

# Creation

## Homework Assignment:

1. Read **Genesis 1:1-31**
2. Read **Colossians 1:12-23**

## Lesson Outline

- I. Creation- Why? And What?
  - i. Why Creation?
    1. creation initiates the execution of God's divine purposes
    2. His plan required creation
    3. it is worthy of God to do "all things after the counsel of His own will"
  - ii. What is creation?
    1. the production of something out of nothing
    2. the axiom, "out of nothing, nothing comes:", is good for men but not for God
    3. this idea of absolute origin is the central idea in creation
- II. Understanding Creation
  - i. The bible is the only authoritative reference material
    1. since only God was present at creation
    2. no other historical text goes back to creation
  - ii. Faith must replace sight to fully grasp this subject
    1. **Hebrews 11:3**
      - a. things seen were not made of things which do appear
  - iii. believe the testimony recorded in Genesis
    1. **Psalms 33:6, 9**
- III. The Events of Creation
  - i. **Genesis 1:1-5** -- 1st Day
    1. created Heaven and Earth
    2. without form, void, and darkness
    3. Spirit of God moved (hovered or brooded) upon the face of waters
    4. light first created then separated from darkness
    5. marking of time
  - ii. **Genesis 1:6-8** -- 2nd Day
    1. a firmament to divide the waters
      - a. firmament – vault or arch of the sky, the heavens
    2. **Genesis 7:11** -- water below and above Heaven

iii. **Genesis 1:9-13** – 3rd Day

1. gathering together of waters under the heavens in one place
2. **Genesis 10:25** -- appearing of dry land – Earth (in one place)
3. grass, herbs, trees – seed after it's own kind

iv. **Genesis 1:14-19** – 4th Day

1. lights in the firmament of the heaven
  - a. sun – greater light to rule the day
  - b. moon – lesser light to rule the night
  - c. stars – ornaments
2. to divide the day from the night
3. for signs, seasons, days and years
4. to give light upon the earth

v. **Genesis 1:20-23** – 5th Day

1. sea life – abundantly
2. fowl to fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven
3. reproduced after their own kind
4. fish and fowl came forth from the substance of the waters

vi. **Genesis 1:24-31** – 6th Day

1. living creature
  - a. cattle – domestic animals
  - b. creeping things – reptiles
  - c. beast of the earth – wild animals
2. reproduced after it's own kind
3. man created in God's image after His likeness
  - a. with dominion over all the earth
  - b. male and female
4. God blessed man and charged him:
  - a. to be fruitful, multiply, replenish & subdue the earth
  - b. to have dominion over every thing on the earth
5. **Ecclesiastes 7:29** -- God made man upright, (righteous)
6. **Ephesians 4:24 & Colossians 3:10** – salvation restores a fallen man to righteousness
7. "God saw every thing he had made and, behold, it was very good."

## IV. Reflections on Creation

## i. completed in 6 days

1. **Genesis 2:1-2** – God rested on the 7th day
2. **Exodus 20:11** – "for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is,:"

- ii. Literal days, not figurative
  - 1. evening and morning marked the time
  - 2. Moses was moved by God to write for contemporary times
- iii. God's purpose in creation
  - 1. **Revelation 4:11** – for God's pleasure, i.e. His will
  - 2. **Proverbs 16:4** – for Himself
  - 3. **Isaiah 42:8** – for His own glory
  - 4. **Colossians 1:16** – all thing created by Him, and for Him
- iv. Our reaction
  - 1. **Revelations 15:3-4** – “Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty.”