

BIBLE STUDY on GENESIS (NIV) Part 1 (b)

GOD CREATES THE WORLD

Read Genesis 1 : 1 - 28, 31

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Jesus Was Present at Creation



“The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

(Deuteronomy 6 : 4b). Yet in that one Godhead, we see a mystery. **“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image ...”** (Genesis 1 : 26a) The one God speaks of Himself as plural. That is because our heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit and Jesus are One. **“As in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.”** (Colossians 2 : 9)

One name for Jesus is “the Word.” **“v1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. v3 Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that had been made. v14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”** (John 1 : 1; 3; 14). How wonderful it is that God became man in the person of Jesus so that He might bring us back to Himself and give us eternal life!

God Does What He Says

Did you notice that when God said, **“Let there be light,”** there *was* light? When He said, **“Let there be an expanse,”** He *made* an expanse. Everything that God says He will do, He does. When that great warrior, Joshua, was about to die, he told the people, **“You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.”** (Joshua 23 : 14b) **“The Lord Almighty has sworn. Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.”** (Isaiah 14 : 24) How wonderful that we can depend on the promises of God! How seriously, also, we should take His warnings! *He will do what He says.*

Are there some promises of God that *you* need to trust God to pass in *your* life? You can depend on Him to do *everything*. He has promised when His conditions are met.

Spiritual Teachings From the Creation Record

We can learn much about God and His ways from the Bible. From the story of God’s creation of the *physical* universe we can learn much about God’s dealings in the *spiritual* realm. *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand* and experience these concepts. He *will* do so as you patiently study His Word and obey the things that you *do* understand. Throughout your study of Genesis, come back to Lesson 1 again and again. >>

You will see new insights into what God wants to be to you and what He wants you to be. You have a great inheritance available from God. He wants you to possess it in greater and greater measure. **“Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”** (Deuteronomy 1 : 21b)

The First Day of Creation - A Picture of Light Shining in Darkness



What an awesome scene! The Holy Spirit of God hovering, brooding over the darkness, emptiness, restlessness, until God brings light! **“But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the wicked.”** (Isaiah 57 : 20 - 21). Do you feel you are walking in the dark, that you are troubled and empty? There is hope! **“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness, made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”** (2 Corinthians 4 : 6).

God knew also how *spiritually* dark the world was—how much the world needed a Saviour to be its light. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary and she conceived the Son of God. **“In Him was life and that life was the light of men. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”** (John 1 : 4; 12).

Have you received Jesus—His light and His life—so that you can be a new creation in Christ? **“The wind blows wherever it pleases So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”** (John 3 : 8). **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!”** (2 Corinthians 5 : 17). Have you been born of His Spirit by receiving Jesus into your heart?

On the first day of the world’s creation, God separated the light from the darkness. In the same way, when He makes us new creations in Christ, God wants there to be a separation of light from darkness in our lives. Jesus was **“holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners”** (Hebrews 7 : 26). He loved righteousness and hated lawlessness (Hebrews 1 : 9). We, too, are to **“have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them”** (Ephesians 5 : 11). **“So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.”** (Romans 13 : 12b). God’s Word and His Spirit within us can show us what is right and what is wrong. Are you walking in the light—with no unconfessed sin—even as he is in the light? **“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.”** (1 John 1 : 7).

When the light of Jesus is in our lives, we can be **“blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe”** (Philippians 2 : 15b). Jesus says, **“You are the light of the world”** (Matthew 5 : 14a). It is only **“when the Holy Spirit comes on you”** that you receive power and can be a witness for Jesus, beginning where you are and even to the ends of the earth (Acts 1 : 8). Are you a light to your world?

The Second Day of Creation - A Picture of the Cross of Christ (Next Issue ...)