GENESIS 1:1-31

Genesis is a Greek word meaning “beginning”. The beginning of everything except who? God. He is eternal, without beginning or end. God is the Creator of all things. He is separate and apart from the created order.

Who is the Author? The writing has been attributed to Moses

1. CREATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

 Read 1:1-2:3

# Creator (1:1-2)

**Questions**

* Who existed *prior* to the formation of heaven and earth? (1:1)
* Who is the creator of all things? (1:1)
* Who else was there? (1:2b)
* Who else was there? (Hint, read John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16)
* What did God create? (1:1)
* What did earth look like in the beginning? (1:2)
* Who was hovering over the face of the deep? (1:2b)
* 1 Peter 1:2 (God, Holy Spirit, Jesus)

The deep is a single word in Hebrew suggesting this initial created state as being as shapeless as liquid water.

**Application**

How can you personally relate to what you just studied? Journal how the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart.

For me, the above description is a reminder of my heart before Christ entered. My heart was without form and order. My heart was dark and void of the Spirit. My heart was empty and disorderly which resulted in any bad behaviors. However, after I received Jesus into my heart, my Father began to shape my heart through His Word. His light caused the darkness to flee.

This reminds me regardless of how chaotic or out of control my life may seem, my loving Father can create order within my life. However, I must open the door and invite Him in. (Rev. 3:20)

Let’s talk about new beginnings for a moment. For some of us, starting something new, beginning something new, can be frightening. After all, we tend to be comfortable with what we know even when it may not be God’s best for us.

All new beginnings begin with God. He is our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

This is your Genesis. You are changing from prior ways, to the unknown. New beginnings can be concerning and result in fearfulness.

But with God, we can have the confidence knowing he brings beauty and order to our uncertainty and turbulent times. He brings order to our disorder, peace to our pain, and brings light into our darkness.

Friend, The Healing Place is your Genesis.

The same God who created this vast complicated world out of nothing, created you and me for a beautiful purpose.

When He begins to *hover* over the deep recesses of our heart, mind, and body, rest in knowing He’s got this. He’s got *you*! He will equip you and give you strength.

# Six days of creation (1:3-31)

**Questions**

* Fill in the blanks below writing what God created on each day.

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| Day 1 |  |
| Day 2 |  |
| Day 3 |  |
| Day 4 |  |
| Day 5 |  |
| Day 6 |  |

Day 1: God created light, day and night.

Symbolically, the Bible tells us that light also represents:

* *Life* is the light of men. (Jn.1:4)
* *Believers* are the light of the world. (Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 12:36)
* *Jesus* is the light of the world. (Jn. 1:1-14; Jn. 8:12)
* *The Bible*, God’s Word, is the lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. (Ps. 119:105) The entrance of thy words gives light (Ps. 119:130)
* *God* is light. (Ps. 56:13; Isa. 60:19; Mic. 7:8; 1 Jn.1:5)

**Application**

After reading Gen. 1:3-5, journal how the Lord is speaking to your heart about these Scriptures. How do we apply what we have read?

When a light is turned on in a dark room, darkness must flee. Darkness and light can never coexist. (John 1:5)

There is a separation of light and darkness. For us that separation occurs when we accept Jesus as our Savior. We are no longer in bondage to the darkness of the devil or the world.

The word of God is a lamp unto our feet. It will light the way for us by making things clear for us to see.

The Word is a light unto our path. In dark times, God’s headlights will shine before us to show what is ahead. God’s word gives direction to a better path and way of life.

As children of the most High God, we are the light of the world. We have an obligation to our Father to make right choices so that our light can shine for Him. He can use the light within us to shine the path for others to come to Him.

The creation Scriptures also tell me God has the authority and power to make something out of nothing. My life may be messy and disorderly now, however, he is not finished yet. He is showing me how much can be done one day at a time.

With each passing day, God created something new and fantastic. I need to be patient and wait on His perfect timing. Change doesn’t always happen overnight. My Father makes beauty out of burnt ashes. He is not finished with me yet.

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**Questions**

Earlier, you listed the things God created, the stars, sky, sun, moon, animals, rocks, etc.

Can I ask you a question? Who or what do you worship? The Creator or the created?

* Do you worship or find your hope in the stars or moon? (Horoscopes)
* Does your hope come from rubbing two stones together?
* Do you bow to wooden images or angels?
* Did you worship and bow to your addictions?

If you do, why would you worship created things and not the higher power? Who is the higher power? God himself.

How can we prove this? Who has the power over Him?

Do the angels, stars, moon, stones, beads, volcano, have more power than the higher power of God?

Why would anyone put their trust or faith in anything but God who created all these things and who has the power to do away with them all.

* Underline below what scripture says about what will happen to the created things.

Hebrews 1:10 “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak, You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

Journal a closing prayer giving praise and thanksgiving to your loving Father in heaven.

Homework

1)We covered light today in detail. Go through all the remaining days of creation as written in 1:3-31. Journal how the Lord is peaking to your heart.

2)Go to the website, [www.karikeensmith.com](http://www.karikeensmith.com), under the Healing Place tab and prepare for the next lesson, Genesis 1-B.

Additional scriptures:

“Before Me, there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior…before the day was, I am He;” Isa. 43:10-11; 43:13

“I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no god.” Isa. 44:6

“Those who make an image, all of them are useless, and their precious things hall not profit” Isa. 43:9

Prayer

Father, creator of the universe, come shine Your holy light upon the depths of my heart, mind, and emotions. Expose any area that is not pleasing to You. I confess all areas of darkness and sin to You. I will obediently walk in the right way. Be a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path. Shine before my walk with You. Give me Your light, Lord. Give me the strength to turn from sin and turn towards You.

In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.