GENESIS 1:1-31 (B)

1. Homework Review

* Last week we discussed light today in detail. List all of the things God created each day as written in 1:3-31.

What were created each day?

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| Day 1 | Light (so there was light and darkness) |
| Day 2 | Sky and water (separation of the two) |
| Day 3 | Land and seas; vegetation |
| Day 4 | Sun, moon, and stars (govern day, night, mark seasons, days, and years) |
| Day 5 | Fish and birds |
| Day 6 | Animals, man and woman |

Notice the order in which God created everything. An order that depended on the creation of the prior day. Sunlight was created before the vegetation. Fish and birds were created after the seas and vegetation. Man was created after food. God always creates in a perfect order.

In all that God created, what did he say about it? It was very good. (Gen 1:31)

* Last week we spoke about light being created on the first day of creation and how light and darkness cannot coexist.
* Did anyone ask the Lord to shine His light on dark areas of your heart?
* Did anyone have any dark area that the Lord wants gone?
* Did anyone journal how the Lord may have spoken to your heart after reading the remaining days of creation? Would you like to share your thoughts?

CREATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH (Continued)

Read 1:26-31

# Creation (1:26)

**Questions**

* God says, “Let *us* make mankind…” Who is God talking about? Who made up the “us”? (Hint, refer back to last week’s lesson in Gen. 1:2)
* Man was created in the image of who? (1:26)
* Can you barely take that in? We were created in God’s image! How does that make you feel?
* What does it mean to be created in God’s image and likeness? (Hint: Gen 1:2; 1 Thes. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:47)
* We are created to reflect God’s character and His Spirit. What are character traits of God? (1 John 4:7-21; 1 Corin 10:13; 1 John 1:5; 2 Peter 3:9; James 1:17) The bible says God is spirit (John 4:24). What are the fruits of the spirit? (Gal. 5:22-23)
* We were created differently from all the beasts of the earth. We have body, soul, and spirit. (1 Thes. 5:23; Ja. 2:26; Gen. 2:7)
* The soul of man bears the image of God. Man was created to glorify God.

**Application**

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

For me, to know I was created in God’s image makes me feel special, highly valued, and purposeful. Regardless of how the world may have defined me, or how my parents may have influenced or defined me, ultimately, I am created in God’s image. I may have been adversely influenced by the world but I am created in God’s image. I have self-worth knowing this. I must treat myself in a responsible and respectful manner - a way honoring to my Heavenly Father because He values me.

God created the earth and all therein one day at a time. A reminder that He is creating a new and good work in me one day at a time. Change can

 take time. Patience is required on my part as I continue to wait on Him.

# Mankind (1:26-31)

**Questions**

* God created two types of mankind. What were they? (vs. 27)
* What authority did God give man and women? Write your answers below.

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| Vs. 26 |  |
| Vs. 28 |  |
| Vs. 29 |  |

**Application**

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

For me, this teaches that males and females were both created in God’s image. They were created the same in personhood but different in functionhood. (Ch. 3) Neither gender is better or worse than the other. We do have different rolls to fulfill. Scripture also teaches me that our gender, male or female, is determined by God. Culture, popularity, opinions of others, nor myself has any authority or right to sidestep what God determined me to be (gender) in His image.

God gave man certain instructions. One was to populate the earth. It was God’s design that male and female were to be used to populate the earth. Female to female or male to mail cannot humanly carry out this function. Only male and female can fulfill this mandate. Scripture also teaches me that our gender identification, male or female, is determined by God. Culture, popularity, opinions of others, nor myself has any authority or right to sidestep what God determined me to be (gender) in His image. Make no mistake, God did not design females and females to be in physical relations with one another. God di not design male and male to be in physical relation with one another.

**Questions**

* Was there any shedding of blood at this point in creation?
* What did God say about all that He created in vs. 31?

Journal a closing prayer giving praise and thanksgiving to your loving Father in heaven for creating you in His image.

Homework:

1)Go to the website, [www.karikeensmith.com](http://www.karikeensmith.com), under the Healing Place tab and prepare for the next lesson. Or read Genesis chapter 2. Lessons will be posted by Wednesday.

Additional scriptures:

“Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.” Isa. 43:7