



The Discipleship Project of Horizon Central

Level #1 Series #5 Study #1

Topic: Creation

- 1) What have you believed (or been taught) about the beginnings of the universe, the earth, or the human race up until now?

The study of Creation fills volumes, but this specific study provides only a brief overview. It is divided into two general sections: Creation as a whole and Creation of the first humans, Adam and Eve.

- 2) **Genesis 1:1**, “In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth,” is perhaps the best known Bible verse, and so begins the most popular book ever sold.
- 3) What was there before creation?
 - ▶ **John 17:5** (The Father and the Son),
 - ▶ **John 1:1** (The Word, another name for Jesus),
 - ▶ **Genesis 1:2** (Holy Spirit),
 - ▶ **Ephesians 1:4** (God chose us),
 - ▶ **2 Timothy 1:9** (God gave us His grace),
 - ▶ **1 Peter 1:18-20** (Christ was chosen to redeem us).
- 4) So God was there from eternity, his Word, our chosen Savior, and we were chosen to receive God’s grace. And God began to create. Look for the repeated phrases, “according to its kind” and “it was (very) good.” Notice also the “Let Us...” which is consistent with the idea of the Trinity.
 - a) **Day 1:** Heavens and the earth, Light, day and night. See **Genesis 1:1-5**.
 - b) **Day 2:** Separated the waters, sky. See **Genesis 1:6-8**.
 - c) **Day 3:** Dry ground and sea, vegetation. See **Genesis 1:9-13**.
 - d) **Day 4:** Lights in the expanse, seasons, years and days, two great lights. See **Genesis 1:14-19**.
 - e) **Day 5:** Water creatures and birds. See **Genesis 1:20-23**.
 - f) **Day 6:** Living creatures on the land; man in God’s image, male and female. See **Genesis 1:24-31**.
 - g) **Day 7:** God rested, or “stopped” creating. See **Genesis 2:1-3**.
- 5) Before we go on to the creation of the man and woman, let’s stop and consider what we’ve seen so far. How might you summarize the creation story up to this point in one sentence?
- 6) Read **Genesis 2:7**. Man and the earth (dust, clay, and ground) are tied together. See also: **Job 4:19, 10:8-9, & 33:6**. And man was placed into the garden. See **Genesis 2:8**.
- 7) Man was given dominion over all the earth (**Genesis 1:26**), but God retained His authority over the man. See **Genesis 2:15-17**. Why do you think God gave man the choice to obey Him or not?
- 8) Man (the male) needed help, so God gave him the woman. Read **Genesis 2:18-25**. Importantly, his helper was not of the servant or inferior type. The Hebrew word used (*ezer*) is also used to describe God as a helper. See **Exodus 18:4, Deuteronomy 33:29, 1 Samuel 7:12, Psalm 33:20**. She was the last of God’s creation and made in the garden. She was taken from Adam’s side so that they would be partners, side by side. The man would have headship, but the woman would be his partner in marriage, forsaking all others.
- 9) In closing, think of a few ways in which the creation story gives meaning or direction to our existence. Based on what we have seen here, how does God’s role in creation impact understanding of design in the universe, our own sense of purpose, our moral responsibilities, etc.?