

LESSON ONE

THE BEGINNING OF ALL CREATION

Read Genesis chapter 1 and 2. They tell about the creation of the world and all that is in it.

Part I: True (T) or False (F).

- The Bible begins by explaining the origin of God.
- God created heaven and earth in six normal days.
- God has no beginning nor end.
- Man was created in God's image, holy and without sin.
- Man was created as a higher form of animal.
- The theory of evolution agrees with the Bible story of creation.
- The woman was created to be a companion to man.
- God's creation was perfect and beautiful.
- Man was created with sin in his heart.
- We owe God thankfulness because of his goodness.

Part II: Mark the correct answer(s).

1. How long has God existed?
 - He came into being with creation
 - He exists from all eternity
 - The Bible does not tell us
2. How did the world come into being?
 - Through the process of evolution
 - God created it
 - Through an accidental big bang in the universe
3. How long did it take God to create heaven and earth?
 - Billions of years
 - Six normal days
 - An unknown amount of time

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4. What was the world like at creation?
 It was already sinful
 It was perfect
 We don't know because the Bible doesn't tell us
5. What was so special about the creation of man and woman?
 God gave them a living soul
 They had no sin
 They were created in God's image
 Since man was perfect he could never fall into sin
6. What was to be man's duty?
 To rule and take care of the earth
 To get out of the world as much as possible
 To treat all creation as a gift of God
7. What is to be man's response because of God's goodness in creation?
 To thank God for his love
 To rely on himself even more
 To praise and worship God
 To abuse creation for his own personal pleasure

Part III: For thought and discussion.

1. As we read Genesis 1:1, what does the Bible not try to prove? Why not?
2. What did God use in order to create heaven and earth? How were man and woman created?
3. Why are the six days of creation so special? At the same time, why are they so ordinary?
4. What did God give man and woman, which he did not give to any other creation?
5. When God finished his creation, what did he say about it? How good was his creation?
6. What does the wonderful creation of God remind us to do every day?

LESSON TWO

THE PROMISE IS MADE

Read Genesis chapter 3. In this chapter we read about the fall of mankind into sin and the promise of a Savior.

Part I: True (T) or False (F).

- God gave Adam and Eve the ten commandments.
- God gave them one commandment not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- The punishment for any disobedience would be death.
- Since the devil tempted Adam and Eve into sin, it wasn't really their fault.
- Since man didn't die right away, God really didn't keep his word.
- Man sinned by eating of the forbidden fruit.
- God gave man one more chance after his first sin.
- By his disobedience man lost the perfect and holy image of God.
- Man was also punished by being put out of the garden of Eden.
- God forgot about man after his fall into sin.
- In his love God gave man the promise of a Savior.
- Because of Adam and Eve's sin all mankind is now born sinful.

Part II: Mark the correct answer(s).

1. For what purpose did God give man one commandment?
 - To see if he would sin
 - To let man show his love and obedience to God
 - To permit man to become holier by being obedient

2. Why did Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit?
 - They didn't have much to enjoy in the garden of Eden
 - They were tempted by the devil
 - They thought they could be as smart as God
 - They didn't know it was wrong to do so

LESSON THREE

THE PROMISE IS KEPT

Read the gospel of Luke in the New Testament. Here we learn of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Part I: True (T) or False (F).

- _____ Jesus Christ is the promised Savior.
- _____ Very few people longed for and looked for the coming Savior.
- _____ Christ was born according to God's eternal plan.
- _____ No one knew where Christ would be born.
- _____ The angels announced the birth of Christ to humble shepherds.
- _____ The shepherds found little joy in the fact that Christ was born.
- _____ Even the baby Jesus was true God and true man.
- _____ Jesus only came to save believers.
- _____ Only the poor and needy will be saved.
- _____ Jesus performed miracles to prove that he is the almighty Son of God.

Part II: Mark the correct answer(s).

1. Why did the Savior have to be true God?
 - _____ Man cannot save himself
 - _____ Only God could keep the law perfectly
 - _____ The Bible said the Savior would be true God
2. Why did the Savior also have to be true man?
 - _____ He needed to be born under the law in order to keep it
 - _____ He had to be born sinful
 - _____ The Bible foretold it
3. Why was Christ born in a stable in Bethlehem?
 - _____ He came first of all to save the poor
 - _____ God had foretold it through the Old Testament prophets
 - _____ God wanted him to be born in all humility
 - _____ God couldn't provide them anything better

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4. What was the message Christ preached to all?
 God sent him to punish all sinners
 The rich will not be saved
 He that believes in him shall have life eternal
 That God is a God of love

5. Why did Christ do so many miracles?
 In his love he saw the need and helped wherever he could
 He wanted to have the people make him king in this world
 He wanted to prove that he was the almighty Son of God

6. Who only is saved?
 He who believes only in Christ
 He who believes in Christ and does good works
 He who tries to do his best in the world and loves everybody

Part III: For thought and discussion.

1. Why didn't the Jews have any excuse in receiving Jesus as their only Savior?

2. If the Savior was to be a true man, why didn't God just pick one from the rest of humanity?

3. Why didn't God save mankind with his almighty power?

4. Why does the devil try so hard to keep the hearers of God's Word from believing in Christ?

5. If Jesus came to save mankind from sin, why did he have to perform so many miracles?