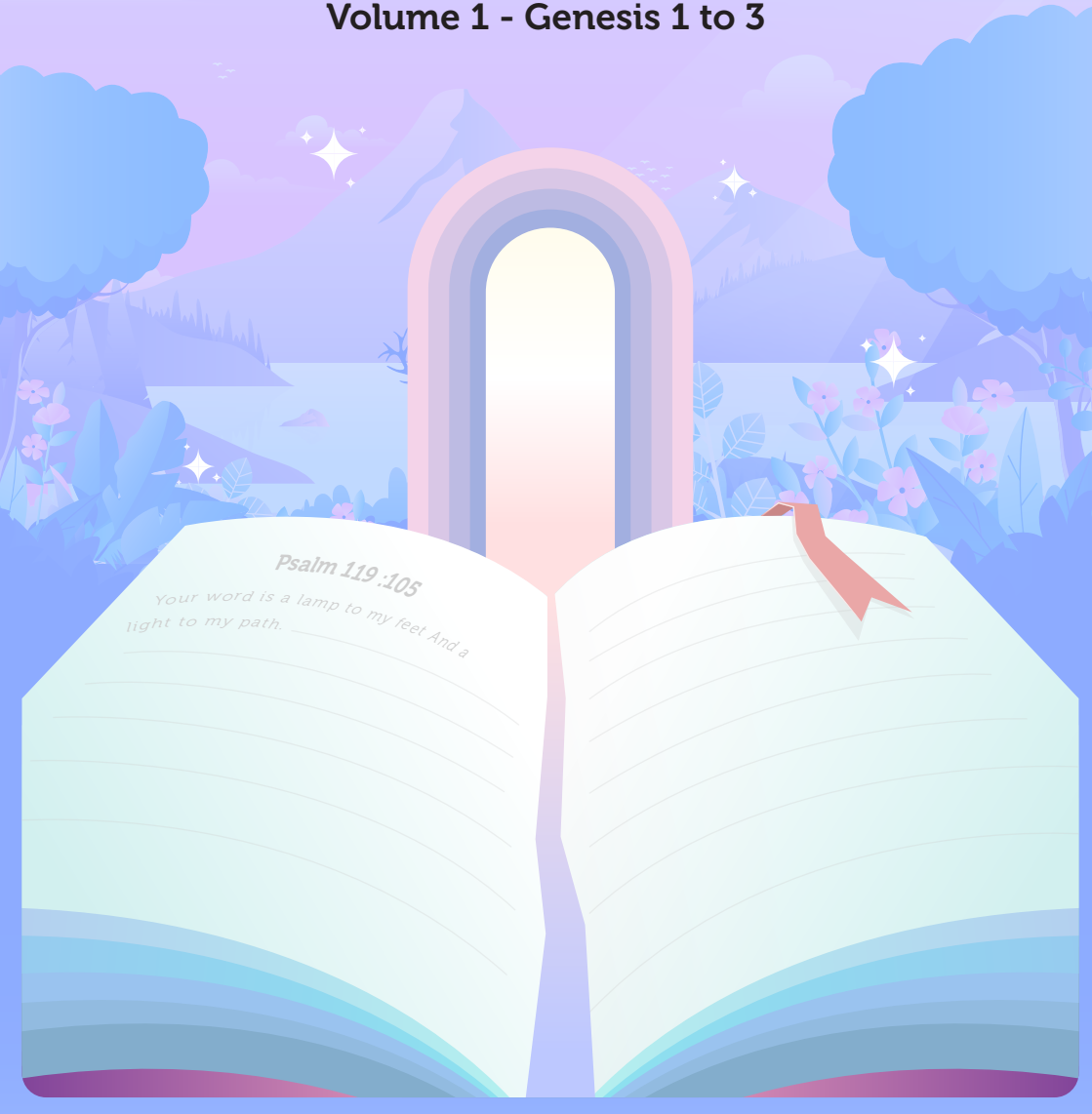
THRU the BIBLE

SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

Creation to Fall

Volume 1 - Genesis 1 to 3



Welcome Friends

These are **God's resources** for you to read at your own pace.



Anytime during a week



According to **your convenience**



You can go through all the material in one go (**30-45 minutes** - Read, Reflect and Apply)

or



choose how much to read each day

or



use our recommended pauses to stop and resume at your own pace.



May the time you spend with the Lord enrich your relationship with Him.

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Why

Tap into **God's Intelligence** to live life?

Because

God has chosen us to
be on the team of his Son
JESUS CHRIST
our Lord

His kingdom is a
Kingdom Of Light

It's a high calling;
a Holy Calling;
a Heavenly Calling

We are
Citizens of Heaven

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Sent as **Christ's Representatives** on earth

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Equipped and Empowered with
God's word that tells us how to live according to
Heaven's rules (God's standards) here on earth.

Implementing
God's Will on earth

Making Disciples

Impacting Communities

Being
God's Salt & Light

Overcome
Kingdom of darkness
Self-centered world & devil

How to use this Scripture Engagement



Begin with Prayer
Before you start each lesson, ask the Lord to use it to grow you up in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Read the Bible passage first
Invite God to open your eyes and deepen your understanding of His Word.



If you want to listen to Dr. McGee's complete teaching on the passage, go to TTB.org, download the app, watch it on Youtube, or read this material.



After every teaching, you can look at the scripture engagement questions listed here for your consideration or, if you're reading this as a group, for your discussion.



Ask the Spirit to help you take what He wants to show you to heart.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom and teaching...

~ Colossians 3:16

Personal Preparation

Personal preparation is for you to go through this material on your own during the week.

If you are part of a group, your contribution in meeting and sharing together will encourage collective spiritual growth.

Meet Share Grow

Meet Together, Share Together & Encourage ONE ANOTHER



Coming Together **Once a Week**

Coming Prepared

- Read, Listen or Watch TTB Teachings

No Preachings. No Teachings. Rather **Sharing and Learning** from one another.

Meeting Together

- Discussing what you gained from **God's Intelligence**
- Your Take Away
- Discussing the Scripture Engagement questions

Close in Prayers

Prepare Ahead for your next coming together

How
to tap into God's Intelligence to apply into your situation

Read Scripture Engagement

Reflect think about it

Respond to application Questions

Remember to note it in your take away section.

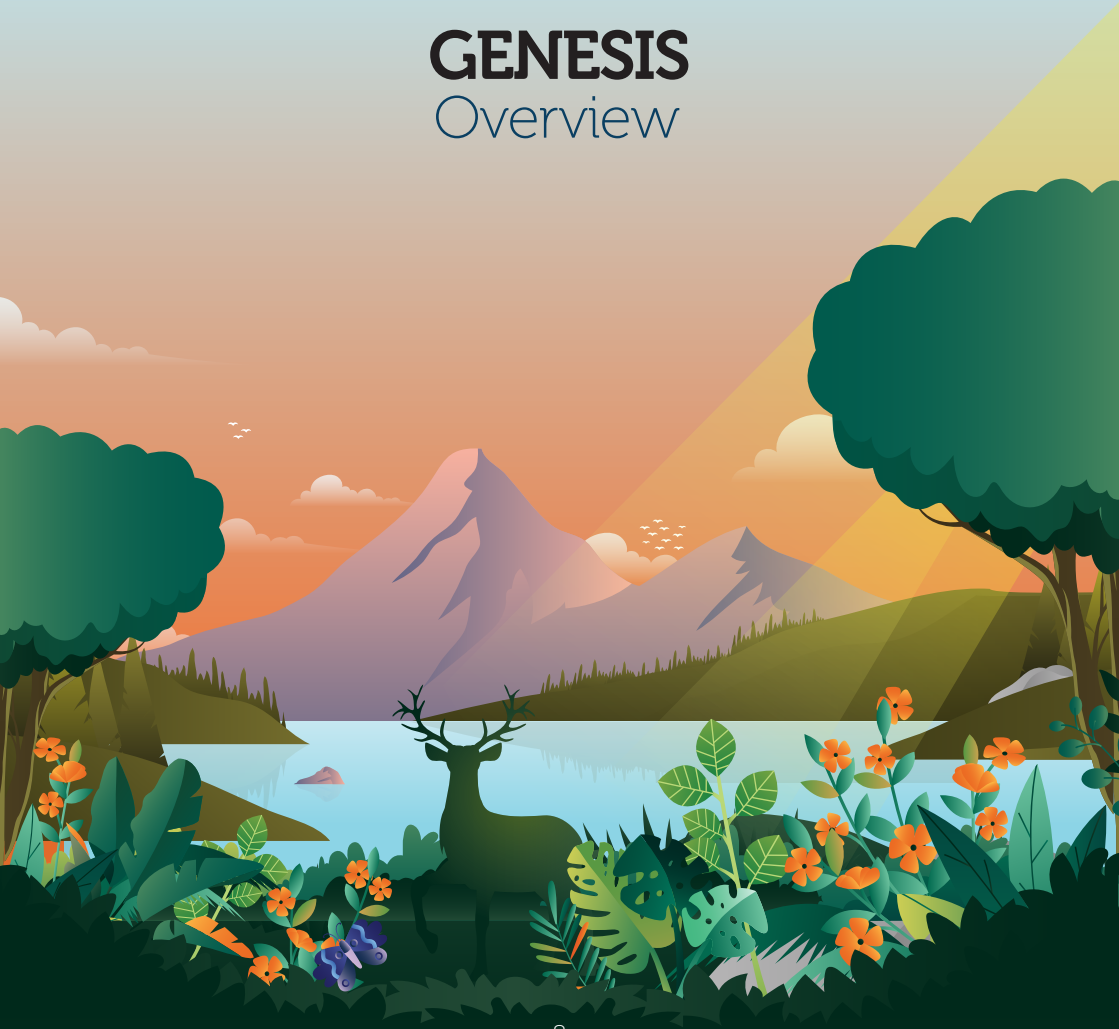


Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

> *"We are living in the day of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the day of grace, when the Spirit of God takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us."*

THRU the BIBLE

GENESIS
Overview



2 Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Ways to Study The Bible

You need to keep these two ways of studying the Bible in mind before you begin.



