



ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

LESSON 1: CREATION

Reading:

- ☐ Genesis 1
- ☐ Psalm 19:1
- ☐ John 1:1-3
- ☐ Romans 1:20
- ☐ Hebrews 1:2-3
- ☐ Hebrews 11:3

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Introductions:

Have you ever attempted to count the stars in the night sky? According to astronomers, there are approximately 200 billion trillion stars in our observable universe.

Have you ever noticed the number of different trees just in your neighborhood? It is estimated that there are 73,300 tree species on Earth.

Do you ever wonder if the sun will rise tomorrow or set in the evening? Have you ever thought about the changes in seasons and how they occur?

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

The reality is that there was a time when none of it existed. So did it come out of nothing all by itself or was it created by something self-existent and eternal? The doctrine of creation is foundational to the Christian faith.

God's Perfect Creation:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:1-3

The Bible places great significance on creation. Genesis 1 and John 1 both begin with the words "In the beginning." These words mean that the world we live in and humanity had an origin or beginning. They did not just always exist.

We also learn from these verses that in the beginning, God was there, which means He does not have an origin. He has always existed and is eternal. In Genesis 1, John 1:3 and several other verses in Scripture, we also see that God spoke everything into existence.



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Why is it important to believe that God created everything? Well, because Scripture says so. In addition, God as Creator is prominent in the Biblical presentation of God's character and nature. Not only do we have a historical account of what took place during creation (let's face it, no one else was there but God), but we also see God's power, love and very nature in the creative order. The more we learn about the complexity of the Earth, universe, and human body, the more evident it is that it was created by a Creator.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:20

Much of the world does not support the view that a Creator God spoke everything into existence, but if Scripture is God's Word then we have to believe what it says. Also, when was the last time you looked up the probability of the alternative?

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3

Jesus Sighting:

The triune God, one God, three persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit - were all present at creation. God used the words "us" and "our" in the creation story. When you read the story of creation found in Genesis 1, every reference to "God said" is Jesus, The Word of God. Genesis 1:2 says, And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. That is the Holy Spirit.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

[B]ut in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:2-3

Reflection:

In your own words explain why it's important to believe that God created everything? Do you believe God's account of creation found in Genesis 1?

Next Lesson:

In light of this - who am I?