

# Genesis

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I. God the Son created everything and is the center of it all. (Genesis 1:1)

- A. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
- B. The complete physical world was created by Christ. (John 1:1-3)
- C. Jesus Christ is the creator of all spiritual life and rebirth. (II Corinthians 5:17)
- D. Jesus Christ is the center of all things visible and invisible, physical and spiritual.
- E. The emphasis of all we do must be Jesus Christ.

II. The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep. (Genesis 1:2)

- A. Form and void mean confusion and emptiness.
- B. Everyone without Christ in their lives live in confusion and emptiness.
- C. Can anything be brought to life in a world of such confusion and emptiness? (Ezekiel 37:1-3)
- D. God can bring the lost to life when we pray that the Holy Spirit will work through our lives. (Ezekiel 37:9-10)
- E. Pray no matter how long it takes and watch God raise up an army of disciples.

III. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (Genesis 1:3)

- A. Human souls need light.
- B. Jesus Christ is the light of life. (John 1:4)
- C. The only solution to grappling in the dark is light, which allows us to see who we are and where we are going.
- D. Jesus is the light. (John 8:12)
- E. The same God who created physical light gave us the light of the knowledge of the glory of Jesus Christ. (II Corinthians 4:3-6)
- F. God has revealed Himself in a warm, personal way instead of an intellectual, impersonal way.

IV. God divided the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:4)

- A. Righteousness and light is contrasted with lawlessness and darkness. (II Corinthians 6:14-7:1)
- B. Light cannot live with darkness because God divided them in Genesis 1:4.

C. It is so easy to let the world's ways creep into our lives.

D. We have to be careful when it comes to music, reading material, and movies because they impact our lives.

E. In Heaven, there will be no darkness. In Hell, there will be no light.

V. God made the firmament/expansion. (Genesis 1:6)

A. The Christian life is not restrictive but expansive.

B. God gives growth and fruit. (Genesis 1:7-13)

VI. God made the sun and the moon. (Genesis 1:14-19)

A. Sun and moon called great lights because they give the most light.

B. Sun and moon are given rule over the day and night.

1. Rule has to do with how much light you can give, not size or personality.

2. How much light do you give off?

C. The only light the moon has is the light it reflects from the sun to bring light to a darkened world.

D. The reflective power of our lives is the only power we have.

E. Spiritual leadership boils down to our personal, daily relationship with Jesus Christ.

F. The brightness of the light depends on our closeness to Him.

G. "If you get so involved in the work of the Kingdom that you don't have time for the King, you're off target." Dawson Trotman

H. The light is Christ and that is all we have. (II Samuel 23:3-4)

VII. God is a God of order and variety. (Genesis 1:24-25)

A. Man is a person of disorder and conformity.

B. God's variety is revealed in the animals He created. However, there is still order.

VIII. God created man. (Genesis 1:26-2:7)

A. God created everything else first.

B. Where was man when God created the foundation of the earth? (Job 38:4)

C. God had everything that man would need when He created Adam.

D. Everything was perfect – there was no mutiny, rebellion, and sin in our souls.

E. God told both humans and animals to be fruitful and multiply. (Genesis 1:22, 28)

F. God told them to do this after He blessed them – therefore we need to live under the blessing and happiness of God.

1. Walking in trust and obedience lead to God's blessing.

G. Focus on experiencing God's blessing and that will lead to fruitfulness and multiplication.

H. God formed man out of the dust of the ground. (Genesis 2:7)

I. Our life did not come from the ground but from God alone.

J. Therefore our life must not cleave to the earth.

K. We got our life from God and should therefore live our lives for Him. (Colossians 3:1-3)

#### IX. The Fall. (Genesis 3:1-13)

A. Adam and Eve suggest that it is God's fault because He created the woman and the serpent that led to their disobedience.

B. Satan has two attacks on us (Ephesians 6:11, Revelation 12:9):

1. Cleverness/subtlety – Not because he is smart but because He is old

2. Power

C. Both Eve and Jesus were alone when they were tempted.

D. We need each other to keep us from sin and keep us on track – God designed us as a body.

E. Therefore, we should openly confess our need on others.

F. Solitude breeds temptation.

G. Eve was not only alone but she was hanging out around the forbidden tree.

H. Satan tempted Adam by Eve, Job by his wife, and Jesus by Peter – Satan will use those closest to us to tempt us.

I. Satan communicates to our:

1. Deceitful hearts

2. Fleshly desires

3. Human reason – We must get the mind of Christ instead of pursuing our own thoughts. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

- J. Satan questions if it is really sin or not. (Genesis 3:4)
- K. Then he suggests there is great advantage in our sin. (Genesis 3:5)
- L. Scoffers will come in the last days and tempt us. (II Timothy 3:17, II Peter 3:3)
- M. We handle sin and temptation as Jesus did – “Get thee behind me, Satan.”
- N. The best way to keep out of harm is to keep out of harm’s way.
- O. The devil knew the consequences of sin when he lied to Eve.