First step is to get a

Telescopic View

The **Telescopic view** is the first step in Bible study, focusing on understanding the **"big picture"** of each book - its overarching themes and structure - before moving into a more detailed analysis.



Second step is to study in

Microscopic View

The **Microscopic view** follows as the second step, diving deeper into each chapter to explore its key theme, key verses, significant words, teachings about Christ, commands to follow, promises to claim, and new truths for reflection and application.

GOD
EXISTS

Eternity
(forever)

How God exists in time?

PAST

FUTURE

PRESENT



Understanding time within earth's perspective.

Telescopic View / Bird's Eye view

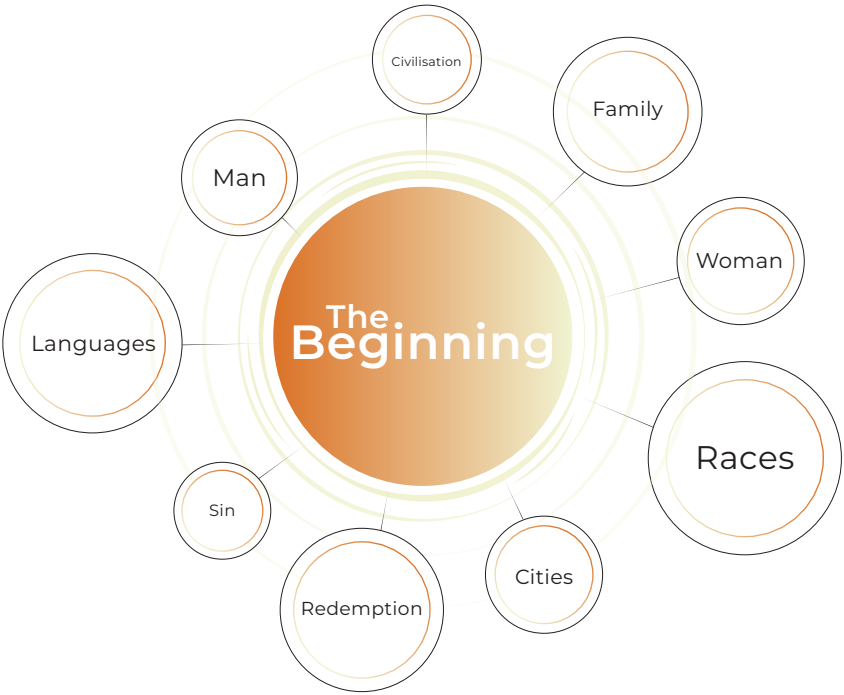
"Genesis is the "seed plot" of the Bible, and here we find the beginning, the source, the birth of everything.

The Book of Genesis is just like the bud of a beautiful rose, and it opens out into the rest of the Bible."

~ Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Ⓐ **Genesis is a book that states how everything began for the first time.** (Genesis 1-11)

Creation, man, woman, marriage, family, sin, redemption, work, civilization, culture, murder, sacrifice, races, languages, and cities.

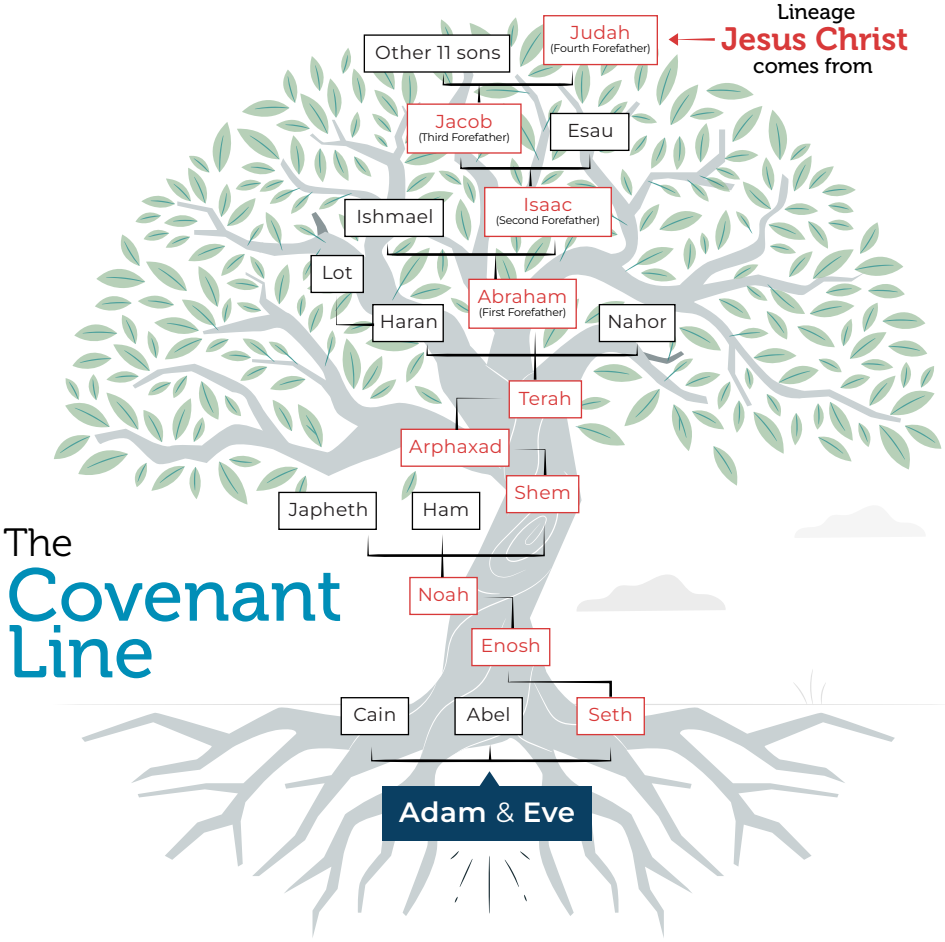


Ⓑ Look for specific phrases that appear **frequently.**

For instance, *"these are the generations of"* is an **important expression used frequently** because the Book of Genesis gives the families of early history. **Why is it important to us? Because we are members of the human family that begins here.**

" These are the generations of "

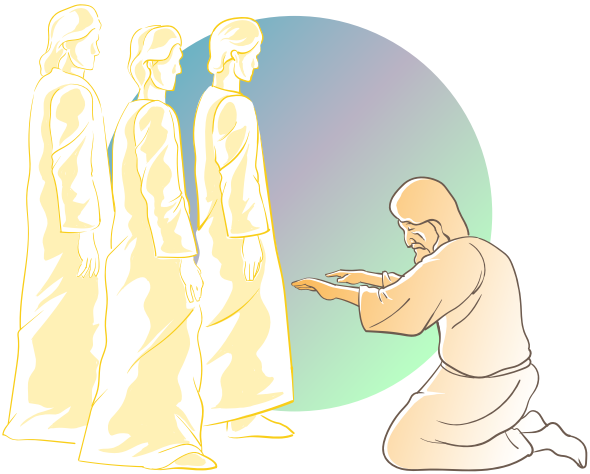
◀ Chapter references for occurrences of the expression in Genesis 2:4-4:26, 5:1-6:8, 6:9-:29, 10:1-11:9, 11:10-26

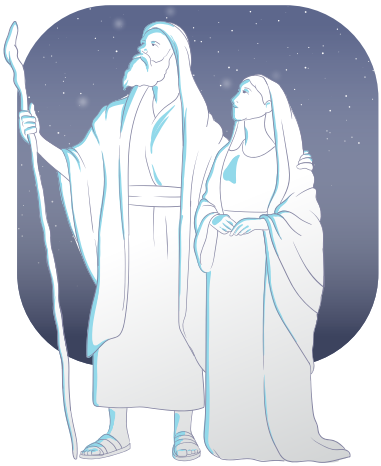


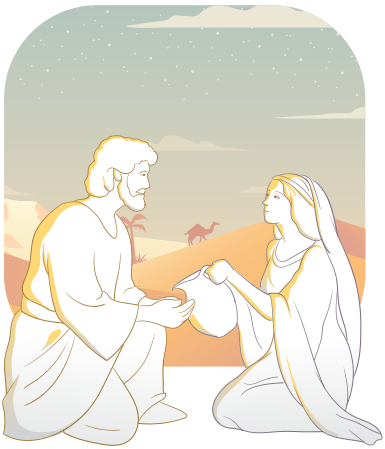
The Covenant Line

Ⓒ Get to know a few fascinating people with whom God related as it is portrayed to us in the book of Genesis.

Someone has called this **“the book of biographies”**.
There are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Pharaoh, and the eleven sons of Jacob besides Joseph. God continually blesses Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, along with those connected to them-Lot, Abimelech, Potiphar, the butler, and Pharaoh.





