Sunday School Lesson July 24, 2022, Grace Baptist Kearneysville, West Virginia

"Basic Bible Stories - Creation" Gen. 1

Open: Story

- o The condition of the earth before creation. vs. 1-2
- Day 1 The creation of light earth. vs. 3-5
- Day 2 The creation of the earth's atmosphere. vs. 6-8
- Day 3 The creation of land and vegetation. vs. 9-13
- Day 4 The creation of sun moon and stars. vs. 14-19
- Day 5 The creation of animal life. vs. 20-23
- Day 6 The creation of man and animals. vs. 24-31

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- It is important to understand that Biblical account of Creation is talking about literal 24-hour days. We know this because of the repetitive statement, "...and the evening and the morning were the ______ day."
- It is important to recognize that faith allows us to see what human reasoning rejects. <u>Heb. 11:3</u> "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."
- It is undeniable that God created the world in seven literal days.
 - o John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
 - Ps. 33:6-11 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. [7] He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. [8] Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. [9] For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. [10] The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. [11] The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."
 - Ps. 89:11-12 "The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. [12] The north and the south thou hast created them:"
 - <u>Ps. 100:3</u> "Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."
 - Ps. 148:5-6 "Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. [6] He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass."
- We must not fail to recognize, that God created everything, for His pleasure.
 - Col. 1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"
 - Rev. 4:11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

I. Creation shows us the importance of God in our life. (vs. 1-2)

- a. Before God, this world was dark as was man's condition.
 - i. Ps. 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."
 - ii. **Ecc.7:20** "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."
 - iii. <u>John 8:44</u> "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
 - iv. **Eph. 5:8** "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"
- b. Without God, our life is nothing.
 - i. Mt. 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."
 - ii. <u>John 15:5</u> "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."
- c. When we ignore the Light, our lives are spent wandering in darkness.
 - i. **Prov. 4:19** "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."
 - ii. **Eph. 4:18** "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"
 - iii. 1 John 2:8-11 "Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. [9] He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. [10] He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. [11] But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."
- d. God called us out of the world to live a life that is pleasing to Him.
 - i. <u>1 Peter 2:9</u> "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"
 - ii. II Cor. 6:14-18 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

II. Creation shows us the importance of having order in our life. (vs. 3-25)

- a. God is the God of order, and we should live our lives orderly.
 - i. I do not have to try to find out what is best for my life, I just need to live the life God has preplanned me to live. **Ps. 37:23-24** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. [24] Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."
 - ii. We will live a godlier life if we live our life patterned after God's Word. **Ps. 119:133** "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me."
 - iii. God wants us to live orderly. 1 Cor. 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order."
 - iv. Life is more profitable when we live orderly. <u>Titus 1:5a</u> "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting..."
- b. When we ignore following Gods example of order our lives are lived in disorder and chaos.

<u>II Thess. 3:11</u> "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies."

III. Creation teaches us the importance of trusting God's plan for man. (vs. 26-31)

- Because God created the world and all that are in it, it would be foolish to think that the created could do better than obey what the Creator has instructed. *ILL:* Young man broken down on the side of the road, turns away Henry Ford. The maker of the very car this young man was having problems with.
- a. Man's Resources on the Earth. Gen. 1:28-30
 - i. God has showed us the best way to live.
 - ii. God has taught us how to get everything we need.
 - iii. God has showed us the order that will allow life to be lived to the fullest.
- b. Man's Responsibilities on Earth. Gen. 2:15
 - i. Man will enjoy the most in life when he chooses to do what God has instructed him to do.
 - ii. Man is happiest and lives a fulfilled life only when man chooses to do what God has told him he needs to do.
- c. Man's Relationship with God. Gen. 3:8-10
 - i. Man was created not only to do the work of God; but to also worship God.
 - ii. Man naturally seeks acceptance and love and will not be satisfied until he seeks that in his relationship with God.

Gen. 1:1

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

"Review Questions"

1.	God created everything in	days.	<mark>Seven</mark> .
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- 2. God created everything for _____ pleasure. His.
- 3. Creation shows us the importance of ______ in our life. God.
- 4. Creation shows us the importance of having _____ in our lives. Order.
- 5. Creation teaches us the importance of _____ God's plan for man. <u>Trusting</u>.