

Creation



Introduction

Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? These are questions that every human being asks themselves at some point in their lifetime. They are the most important questions a person can ask and answer about life. As we continue our study today of our God the Father, we will be able to answer those questions plainly and confidently.

Opening Prayer: God, create in me a desire to study your Word, and lead me to know you better each time I do study your Word. Strengthen my faith and help me avoid distractions and temptations in my life. Amen.

Lesson Aim: What does the Bible tell us about the origin of the world?

Part One

Read Genesis 1:1-31.

- 1) What happened in the beginning of the world?
- 2) How long did it take God to create all things?
- 3) How did God do most of the creating?
- 4) List what God created on each day.

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

- 5) List some things we learn about God from reading this account of creation:
- 6) Genesis 1:26-27 identifies two special blessings with which God created Adam and Eve. What are those blessings?
- 7) What blessing and command does God give to the humans in verse 28?
- 8) By commanding them to subdue the earth and rule over it, what is God telling them to do in order to meet their daily needs?
- 9) When God was all done, what did he say about all his creation in verse 31?
- 10) If God, who is holy, says his creation is "good", what do we know about what he created?

11) God _____ the world and everything in it. He also _____ all of his creation with food. It was _____. From creation I learn that God is _____.

God made the universe, the world, and everything in it, out of nothing in _____ days by simply speaking his word, and it was all perfect.

KEY POINT 1 - The world exists because God created it.

What I've learned so far:

Part Two

Read Genesis 2:4-4:2.

If the world God created was perfect, then why is the world we live in not perfect? God had given Adam and Eve everything they needed, and it was perfect. But they disobeyed God and sinned against him. We all have. Yet God has continued to take care of us all by giving everything needed to live on earth.

- 1) How did God create Adam?
- 2) God gave Adam one command—not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge. God also told him what the result would be if he were to eat from it. What did God say would happen if Adam ate from the tree?
- 3) God noticed that Adam had a problem. What was it and how did he solve it.
- 4) To solve Adam's problem, he created Eve. How did God do that?
- 5) At this point, everything in their life was great! How did Adam and Eve feel about God? How did they feel about each other? How must they have felt about themselves?
- 6) Look at the serpent's words in 3:1, 4-5. What was the serpent trying to plant in Eve's mind?
- 7) Why did Eve give in and eat the fruit?
- 8) Where was Adam during the whole time the serpent was tempting Eve to disobey God's command?
- 9) Why did they hide from the Lord as he walked through the garden?
- 10) Describe Adam's response to God's question in 3:11 and Eve's response to God's question in 3:13.
- 11) Describe God's response to the serpent in 3:14-15.
- 12) What is the first thing that God gave Adam and Eve after they sinned? (3:15)
- 13) Before they sinned, God had given Adam and Eve everything they needed in the Garden of Eden. How is God going to provide Adam and Eve with their food now?
- 14) Was it going to be easy for Adam and Eve to have what they needed? What they wanted?
- 13) What else did God provide for Adam and Eve in 3:21?

- 14) How does God banishing Adam and Eve from the Garden show his love for them?
- 15) In Genesis 4:1-2, what further blessing does God provide to Adam and Eve?
- 16) How is providing children a way that God cared for Adam and Eve?
- 17) How was God's creation ruined?
- 18) Who is responsible for ruining God's creation?



The perfect creation remained perfect for only a short time. A portion of the angels abandoned their God-appointed places and mounted a rebellion against God. Their leader was Satan, also known as the devil. This fallen angel came to our first parents in the garden of Eden, using a serpent as his tool. His goal then, as now, was to destroy the image of God in people and replace the bond of love between Creator and creation. The weapon of the evil one is the lie. His strategy is to bend and break the words of God. He promises what he has no power to give. He aims to strip away every blessing of God from those who listen to him.

KEY POINT 2 - God's creation was good, but it was quickly ruined by sin.

What I've learned so far:

Part Three

Study pages 130-136, 143-147 in the Catechism and answer the following questions.

- 1) Why do we confess to believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- 2) What does the Bible teach us about the origin of mankind?
- 3) How was God's creation ruined?

Helpful Passages

Psalm 33:6-9 and Hebrews 11:3—God's not like a person who shapes a cup or a plate out of clay. God had nothing to start with. He just said, "Let there be" and there was. So when we use the word create to describe what God did, we mean he made everything out of nothing just by speaking a few words.

Hebrews 3:4—Just like when you look at a house and know someone built it, that also is true when we look at the world around us.

Exodus 20:11

How does this passage help us to be certain that the days described in Genesis 1 were in fact 24-hour days?

Romans 1:20

What two qualities of God are clearly seen in creation?

What do we call the knowledge about God that we have from creation and our conscience?

Romans 5:12

Satan convinced Adam and Eve to bring sin into the world. What did sin bring into the world?

Main point — God created the universe and everything in it—including me—by his almighty power, but the devil lied and led the crown of God’s creation into sin and ruined God’s perfect creation.

Final considerations:

Have you ever broken or ruined something that was valuable to another person? Perhaps you dropped something made of glass that meant a lot to your mother because she had inherited it from her grandmother. Or perhaps you spilled some chocolate ice cream or spaghetti sauce on the expensive carpet at your aunt’s house. When something like that happens, you wish you could have a second chance so you could erase your mistake. If you were given a second chance, you would certainly be more careful. But once something like that has happened and the glass is broken or the carpet is stained, there is no second chance.



When a corporation dumps toxic waste into one end of a stream, it's not just that one area that is affected. Soon the pollution washes all the way down the stream and the entire river is polluted. Adam's rebellion had just this kind of effect. Our whole race became corrupted. One person is no better than another; we are all in this together.

Agree or Disagree?

- 1) ___ It is possible that God created the world by guiding the evolutionary process.
- 2) ___ God made everything in just six days.
- 3) ___ The earth is about 4.5 billion years old.
- 4) ___ Man and the ape are distant relatives.
- 5) ___ God made man to look like God.
- 6) ___ The world’s geography was changed drastically by the Flood of Noah.
- 7) ___ God is still creating things today.
- 8) ___ God’s beautiful world is evidence of his love for us.
- 9) ___ God’s beautiful world is evidence of his grace toward us.
- 10) ___ It takes more faith to believe in evolution than it does to believe in creation.
- 11) ___ The devil can never tell the truth.
- 12) ___ The devil doesn’t bother to try to trap Christians who are strong in their faith.
- 13) ___ A person cannot be a Christian if he or she believes the theory of evolution.
- 14) ___ We know the triune God is almighty because he created everything that exists simply by his Word.
- 15) ___ Evolution is a theory which has never been proven, and is unsupported by any conclusive facts.

- 16) The account of creation also tells us much about who we are. Finish this sentence: “By learning how Adam and Eve were created, I learn about myself that I am special because...”

- 17) People who believe in evolution instead of the Bible’s account of creation have a whole different view of human life. Why is this?

- 18) What does the Bible mean when it says that God created man and woman “in his own image”?

- 19) Why did the devil ruin God’s creation?

- 20) Why didn’t God just destroy the ruined creation and start over again?

What I’ve learned about God the Father:

Commit to Memory:

- The First Article with Luther’s explanation.
- Creation—Genesis 1