light separates from Darkness (Night & Day)
2. Waters separate from waters, the Expanse (Heaven)
3. The waters under Heaven gathered together & dry land (Earth) – Vegetation (after their kinds)
4. Lights in Heaven separates (Night & Day & Seasons, Years). Sun, Moon, Stars
5. Sea Creatures (waters) and Birds (heavens) (after their kinds)
6. Land Creatures (kinds) & Man (God's image - Dominion)

¹ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² **And** the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. **And** the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

³ **And** God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ **And** God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ **And** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And** the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶ **And** God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ⁷ **And** God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸ **And** God called the firmament Heaven. **And** the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹ **And** God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. ¹⁰ **And** God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. ¹¹ **And** God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. ¹² **And** the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ¹³ **And** the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴ **And** God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵ **And** let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶ **And** God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. ¹⁷ **And** God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ **And** to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ **And** the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ **And** God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹ **And** God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²² **And** God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. ²³ **And** the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴ **And** God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. ²⁵ **And** God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

²⁶ **And** God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ **So** God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ **And** God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹ **And** God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. ³⁰ **And** to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹ **And** God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. **And** the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Q1. In Genesis 1:1 it says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” What is meant by the phrase heavens and the earth?

What is meant by heavens?

- **Heavens & Earth**

- This is primarily a statement that describes the totality of creation meaning that God created everything.

- **Heavens**

- The Hebrew word for heavens is plural and is used here to describe everything that is above the surface of the earth.



Q2. What was the earth like when God created it, according to Genesis 1:2?

“The earth was without form and void,” ESV

Without Form / Void

(tō·hû) תהו

(bō·hû) בהו

If you wish to investigate the English translation of these two words I would suggest that you go to this webpage:

<https://www.preceptaustin.org/genesis-1-commentary#1:2>

This is a commentary of Genesis 1:2.

This section also includes a “short excursus on the GAP theory”.

- God had not yet shaped it into a form we would recognize or put inhabitants on it.
- Think of it like cake ingredients before it's cake.



Q3. How does the cross-reference in Isaiah 45:18 relate?

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other.



- God didn't create the earth as an empty/waste place but formed it to be inhabited.
- He didn't leave it formless / without form and void.

Q4. How does Genesis 1:2 continue? What is the significance of “The Deep” and “the “Spirit of God hovering” or moving?

“The deep” appears in four distinct passages throughout Genesis.

The Deep

- In Genesis 1:2, darkness covers the face of the deep as the earth exists in a formless and void state, a condition before God's ordering work begins.
- During the flood narrative, Genesis 7:11 describes how the fountains of the great deep burst forth.
- Genesis 7:20 speaks of the water depth above the mountains.
- Genesis 8:2 records the closing of these same fountains as the floodwaters receded.

The Spirit of God was moving over the waters.

John MacArthur: God is directly involved in His creation.

Henry Morris: The Holy Spirit energized the primeval universe, to bring form and life to God's creation.



Q5. How does Genesis 1:3-5 continue?

- Then God said, “Let there be light.”
- God separated the light from the Darkness
 - The Darkness is not figurative (e.g., spiritual darkness) but literal darkness.
- God called the light day and the darkness He called night.



Q6. What is the source of the light or the object giving off the light? What is the darkness?

The light created on Day 1 of creation does not appear to be the light from the sun since this celestial body was introduced on the fourth day (vv. 14–18).

The Light

- Some interpreters believe that the specific functions of the celestial bodies were assigned on the fourth day with their creation occurring here on the first day.

- Most theologians believe that this light corresponds to God's "shekinah glory" the light that is a manifestation of God's glory (Exodus 40:34–35; 1 Kings 8:11).
- Such a view is supported by Revelation 22:5a, where the apostle John - speaking of the future in God's presence, "There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light."



The Darkness

- Darkness is the absence of light and in later Scripture will often signify evil (e.g., Exodus 10:21–23; Job 3:4). But Genesis 1:2 declares that the Spirit of God was present, and no evil is mentioned.

Q7. Read Genesis 1:6-8. Look up the meaning of the word “Expanse” and record what you learn.

The Expanse

- raqia, a Hebrew term meaning “hammered out,” or “stamped with the foot, and what results, i.e., is a spreading out or stretching forth”; “an extended surface”
- Often translated as “firmament” (KJV) or sky.

Q8. Where do you suppose the “waters above” the expanse and the “waters below” are located?

The Waters Above and Below

- God separated the waters of Gen. 1:2 into two regions with the atmosphere, called the “firmament” or “expanse,”. The firmament contained in clouds while the waters below were the surface and subterranean waters of the earth.
- Into the area above God later placed the sun, moon, and stars.



Q9. How does Psalm 148 relate to Genesis 1:6-8?

These verses reinforce the psalmist believed that the creation event is real. And they praise God for it.

Q10 & Q11. What happened on day 3?

- God said for the waters below the heavens (the expanse) to be gathered into one place and for the dry land to appear.
- He called the dry land earth, and the waters, seas.
- God said the earth was to sprout vegetation.
- Plants yielding seed according to their kind. Fruit trees with seed according to their kind.

Q12. What do you learn from Genesis 11-12 about the earth and about God?

- The plants and trees had a perfect environment, created before they were.
- God created in order. Things didn't appear from chaos.
- It was Good!

Q13. What did God create on the fourth day?

- Lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night for signs and for seasons and for days and years. **
- God made two great lights:
 - greater light - sun - to govern / rule the day
 - the lesser light – moon - to govern / rule the night
- He made the stars also.
- He placed / set all the lights He made in the heavens. ***



Q14. What do we learn about God's creation on day 5.

- God created swarms of living creatures in the waters and birds above the earth.
 - There was a place for water creatures and the birds before they were created.
- God created them “after / according to their kind.”

Q15. What is the definition of “kind”?

- kind—miyn—“a type of entity in contrast to other entities”;
- A General view
 - “kind” represents a general classification differentiating: animal from animal and plant from plant, and not the precise designation of modern biological species or varieties.
- Reproduction view
 - Classifiable biological beings that are capable of reproducing.



Q16. According to Genesis 1:22 and 28 what did God command His creatures to do?

- Be fruitful and multiply and fill a part of creation.
 - Sea monsters / creatures and living creatures fill the waters in the seas
 - Birds multiply on earth and fly in the heavens

Q17. What did God create on the 6th day? What did He think about it?

- Living creatures—cattle / livestock and creeping things and beasts.
- Man was made in God's image, likeness.
- God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

Q18. What did God give the male and the female to eat? What did God give every beast, bird, and everything that creeps to eat? What's this verse alluding to?

Genesis 1:29-30

Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so.

It sounds pretty vegetarian – Sin came into the world and death through sin



Q19. What have you learned so far in this study that you may not have been aware of before?

Thank you