



SESSION 1

GOD'S CREATION REVELATION

Theme: God created paradise to declare His glory
and bring His creatures joy.

I. God's " _____ " Creation (Gen. 1:1–30)

A. _____ God created (1:1–30)

God created the entire universe in ____ days from _____.

B. _____ God's creation was " _____ "

1. It revealed God's _____ (Ps. 19:1–6)

God made the _____ by simply speaking. That's mind-boggling _____!

2. It reflected God's _____ (Rom. 1:18–21)

All that God created was _____ in its original, _____ form.

3. It communicated God's _____ (Matt. 6:26–30)

Jesus pointed His followers to His creation as _____ of His love for them.

II. God's " _____ " Creation (Gen. 1:31—2:25)

The combination of the _____ of God's "good" creation made it " _____ good."

A. God sustained _____ (2:4–7)

1. _____ and _____ life (2:4–6)

God set up the earth to be _____.

2. _____ life (2:7)

God _____ into Adam's _____ body the breath of life.

B. God _____ to man (2:8, 9, 16, 17)

Adam and Eve enjoyed the _____ and _____ of being rightly related to God.

C. God provided _____ (2:10–15)

God provided _____ and _____ to Adam to use in glorifying Him.

D. God established _____ relationships (2:18–25)

Adam and Eve's marriage union provided a _____ for _____ generations.



Time with God

Read each passage and answer the questions to spend personal time with God.

MONDAY

Read Genesis 1:1–30.

What about God's creation impresses you the most? Why?

Glorify God for three things He created during the creation week.

THURSDAY

Read Genesis 2:4–7.

How did God give life to plants, animals, and Adam?

God still gives and sustains life. Praise Him every-day for the gift of breath and life.

TUESDAY

Read Psalm 19:1–6; Romans 1:18–21.

What truths do the heavens (everything in outer space) reveal about God's glorious power?

What does God expect man to do with the evidence of His attributes, including His power and glory?

FRIDAY

Read Genesis 2:8, 9, 16, 17.

The Tree of Life gave Adam and Eden the opportunity to express their dependence on God. How do you show God your dependence on Him?

The forbidden fruit gave Adam and Eve the opportunity to demonstrate their devotion to and trust in God. How do you show God your devotion to Him?

WEDNESDAY

Read Matthew 6:26–30.

What did Jesus say we can learn about God from birds and lilies?

What else in God's creation reminds you that God loves and cares for you?

SATURDAY

Read Genesis 2:18–25.

God invented the family and designed it to bring Him glory. How might you glorify God through your family?

Pray for your family members and thank God for them.

Tough Questions Answered



Did God expect Adam to be a goldsmith and jeweler?



Genesis 2 helps us understand why God called the completion of His creation “very good.” The presence of gold and onyx near Eden is one of the reasons.

After Adam’s sin and after the rise of Israel, God instructed His People to use gold and onyx in making their high priest’s garments (Exod. 28:9–12). The priest wore a breastplate that connected to two onyx stones, one on each of the priest’s shoulders. On each stone were six of the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. The idea is that the garments represented God’s glory and righteousness. The high priest put on the garments to symbolize putting on God’s righteousness as a result of the forgiveness of Israel’s sins. The priest gained access to God on behalf of the people of Israel. The gold and onyx in the priest’s garments conveyed that God is glorious and that God’s People are valuable to Him.

God created the universe, including gold and onyx, as a means of glorifying His name. He made us for that purpose too.

David listed gold and onyx in the building materials for the temple (1 Chron. 29:1, 2). The gold and onyx and other precious stones made the temple beautiful and luxurious. The temple showed respect for God and reflected His greatness and gloriousness.

God will also use onyx (sardonyx) and gold in constructing the New Jerusalem, the believer’s eternal home on the new earth (Rev. 21:19–21). Onyx will be one of the twelve stones that form the city’s foundation. And God will use gold in constructing the city, including the streets. As was the case with the high priest’s garments and Solomon’s temple, the New Jerusalem will reflect God’s greatness and gloriousness (21:9–11). As believers in eternity, we will behold the city and give God glory forever (21:24).

God created the universe, including gold and onyx, as a means of glorifying His name. He made us for that purpose too. He wants us to do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). That doesn’t mean we wear a lot of gold and precious stones or build gaudy churches. Our bodies are God’s temple in this age. Our words and actions should demonstrate His gloriousness to the world and prompt them to glorify Him (Matt. 5:16).

Awe-inspiring Shrimp



The loudest animal in the world? A lion, elephant, or howling monkey? None of the noises those animals can make compare to the decibels a pistol shrimp creates when it collapses air bubbles by snapping its oversized claw shut. The prawn, just four to five centimeters long, makes sound waves of 218 decibels or more! By comparison, gunfire reaches 170 decibels and NHRA dragsters roar at about 160 decibels. The 1883 Krakatoa volcanic eruption reached 230 decibels.

The pistol shrimp's claw snapping also produces temperatures of around 8,600 degrees



Fahrenheit! That's only slightly cooler than the sun's surface.

God, of course, deserves all the credit for the pistol shrimp's amazing abilities. We can only stand in awe of Him as we observe His amazing creation. He deserves our praise for making the pistol shrimp so small and yet so powerful.

Memory Verse Review



Memory Verse—Psalm 33:8, 9

To fear the Lord means to respect Him based on the revelation of Himself. To stand in awe of the Lord means to be amazed by Him. God planned the universe and then spoke it into existence. And the universe continues to this day because God holds it in place. God's creative acts should move us to stand in awe of Him. As our creator, the Lord deserves our deepest respect. We belong to Him, and He will hold us accountable for our lives.

1. What does fearing God look like in your life? What should it look like?
2. What about God's creation do you find awe-inspiring?
3. Praise God right now for His awe-inspiring creative acts.

Additional Memory Verses—Psalm 33:4–7.

Measuring Growth



God created the universe in just six days to reveal His power, reflect His perfection, and communicate His love. Adam and Eve lived joyfully and contentedly in the Garden of Eden. The combination of the parts of God's "good" creation made it "very good." God sustained all forms of life, related to man, provided raw materials for man to use in glorifying Him, and established family order and relationships. As we consider the state of God's creation before the entrance of sin into the world, we should be moved to fear God and stand in awe of Him.

Look for the following indicators that you recognize God's purpose in creation.

1. I take time to observe God's creation.
2. I respond to God's awesome creation by praising Him and by thanking Him for continuing to work out His redemption plan.
3. I use God's amazing creation as a reminder that I am accountable to Him.