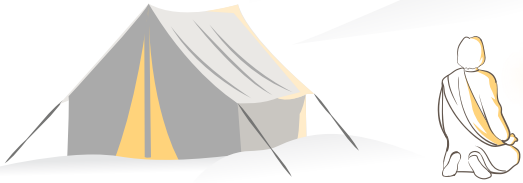


Ⓓ God's Appearances to the Forefathers



Genesis 17- God appears (for the first time in bodily form) to Abram.

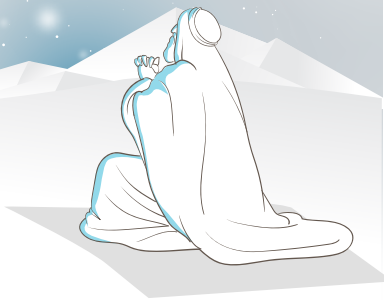
Genesis 26 - The Lord appeared to Isaac to tell him not to go down to Egypt.





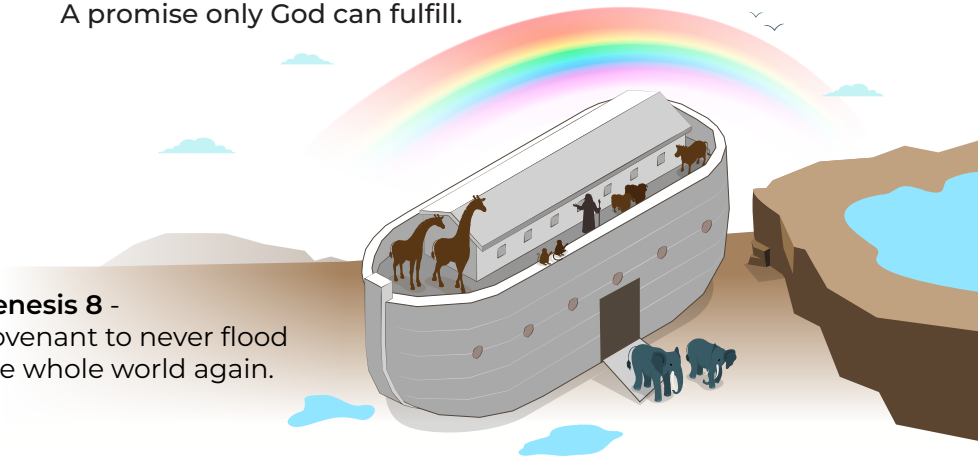
Genesis 32 - God appears and wrestles with Jacob all night.

Genesis 46 - The Lord only speaks with Israel (Jacob) once more to assure him that going down to Egypt is God's plan and that the Lord would be with him.

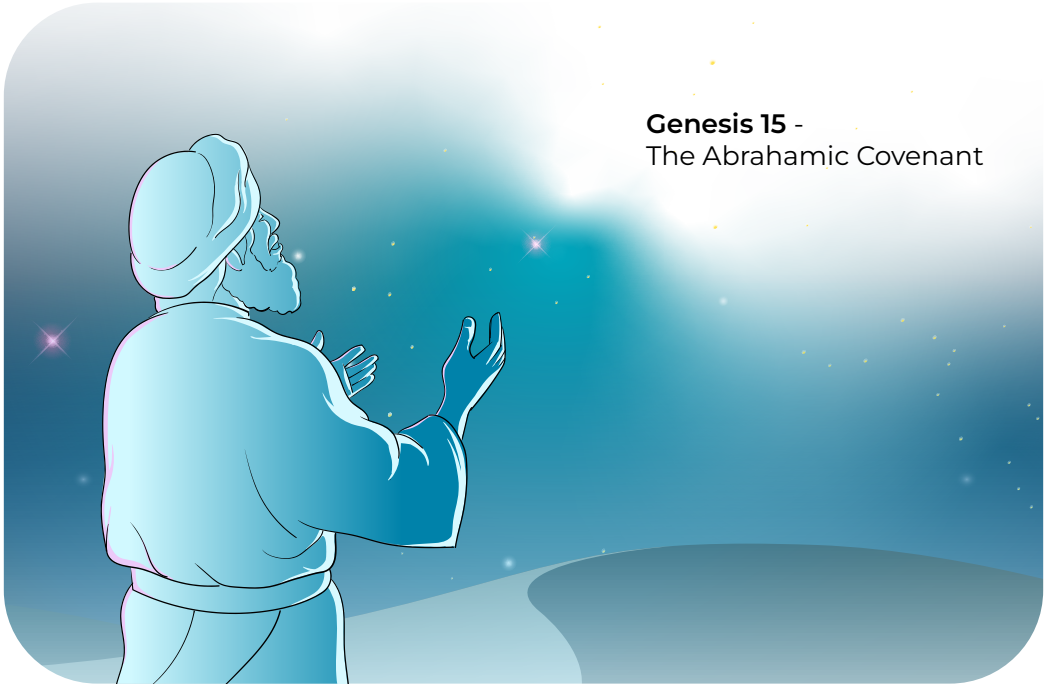


(E) God's Covenant

In this book, you will find mention of the covenant -
A promise only God can fulfill.



Genesis 8 -
Covenant to never flood
the whole world again.



Genesis 15 -
The Abrahamic Covenant

Ⓕ The altar is prominent in this book.

Altars

Genesis 8 - Noah built an altar at Mount Ararat.

Genesis 12 - Abraham built an altar at Shechem.

Genesis 26 - Isaac built an altar at Beersheba.

Genesis 33 - Jacob built an altar at El Elohe Israel

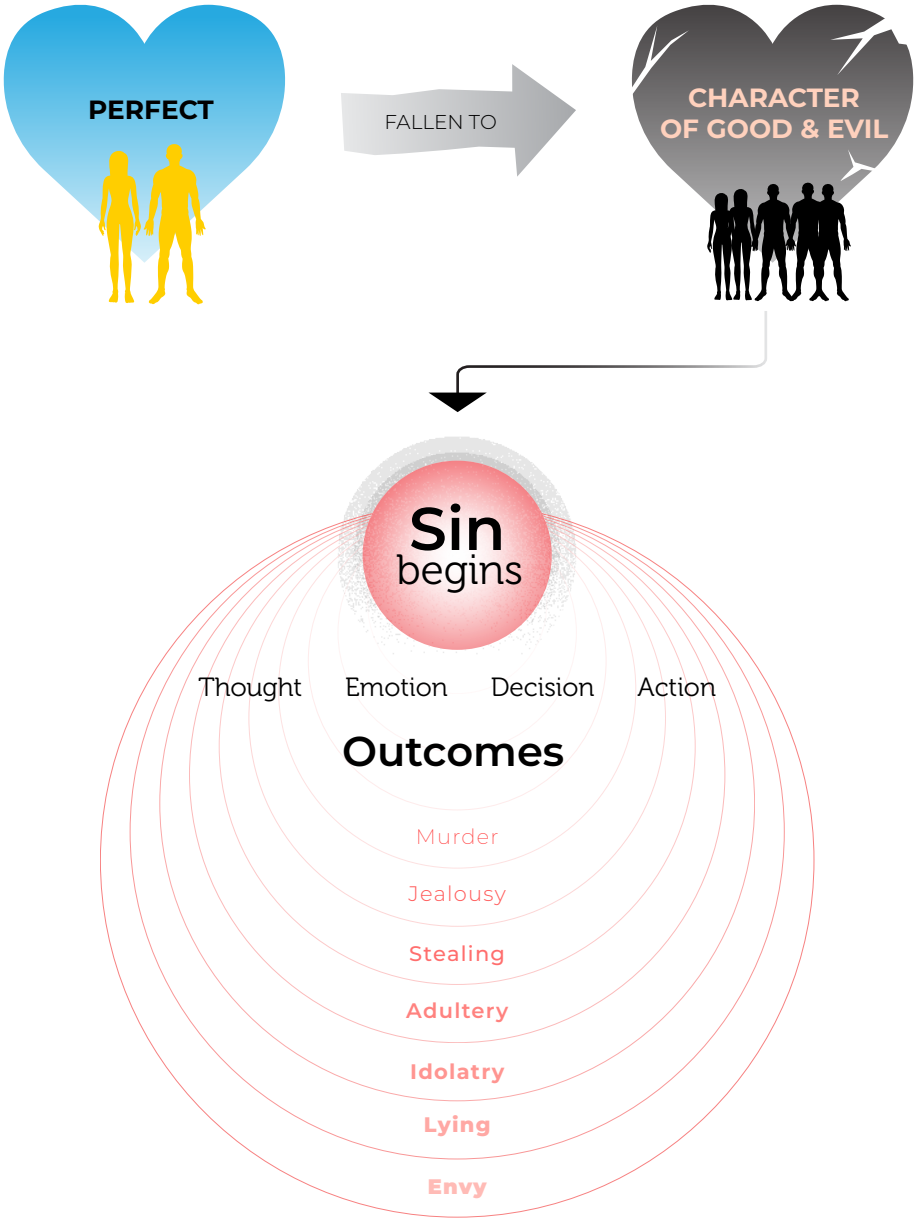


Ⓖ Foundation of all human problems

The judgments upon sin are mentioned in Genesis, and God's Providence of Redemption from sins.



Ⓗ The Origin of Sinful nature and Sin



Microscopic View / Deep dive

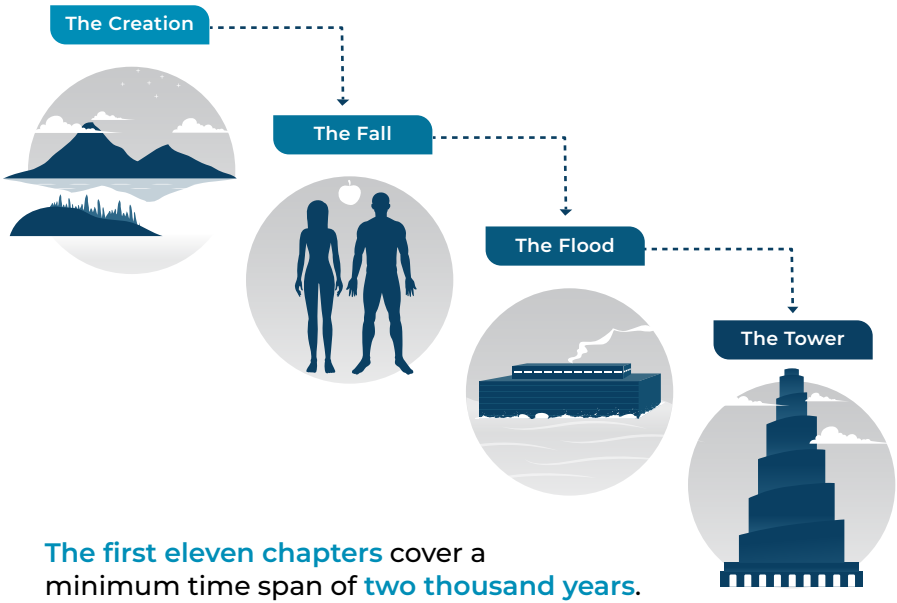
Observe there are two parts in the book of Genesis

FIRST PART (Genesis 1-11)

The beginning of creation is mentioned in the first part of Genesis.

The first section extends from creation to Abraham.

The first section deals with major subjects, which still engage the minds of thoughtful men in our day:
The Creation, the Fall, the Flood, the Tower of Babel.



The first eleven chapters cover a minimum time span of **two thousand years**.

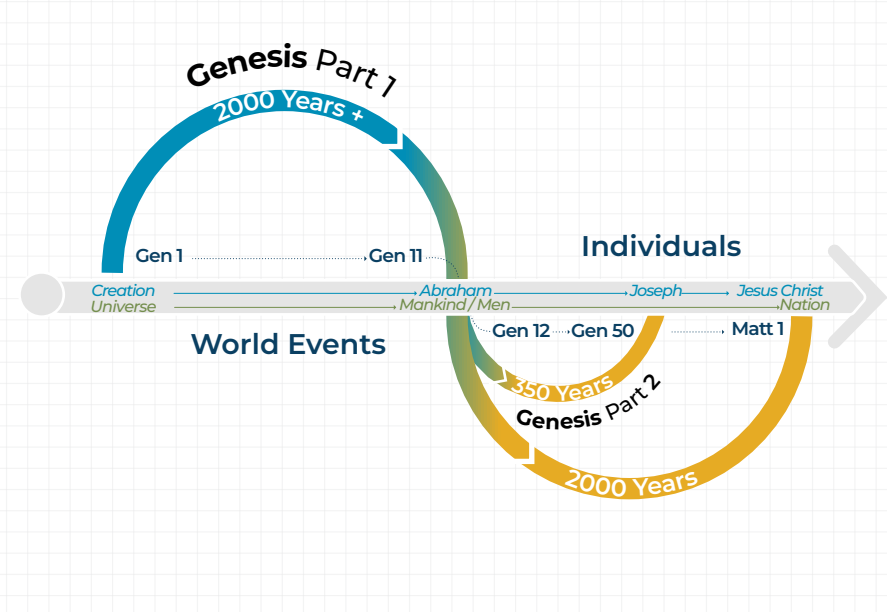
SECOND PART (Genesis 12-50)

In Chapters 12-50, we see God's covenant with Abraham being fulfilled through various individuals.

This second section spans from Abraham to Joseph and **focuses on key figures:** Abraham, the man of faith; Isaac, the beloved son; Jacob, the chosen and chastened son; and Joseph, who endured suffering and was later exalted.

Although the second section consists of **thirty-nine chapters**, it covers only **350 years**. A total time span of **2000 years** is covered from Abraham to the time of Jesus Christ.

Earth's Timeline
(Genesis to Matthew)



We look forward to your

Journey

thru the

Book of

Genesis

your name .....


GENESIS
1:1

For Your Study

Scripture : Genesis 1.1
Read Time : 10-15min

Prayer

Before we proceed let us take a minute to ask God to guide our hearts, minds, ears and eyes to understand His divine design.

Bible Passage

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



Every person ponders these questions at some point in their lives. Many theories have been proposed to answer this question, but there can be **only one answer**.

Knowing the beginning is **necessary to understand** anything, whether life, a relationship, a nation, or a world. **Beginnings reveal the source** and perhaps even the purpose of what is present now.

Scientists, theologians, and historians **examine beginnings to find solutions to problems** or to explain what is strong, beautiful, and complex.

God's Creation vs Man's Theories

To open the Holy Bible at its beginning, the book Genesis, you will **discover the truth about the Bible**, the world, and every person's life.

Genesis will reveal the overwhelming **changes made to the cosmos and the character** of men, women, and children.

All of those who look seriously into its pages should anticipate creative change in themselves **from the words of The One** who spoke life itself into being.

As scientists explore the fabric and extent of the universe, **the profound nature** of Genesis chapter 1 continues to **give authoritative meaning** to what humans can learn.

While the Bible does not conflict with scientific facts, God intends all people to accept His revelation of Himself and His creative work by faith.

Hebrews 11:3 states, ' By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God's command so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.'



Some theories suggest the world was formed 1 billion years ago, while others say 2 billion, and some people speculate it was several billion. **But nobody knows for sure, and we must remember that God has eternity on His side**.

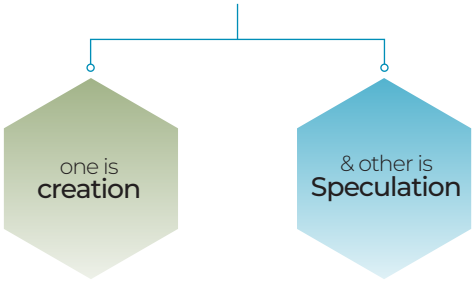
While we see time sequentially (the present slipping into the past just as the future falls into the present),[1] **The eternal God views the past, present, and future in a single, divine instant**. He sees past and future with equal vividness as if all of time were at once before Him. **The Apostle Peter writes** in 2 Peter 3:8, ' With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.'



[1] *The Works of Jonathan Edwards (Edinburgh, Scotland: Banner of Truth Trust, 1974), 172*

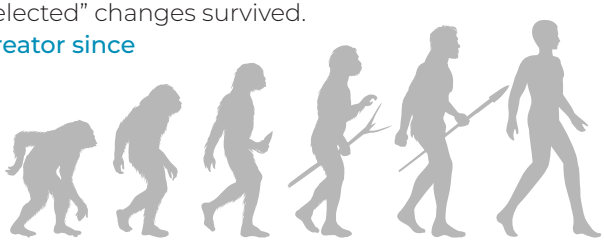
Physicist Dr. Albert Einstein's great insight was **recognizing that two realities, matter and energy, are closely interwoven**. Matter can be made from energy. What we see is made from what we do not see (Hebrews 11:3).

On the other hand, **there are many theories as to how the world began**, but all of them can be boiled down to fit into a ***Two-Fold Classification.***



Darwinian Evolution Theory

This widely accepted theory of origins holds that **complex life forms evolved from simpler ones** when random changes occurred in nature. Then, the more efficient forms from those "naturally selected" changes survived. This theory rejects a Creator since significant and progressive changes are attributed to random events.



Theistic Evolution Theory

Proponents of theistic evolution **believe that God created matter and life**. He then directed the processes described in the theory of evolution. However, this view abandons the tenet of random or "natural" selection in the theory of evolution.

Deistic Evolution Theory

This view holds that **God created and transcends the universe** but is not immanently involved in the evolutionary process.



Intelligent Design Theory (ID)

The intelligent design approach (ID) **holds that certain universe patterns, designs, and functions could not have come about by purely natural causes or forces**. Scientists who take this approach examine those patterns and form the natural world for what seems to point to a designer. Though people who believe in God's creation of the universe sometimes associate themselves with this approach and use the same evidence for their position, **"intelligent design"** is not the same as belief in biblical creation.

Big Bang Theory

This view outlines the universe's beginning from a massive explosion billions of years ago. While it describes a scientific process, it does not inherently reject the idea of divine creation, but can be seen as an explanation of how God initiated creation.



Steady State Theory

The theory **proposes that the universe has always existed and is in a constant state of creation**, differing from the biblical account of a defined Beginning.







Dr. J. Vernon McGee says,

> *"There are three areas in which evolution cannot move: **It cannot bridge the gap from nothing to something, from something to life, and from life to a self-conscious human life with a free will.**"*

What does the **Bible teach?**

A There is a CREATOR

The Bible teaches, **"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth."** This verse, in a simple way, explains God created the universe. In **John 1:1 to 3**, we get another glimpse of the Creator. " 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, nothing was made." **This points to Jesus Christ, who validates that divine intelligence existed before anything else**.
That divine intelligence was responsible for the origin of life and the existence of all living things, including human beings.

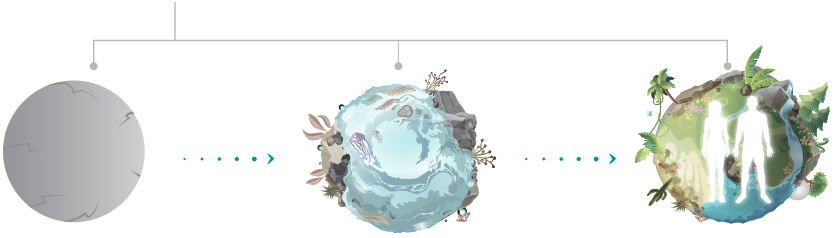
B Difference between the CREATOR and the CREATURE

The Hebrew language almost exclusively uses one word to describe God's creative work: **bara** (אָרָב), which is translated into the English Bible as "created." **Bara** refers to **God's unique power** to create something from nothing.

The theme of creation is so vast that Genesis Chapter 1 uses **five different words** to describe it. The English words are **"created, fashioned, made, founded, formed."** Four of the words are also used in man's creative work. They imply creating something out of existing material.

However, **the word bara** (God's unique power to create something out of nothing) is **used three times** in Genesis chapter 1.

In each case, this word indicates the introduction of each of the *three spheres of creation*.



The sphere of matter
(Genesis 1:1)

The sphere of life
(Genesis 1:21)

The sphere of humanity
(Genesis 1:27)

C .ONLY ANSWER to “Who created the Heavens and the earth?”

It begins with believing and **accepting what God said** in the majestic statement that opens the Word of God:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”.

Believing is essential to understanding, as Hebrews 11:3 states:
‘By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.’

D Why did God create the universe?

We need to **know who God** is to understand **why He created the universe**. He is the beginning and the end of everything.

God tells us that **the universe was created, because it made Him happy** (Revelation 4:11).

God created us to **demonstrate His greatness and power**. As Isaiah 43:7 says, "I created them to bring me glory. I formed them and made them."

God wanted a **relationship with people**, allowing us to choose. He could have made us like robots, forced to worship Him. But He wanted us to choose to love and serve Him freely and to reflect His goodness.

Reflect & Apply

1. Telescopic Reflection

We live in a post-truth era. Let's take time to observe and study all things created around us. We can comprehend God's eternal power and divine essence, **which have been evident** since the beginning of the universe and can be comprehended from what has been created. **It is impossible to ignore God's divine fingerprints**. *Unfortunately, the theories peddled in the world can derail our understanding and make us presumptuous people who pretend to know more than we know.*



We need to accept his majestic words that open God's Word. 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.'

The implicit command from Genesis 1:1 is to **recognize and worship God** as the **CREATOR**. This acknowledgment leads believers to live in **AWE of HIS POWER** and to align their lives with His **PURPOSE** and **DIVINE ORDER**.

Application

How would you want to respond to the implicit command from Genesis 1:1? *(Psalm 33: 6 to 9; Psalm 96: 6 to 8; Psalm 8:1; 3-4. Psalm 19).*
Refer to the highlighted text boxes for "the implicit command".

2. **Micoscopic** Reflection

While Genesis 1:1 does not directly mention Christ, the New Testament **affirms that Christ was present and active in creation**. John 1:1-3 states, "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 nothing was made." **This reinforces the truth** that **Christ is integral to the Triune creation narrative as the divine Word**.

List your learnings from the passages about Christ in His relation to creation:

- John 1:1-3 - _____
- Colossians 1:15-19 - _____
- Colossians 2:3 - _____
- Colossians 2:9 - _____
- Hebrews 1:3 - _____

Application

How does learning from the passages about Christ **help you face life by looking at Jesus, the author and the finisher of your faith?**

3. **Equipping** to share and teach

- True wisdom begins **by recognizing and reverencing God as Creator of the universe** (Proverbs 9:10). Deep within themselves; **all people must recognize their Creator**, unless they repress that knowledge (Romans 1:18-21).
- Acknowledging and **honoring God as the Creator** is the implicit directive from the Word (Genesis 1:1).
- Believers live in **awe of His power** and **align their lives with His divine order and purpose** as a result of this recognition.

Yet, humanity's theories about origin have hindered many from recognizing God, their CREATOR. Who can help them or guide them to know their CREATOR?

Application

From what you learned from this study, **how will you prepare to explain to someone who does not know God created the heavens and the earth?**

Eternal Insights For additional reading

Genesis is a Greek word that means **"beginning"** and was probably taken from the Greek word for **"generations."** The Septuagint, the 3rd century BC Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, named this book Genesis. Genesis is the book of beginnings. It reaches back to before the world began, when **God the Father** (Acts 4:24), through **His Son** (Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2) and the work of the life-giving **Holy Spirit** (Genesis 1:2), began His creative work.

One of God's divine attributes is His sovereignty. A **sovereign refers to** a ruler, king, or Lord, and Scripture frequently describes God as the supreme ruler of everything. His most recognized name, '**Yahweh'** in Hebrew, is typically translated as 'Lord' in English Bibles.

The word **'Lord'** is found there **over 7,000 times** as a name of God, specifically as the name of Jesus Christ. So, to understand God's sovereignty is to discuss God's lordship—that is, to understand **the Goodness of God,** the qualities that make him to be God. The major components of the biblical concept of **divine sovereignty or lordship are God's control, authority, and presence.**
He is **omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.**

Application

What do you think and feel about living your life under God's Sovereign authority? .....

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Why living under God's authority is the best plan for us? .....

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Your Take Away

Integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



"The purpose of the scripture is for instruction in righteousness (2. Tim 3:16-17). It was not written to teach you geology or biology. It was written to show man's relationship to God, and God's requirement for man and what man must do to be saved."


GENESIS
1:2 - 31

For Your Study

Scripture : Genesis 1:2-31
Read Time : 10-15min

Prayer

Before we proceed, let us take a minute to ask God to guide our

Bible Passage

The earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was on the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God was hovering over
the face of the waters.

- Gen 1:2 (NKJV)

1 What does the **Bible teach?**

Dr. McGee believes a **great catastrophe** took place between *Genesis 1:1 & 1:2*

Without form
(*Tohu*)
means
ruin, vacancy, chaos
in *Hebrew*

Void
(*Bohu*)
means
emptiness, desolation
in *Hebrew*

Isaiah 45:18 states, **"God did not create the earth in vain" (tohu)**, meaning He created it **perfect** and to be **inhabited**, but something made it a **wasteland**.

2 The **Absence of God** is symbolised by **Darkness**

Genesis 1:2 **states, "Darkness was upon the face of the deep."**

Dr. McGee interprets darkness as **the absence of God's presence**, which aligns with God's judgment, making it a ruin.

3 The **Fall of Lucifer** & the **Pre-Adamic Theory**

Dr. McGee suggests that a **Pre-Adamic race** may have existed on Earth.

Dr. McGee connects this catastrophe with **The Fall of Lucifer (Satan)**.

The **entire universe** may have suffered **as a result of Satan's rebellion**.

4 Holy Spirit's Work – **Brooding Over Creation**

Genesis 1:2 – **"The Spirit of God hovering over the waters."**

"Hovering" means **brooded**, like a mother hen protecting her chicks.

The **Holy Spirit's presence initiated re-creation**.

Spiritual Application–Rebirth Through the Holy Spirit

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Dr. McGee parallels the Holy Spirit's re-creation with **spiritual rebirth**.

John 3:5 – "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Water = The Word of God
Spirit = The Holy Spirit.

Just as the Spirit **created the earth,** ***He recreates us in salvation.***

Link between

Genesis 1:2 & *Salvation*

3 Stages of the Earth's Formation

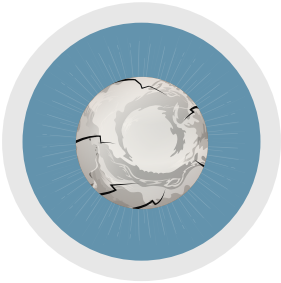
Dr. McGee sees **three distinct phases in *Genesis 1:1-31***

Stage 1



Creation of the universe
God originally created everything (*Genesis 1:1*).

Stage 2



Convulsion of the earth
A catastrophe left the earth "without form and void" (*Genesis 1:2*).

Stage 3



Construction of the earth
God restored and structured the earth over six days (*Genesis 1:3-31*) (*Exodus 20:11*).

6 days of Divine Order & Creation

Dr. McGee highlights how creation shows **order, progress, promptness,** and **perfection.**

The Creation Days Were Literal 24 Hour Day

Dr. McGee affirms that the **days of creation were 24-hour days**

(Exodus 20:11)

He states, **"I don't see how you could get anything else out of it."**

This contradicts interpretations that see these as **long ages or symbolic time periods**.

The **'Let There Be'** Statements - God's Commands of Creation

Genesis 1, records **"Let there be" statements** (10 times):

LET THERE BE LIGHT
LET THERE BE A FIRMAMENT
LET THERE BE LIGHTS
LET THE WATERS BE GATHERED TOGETHER
... and more.

TEN
DIVINE COMMANDS
of Creation

are compared to the
Ten Commandments,
calling them

TEN
COMMANDMENTS
of Creation

This emphasizes **God's absolute authority in creating the world through His spoken word**.

6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation**

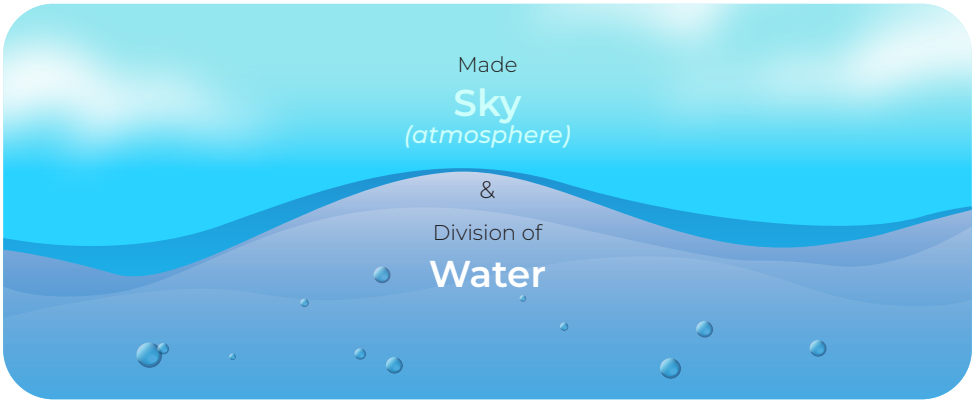
Day 1 | Light
(Genesis 1:3-5)



Dr. McGee highlights the importance of **God speaking to bring order from chaos**.

6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation**

Day 2 | Firmament
(Genesis 1:6-8)



Three Heavens in the Bible



Atmosphere
(where birds fly)



Space
(stars)

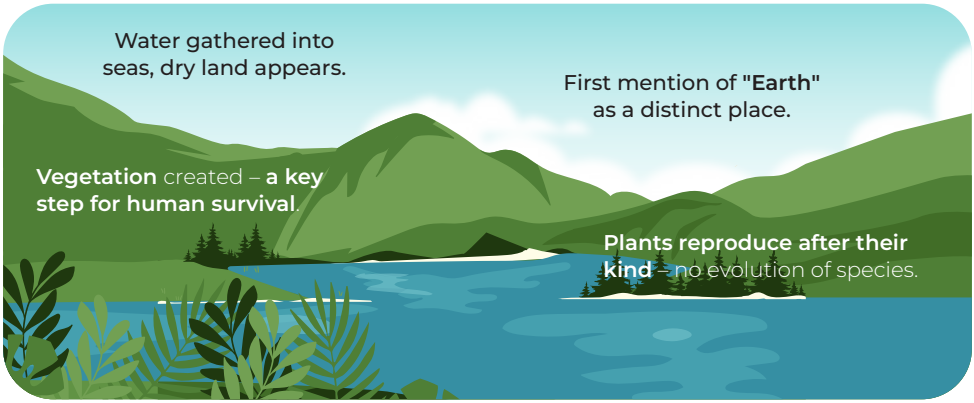


Heaven
(God's dwelling)

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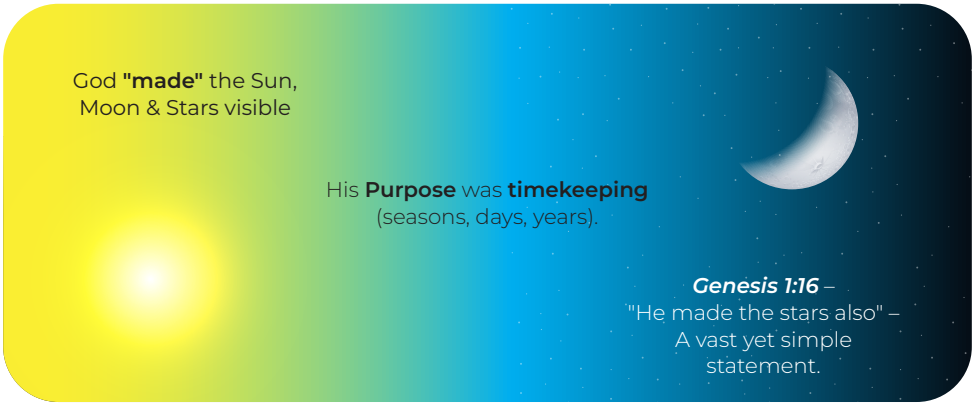
Day 3 | Dry Land & Plant Life

(Genesis 1:9-13)



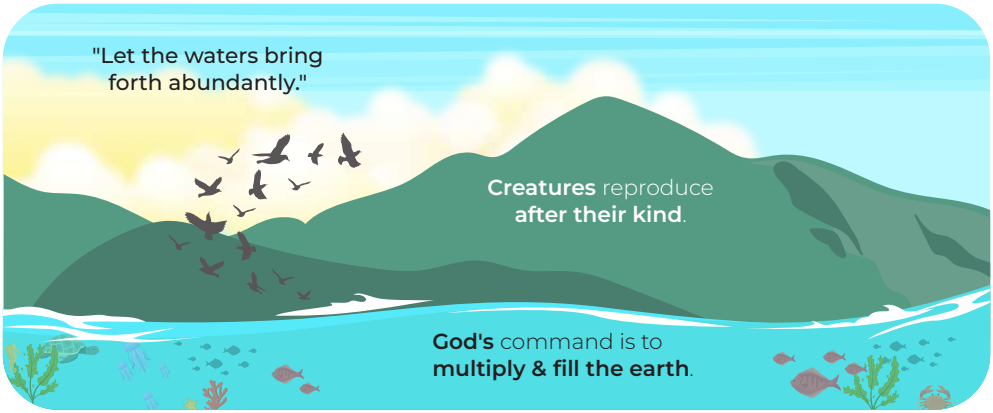
6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation**

Day 4 | Sun, Moon, and Stars
(Genesis 1:14-19)



6 days of **Divine Order** & **Creation**

Day 5 | Marine & Flying Creatures
(Genesis 1:20-23)



Day 6 | Land Animals & Humans
(Genesis 1:24-31)



The Creation of Man
A Unique Event

Genesis 1:26-27 – God said, "Let us make man in our image."

Man is Made in the Image of God
One of the greatest statements in Scripture.

What does "image of God" mean?

- **Man is a Trinity** (Spirit, Soul, and Body - *1 Thessalonians 5:23*)
- Man has **self-consciousness, free will, and moral responsibility**.
- Man is a **unique personality**.



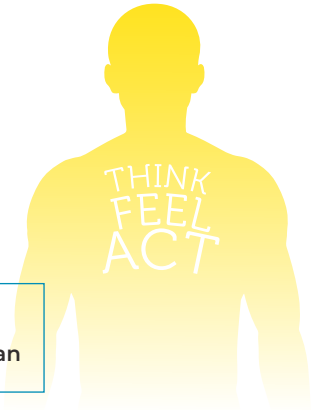
"So God Created Man in His Own Image"

The Hebrew word for **create**

אָרָ֣ב

(bara)

is used **three times** in *Genesis 1*



Genesis 1:1 Creation of the **physical universe**	**Genesis 1:21** Creation of **life**	**Genesis 1:27** Creation of **man**

Man was **something new, distinct from animals**.

God gives **detailed information** only about **man's creation**, not the universe

why?

Because **God wants man to know about his origin, his Creator**, not to explain the **entire cosmos**.

God created them Male and Female

The **details of how man and woman were created** are given in ***Genesis 2***.

The **creation of the universe** is only briefly mentioned,
but **man's creation is emphasized**.

Hebrews 11:3

Creation was made "Out of nothing"
(ex nihilo)

God's Blessing and Command to Multiply

Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)
"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

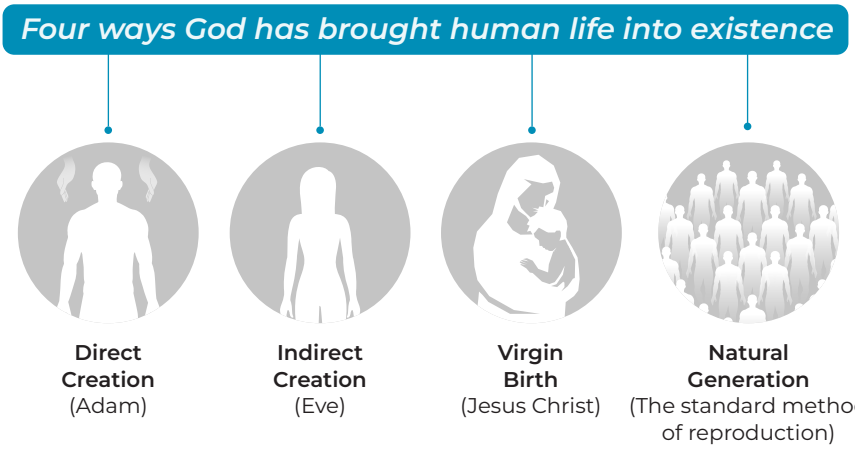


God gave **mankind a special role** in creation.

Sex and reproduction were designed by God -they are not a new discovery.

Society has **distorted and degraded sexuality**, but God intended it to be pure and beautiful.

There are **four ways God has brought human life into existence**



Man's Moral Responsibility in God's Image

God **created man in His image**, giving him

Self-consciousness

Free will

Moral responsibility

Accountability to God the Owner



The Meaning of "Replenish the Earth"

The word **"replenish"** suggests that **the earth was inhabited before Adam**.

This supports the idea of a **pre-Adamic world that was destroyed**.

Man's Role: To Subdue the Earth

God told **man to subdue the earth**



This includes

Scientific discovery *(Proverbs 25:2: "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.")*

Exploration and learning

Man was given **intelligence and curiosity** to uncover God's hidden treasures.

Dominion Over Creation

God told Adam to "Have dominion," which means **Adam was created to rule the earth**.

Adam** was **not just a glorified gardener** but a **ruler

*Before the fall, **Adam had complete control over nature***

Jesus demonstrated this dominion



Calmed the storm *(Mark 4:39)*.



Multiplied food *(John 6:1-14)*.

***Adam** may have **similar authority** before sin entered the world*

The Original Diet of Mankind

Genesis 1:29 (NKJV)
"And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.'"



Man was originally a vegetarian.

Meat-eating only began after the flood (*Genesis 9:3*).

God's Provision for All Living Creatures

Genesis 1:30 (NKJV)
"Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

God provided plants for all creatures - both **man and animals** were originally vegetarian.

This **emphasizes God's provision** in creation.

God's Final Approval of Creation

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)
"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

This is ***the only time in Genesis 1 that God calls His Creation 'very good'*** *showing completion and perfection.*

There was **no sin, no suffering, no death** - the world was in its perfect state.

The Bible Acknowledges God's Existence

God is mentioned 32 times in *Genesis 1*.

The **Bible makes no attempt to prove God's existence** - it affirms it.

Psalm 14:1 (NKJV): *"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God."*

Faith is required to accept God's role as Creator.

God's Creation Reveals His Power and Nature

Romans 1:20 (NKJV)
"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and

Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

The **world itself is evidence of God** - His power, wisdom, and divine nature.

Genesis 1 Refutes False Worldviews

Denies Polytheism - There is **only one God** who created all things
.
Denies Eternity of Matter - "In the beginning" shows that **matter had a starting point**.

Denies Pantheism - God is **separate from His creation**, not part of it.

Denies Fatalism - **God acts by His will**, not by chance or fate.

Striking Features of Genesis 1

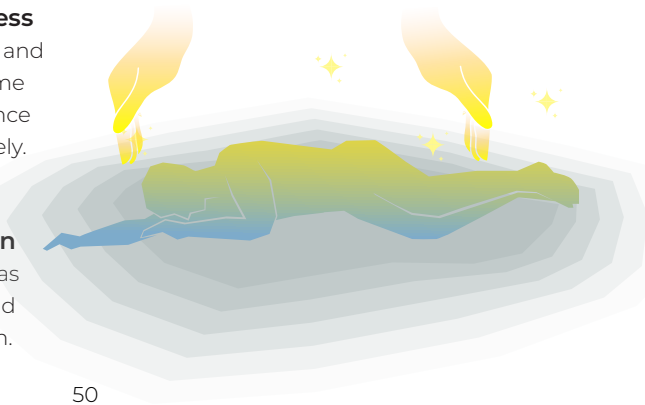
Dr. McGee highlights **four major features** in *Genesis 1: 2 to 31*

1
Order
Creation follows a structured, logical sequence.

2
Progress
Each day builds upon the previous one.

3
Promptness
God speaks, and things come into existence immediately.

4
Perfection
Creation was flawless and without sin.



Reflect & Apply

1. **Reflection:** The Awesomeness of God in Creation

Isaiah 40 powerfully declares the greatness of God, reminding us that **He measured the waters in the hollow of His hand** and **stretched out the heavens like a curtain** (Isaiah 40:12, 22). When we look at Genesis 1:2-31, we see how God's creation reflects **His order, progress, promptness, and perfection.**

- **Order:** God designed the universe with structure - nothing is random.
- **Progress:** He created with intention, building upon each stage.
- **Promptness:** His Word alone brought everything into existence instantly.
- **Perfection:** The world was flawless before sin entered.

How does understanding God's power in creation change the way you see Him?

Application

Isaiah 40:26 says, ***"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name. By the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one is missing"*** **(NKJV).**

When was the last time you stood in awe of God's creation?

How does knowing God's perfect order and power in creation give you confidence in His plan for your life?

What areas of your life do you need to surrender, trusting that God works with the same **order, progress, promptness,** and **perfection**?

Take a moment to reflect, praise, and thank God for His greatness today!



2. **Reflection:** Understanding God's Purpose in Creating Man

Genesis 1:26-27 states, ***"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion…' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"*** **(NKJV).**

Dr. McGee highlights that man is uniquely created with a **spirit, soul, and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23)** to:

- **Know** God through the spirit (spiritual connection).
- **Understand** God's will through the soul (mind, emotions, and will).
- **Act** upon God's purposes through the body (physical actions in the world).

God intentionally created mankind **to rule, subdue, and steward the earth**, reflecting His divine authority. Before sin entered the world, Adam exercised dominion similar to how Christ later demonstrated authority over nature (Mark 4:39, John 6:1-14).

How does knowing that you are made in God's image change the way you live?

Application

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV) - *"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter."*

God has given you the ability to learn, explore, and uncover His hidden treasures.

- In what ways are you using your mind, heart, and body to glorify God?
- How can you better align your free will, moral responsibility, and actions to mature in Christlikeness?



Pray today, thanking God for making you in His image and ask Him to help you live out His purpose with your spirit, soul, and body!

3. **Equip & Share:** Defending the Truth of Genesis 1

Genesis 1:2-31 not only describes God's creation but also **refutes false worldviews** by affirming:

- **Monotheism** - There is **only one true God** who created all things. (Not polytheism)
- **Creation of Matter** – The universe had a **definite beginning** ("In the beginning, God...") (Matter is not eternal).
- **God's Transcendence** - He is **separate from His creation**, not part of it (denying pantheism).
- **God's Sovereignty** - Creation happened by **His will**, not by chance or fate. (No fatalism).

How can you use these truths from Genesis 1 to teach others to discern between biblical creation and false worldviews like polytheism, pantheism, and fatalism?

Application

How can you **help others see God's truth** in a world filled with different beliefs?



Pray for wisdom and clarity in teaching God's Word, helping others understand His truth in creation!

Your Take Away

integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



"Well, one of the facts in Genesis chapter 1 is that God is mentioned thirty-two times in this chapter. The Bible does not attempt to prove the existence of God. Why not? Because God says, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God...."

-Psalm 14:1


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For Your Study

Scripture : Genesis 2.1-25
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Prayer

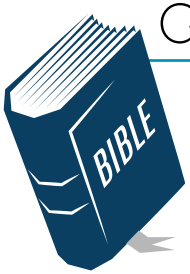
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Bible Passage

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- Gen 2:7 (NKJV)

The Law of Recurrence
God's Principle of Revelation



Why does *Genesis 2* repeat creation details ?

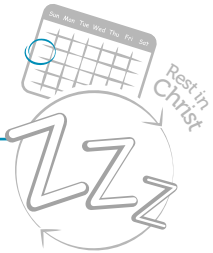
It follows **God's Great Principle of Revelation**, known as **The Law of Recurrence**

The Spirit of God often **states key facts briefly** and then **elaborates on a particular aspect** in more detail.

This method is seen throughout Scripture, such as:

- ***Deuteronomy*** - Not just a repetition of the Law, but an interpretation after 40 years.
- ***Four Gospels*** - Different perspectives emphasizing Christ's life and teachings.

The Sabbath Day
A Spiritual Rest



Genesis 2:1-3 (NKJV)
"Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Did God rest because He was tired?

No!

God rested because His work was complete, and nothing else needed to be done.

Spiritual Truth: The Sabbath symbolizes rest in Christ *(Hebrews 4:9-10)*.

Believers enter into **God's perfect redemption**

Romans 5:1
"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Salvation is complete
we **do not work for it**;
Christ has done it all.

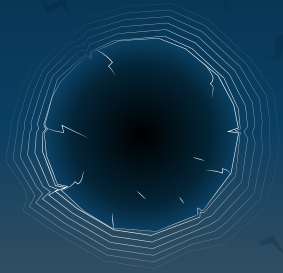
The summary of the **First 5 Days of Restoration**

Genesis 2:4 (NKJV)
"This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens."

Creation was not new, but a Restoration

Only God knows how many years have passed since He created this vast universe *(Genesis 1:1)* before His work in *Genesis 1:2 to 31*.





A catastrophe (possibly connected to **Satan's fall**) left the earth in chaos and desolation *Genesis 1:2*.

God's Work in *Genesis 1*



Brought order from chaos



Prepared a home for mankind



Re-populated the earth with plant and animal life

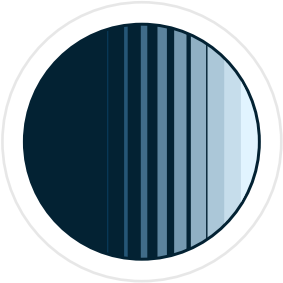
The creation of Man
A Direct Act of God



Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)
"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being."

