

STUDY ONE

All Things Were Created By Him And For Him

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Introduction

This is one of the most important sections of the entire Bible. In this study we learn about God the creator and how the creation is related to him. In particular we learn the significance of man and his relation to his creator. Many of the problems of both traditional and modern thinking would be solved if only people studied this section of the Bible and believed what it teaches.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) What existed in the beginning (1:1)?

b) What does this teach us about God? (See Ps. 93:2)

2.a) What did God create?

b) How did He create?

c) What does this tell us about God's words? (See Is. 55:10-11)

3.a) What is God's creation like (1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 & 31)?

b) What does this teach us about God? (See Ps. 34:8)

4.a) What can we learn about man from this story (1:27)?

b) Why is the phrase in v.27 repeated again & again?

c) In what ways is man like God?

d) In what ways are we different from God?

e) Are men and women different or the same?

f) What should our attitude be towards other people?

g) Are all people created equal?

5.a) What is the relationship of man with the rest of creation (1:26 & 28)?

b) How do people today abuse their rule over creation?

6.a) What did God do on the seventh day (2:2-3)?

b) What does this tell us about work and rest?

7. How should we respond to God when we think about His creation? (See Ps. 148:1-6)

For Further Thought And Action

Spend some time in the coming week praising God for his creation.

Memory Verse

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 1:16