

Genesis: The Creation of the World Gen. 1:1-2:7

Thesis: To learn lessons from the creation of the world.

Introduction:

- A. The books of Genesis and Matthew are the two most commonly read books in the Bible.
 - 1. The reason is because these books are the first two in their respective Testaments.
 - 2. People decide to read the Bible, but they quickly decide not to finish.
- B. Today, we will notice the fact that God created the earth, and then we will look at lessons that we can learn from the creation.

I. Notice the account of the creation.

- A. Day 1 – Light (1:1-5)
- B. Day 2 – Heaven (1:6-8)
- C. Day 3 – Dry land, grass, and trees (1:9-13)
- D. Day 4 – Sun, moon and stars (1:14-19)
- E. Day 5 – Sea creatures and birds (1:20-23)
- F. Day 6 – Animals of the earth and man (1:24-31; 2:4-7)
- G. Day 7 – God rested (2:1-3)

Practical Application

II. The creation teaches us that there is great authority and power in the word of God.

- A. Each time something was created, it was spoken into creation.
 - 1. On all six days in which something was created, God spoke and it happened.
 - 2. Eight times in Gen. 1 we read of God speaking something into existence.
 - 3. Heb. 11:3 - By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
- B. Today, we need to understand that there is still authority and power in the word of God.

1. **Jn. 12:48-49** - He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. {49} For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.
2. Because the word of God is going to judge us, we must obey that word.

III. The creation declares the glory of God.

A. The Bible has always assumed that God exist and that He created the world.

1. **Gen. 1:1** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
2. **Ex. 20:11** - For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

B. It is in this creation that we can see the glory of God.

1. **Job 38:4-11** (God is questioning Job so that he will understand His greatness and power) - “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. {5} Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? {6} To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, {7} When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? {8} Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth and issued from the womb; {9} When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band; {10} When I fixed My limit for it, and set bars and doors; {11} When I said, ‘This far you may come, but no farther, and here your proud waves must stop!’”
2. **Ps. 19:1-2** - The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. {2} Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.
3. **Rom. 1:20** - For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

C. Because of the glory of God in creation, we can praise God.

1. **Ps. 95:1-7** - Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. {2} Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. {3} For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. {4} In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. {5} The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. {6} Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. {7} For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
2. God is worthy of our praise because of His creation.

Conclusion: