

## Lesson 4

### GOD, THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1-25 (Read 1:1-31)

Key Verse 1:1

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

1. When and how did the heavens and the earth come into existence? (1) When something is created, the creator has a plan and purpose for his creation. (e.g., watch, computer, human brain, ...) 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? (Is.44:24) What does this mean to you?

- Is.44:24 "This is what the Lord says -- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, ..."

2. Read verse 2. What was the state of things before God spoke? What did God create to change the situation? (3) How can our lives be changed when we accept this God of light? (1Jn.1:5)

- 1Jn.1:5 "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

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"? What does this suggest about God? About his word? (Ps.33:6-9; Col.1:16)

- Heb.11:3 "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."
- Ps.33:6-9 "By the word of Lord were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars, he puts the deep into storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm." Col.1:16 "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him."

4. What are 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 -- his diversity, wisdom, and artistic sense.
5. Draw a diagram of the 6 days of creation. Try to make your diagram reflect the relationship between the first three days of creation and the last three days. What can you learn from this about God the Creator? About the world he created?
6. What do these verses reveal about God? What must we believe about him?