

6. Creation

God is Creator of all things, and has revealed in Scripture the authentic account of His creative activity. In six days the Lord made "the heaven and the earth" and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week. Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of His completed creative work. The first man and woman were made in the image of God as the crowning work of Creation, given dominion over the world, and charged with the responsibility to care for it. When the world was finished it was "very good," declaring the glory of God.

God created all things through the Son, and the Bible gives the authentic account of His activity during creation week. The Sabbath memorializes His work and the origin of our world.

- God created all things through the Son. Hebrews 1:1-2
- God created all things by His word. Psalm 33:6, 9; Hebrews 11:3
- All life on earth was created during the six-day creation week. Genesis 1 & 2
- Everything was perfect in God's original creation. Genesis 1:31
- The Sabbath is a memorial of God's completed creative work. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

Texts for further study: Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 104

Human beings, made in the image of God, are the crowning work of God's creation, and are placed on the earth to care for it.

- We are made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26-27
- We are given dominion over the world. Psalm 8

Personal Application

-  Are any of my problems too big for the Creator of the universe to solve?
-  What sort of activities could help me receive the full benefit from the day God has set aside as a memorial of Creation?
-  Will I live differently when I totally accept the fact that God has placed me here and given me the responsibility to care for His creation?
-  Knowing that God has created human beings as the most special part of His creation, and has made me a steward of the earth, helps me to respect myself and all life on earth. Knowing my origin gives me confidence for the future.

Commitment

- I believe that You created the entire universe. I also believe that You had a special purpose in mind when You created me. I give myself to You to fulfil Your plan for me.