

WHO IS GOD?
God the Creator

Genesis 1:1-25

Key Verse 1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

There are two parts to the Bible: Genesis 1:1 and the rest of the Bible.

1. Read verse 1. When and how did the heavens and the earth come into existence? What does it mean that God created the heavens and the earth? Why is it important for us to know that God created all things? (Isa 44:24) Why is this important to you personally?
 - Verse 1. God created them. This is not a proof of God, but assumes the existence of God, as opposed to other world religions. The creation story is not an argument for or against science, but a statement of the reality of God. Assumed truth.
 - God is the main character.
 - Put him into proper perspective as the author.
 - Requires me to get off the throne of the center of the universe and see God as the main actor.
2. Read verses 2-3. What was the state of things before God spoke? Why was the Spirit of God hovering over the earth? What did God create to change the situation? (3)
 - Formless, empty, like a blank slate. Like the desert in exodus.
 - God is above the earth, separate, as he is Spirit, not material. He is also poised to go into action. He himself would be involved in the Creation, via his Spirit.
 - He created light. He is light, and this is representative of his nature and character.
3. By what instrument did God create the world? (3,6,9,11,; Heb 11:3) How many times do you find the phrases “and God said....and it was so”? Do you notice any other repeated phrases in this passage? What does this suggest about God? About his word? (Ps 33:6-9; Col 1:16)
 - Audio-visual language.
 - 6-7; 9; 11; 14-15; 24 5 times.
4. Draw a diagram of the 6 days of creation, with two rows of three days each. What relationship do you see between the first three days and the last three days? What does this teach us about God the Creator? Why do you think he created the world this way?
 - Psalm 19:1-4.
5. Notice the various plants, fish, birds, and animals that God created. (11-12, 21, 24-25) Think about the character of God who created the plants and animals according to their kinds. What does this tell us about God our Creator, and the world he created?