3 Stages of the Creation

Stage 1



Inorganic matter
"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" *(Genesis 1:1).*

Stage 2



Organic life
"God created great sea creatures and every living thing" *(Genesis 1:21).*

Stage 3



Human life
Man is created as a unique being, distinct from animals *relationship with Him (Genesis 1:27-28).*



What makes **man** different from **animals**

Evolution cannot explain

- *Human Speech*
- *Human Conscience*
- *Human Individuality*

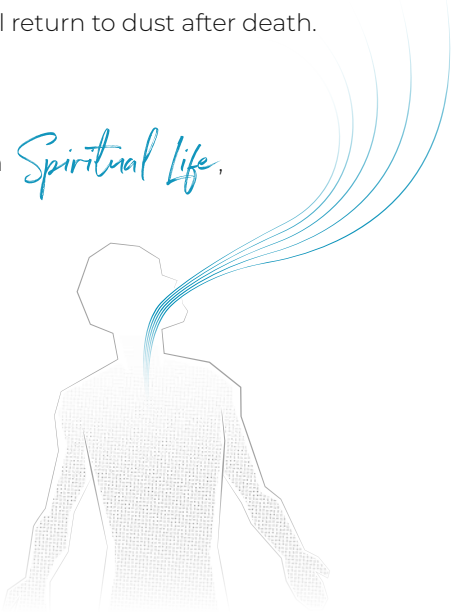
Physically, man was made from dust, but man is more than dust.

Key Teachings on the Creation of Man

Man is More Than Dust

Physically, man was formed from **dust** and will return to dust after death.

However, man is not just physical - God gave him *Spiritual Life*, and he possesses a **spirit that will return to God**.



God's Breath of Life Gave Man a Living Soul

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV): "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

God **breathed** life into man, making him distinct from all other creatures. "Man has now entered into a marvellous relationship with his Creator."

Two Aspects of Life Given by God

Physical/Psychological Life - The ability to think, feel, and function as a human.

Spiritual Life - The ability to relate to God, worship, and experience eternity with Him.



Man Has a Unique Relationship with His Creator

Unlike animals, **humans have a spiritual capacity** to know and worship God and to serve God by doing what God tells them to do.

This ability distinguishes **humans from all other created beings**.

Man's Capacity for God

Because God breathed into man, he was created with an ***innate connection to God***. Man is capable of following God's commands.

This is why people pursue meaning, **purpose, and spiritual fulfillment**, which can only be genuinely found in God.

The Garden of Eden
A Perfect Home

Genesis 2:8 (NKJV)
"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed."

The Garden was beautiful yet functional



Every tree was **pleasant to the eye and good for food** *(Genesis 2:9)*.

God provided **everything man needed** for survival.



Two
Special Trees



Tree of Life
Offered eternal life



Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
Forbidden tree that tested man's obedience.

Man's First Responsibility
To Rule the Earth

Genesis 2:15 (NKJV)
"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it."

Man was not a mere gardener!

*He had **dominion over creation***

*Nature responded to **his commands***

*He was to tend, develop, and **rule over the earth***

The **First Command** and **Free Will**

Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)
"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."



Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

> *"Man is currently on probation; you see, man possesses free will. Privilege always comes with responsibility. This is an undeniable truth. An individual with free will must undergo a test to determine whether he will obey God or not."*

Man was on probation

Choice created responsibility - Adam had free will and accountability (To use the free will responsibly & be accountable to God).

Death = Separation

Spiritual Death (immediate)
Adam was separated from God the moment he sinned.



Physical death (eventual)
Adam lived 900+ years but eventually died.



The Creation of Woman
a perfect companion

Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)
"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Why was Adam alone at first?



To make him realize his
need for Companionship

Genesis 2:21-22 (NKJV)
And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man."

Significance of Eve's Creation

She was taken from Adam's **side**, not his **head** (to rule over him) or his **feet** (to be beneath him).

She was to **complement** and **complete him**.

The First Marriage
God's Design for Union

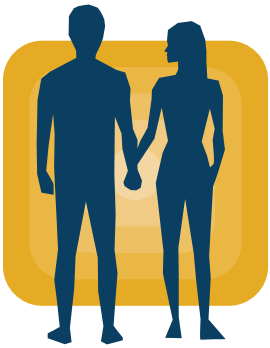
Genesis 2:23-24 (NKJV)
"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

God's plan for marriage

A man leaves his parents and cleaves to his wife.

They become one flesh - a deep, spiritual, and physical union.

Marriage is sacred, established by God.



Man's Innocence
Before Sin

Genesis 2:25 (NKJV)
"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

What does this mean?

They were ***covered in God's glory.***
There was ***no sin, guilt, or shame.***
Their innocence was ***soon to be lost*** through sin in *Genesis 3.*

Reflect & Apply

1. Reflection

If God is the One who breathed life into you, making you distinct from all creation, how should this truth shape your priorities, decisions, and daily life?

- Do you intentionally **seek to know and grow** in your relationship with your Creator?
- How does understanding that you were created **for a relationship with God** change the way you approach **your work, relationships, and personal goals?** In what areas of your life do you struggle to **align under God's sovereign authority?**
- How can you actively **live with accountability to God**, knowing that your **life, purpose, and destiny** are connected to Him?



"For in Him we live and move and have our being..."
Acts 17:28 (NKJV)

Challenge

Take time this week to evaluate your **priorities, habits, and decisions**. Are they truly centered around your Creator, or have they drifted toward self-dependence? What changes can you make to **put God first** in all areas of your life?

2. Reflection

If God, who is love *(1 John 4:8)*, gave man free will, what does this reveal about His desire for a genuine relationship with us?

Why did God give Adam and all of humanity the freedom to choose? How does free will demonstrate God's love rather than control?

- **How does your ability to choose reflect your responsibility to trust and obey God?**
- **Do you see God's commands as restrictions or as His loving protection over your life?** *(Romans 13:10 – "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.")*
- **What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?** *(Matthew 22:37-38)*



"If you love Me, keep My commandments."
John 14:15 (NKJV)

Challenge

Reflect on a time when you struggled with a decision between obedience and disobedience. How did it affect your relationship with God? This week, intentionally choose to **trust and love God through obedience**, recognizing that His commands are an expression of His love and care for you.

3. Reflection

How does understanding God's design for marriage and family help us restore biblical relationships in a world shaped by sin?

Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)
"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

Consider the following

God created both Adam and Eve as co-equal, co-competent, and co-compatible partners. How does this challenge societal views on male and female roles today?

- **Sin has distorted the relationship between men and women**, resulting in male domination and the ongoing struggle for equality. How does Christ restore this balance in marriage and family? (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- **Marriage is sacred and established by God.** How can you align your relationships (whether married or single) with God's original intent for unity, love, and mutual submission under Christ?

- **Marriage and accountability to God:** How does God's principle that a man and woman move out from their parents' accountability, allowing both husband and wife to come under God's authority, provide a couple with a significant opportunity to experience life under His Sovereignty?
- **Adam and Eve were naked but felt no shame.** What does this tell us about the spiritual, emotional, and relational purity that God intended for humanity? What attribute of God does this reveal to us?

Challenge

Reflect on ***1 Corinthians 11 and Ephesians 5*** this week. If you are married, discuss with your spouse how to model **Christ's love and submission according to His Word.** If you are single, ask yourself how you can uphold **God's design for relationships** in your life today.

4. Equip & Share

How can you use the truths from Genesis 2—God's creation, His personal involvement in creating man, His provision, purpose, and design for relationships—to explain the gospel and invite someone to enter into a relationship with their Creator?

Your Take Away

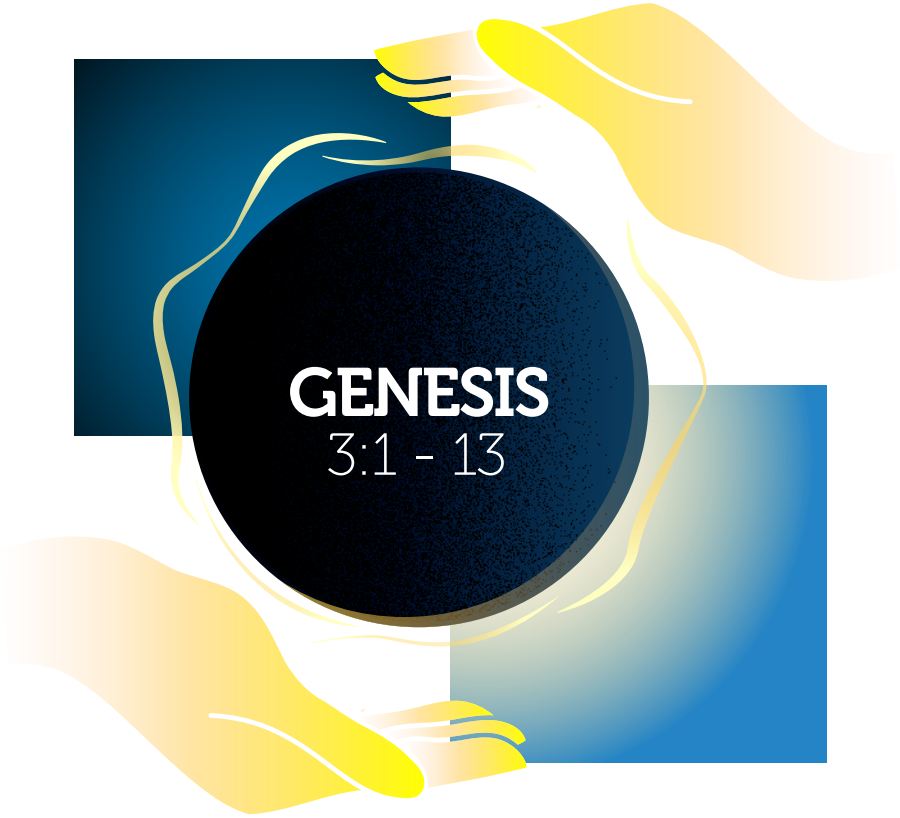
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McGee's Quote



"God intended man to take the lead—He created him first—and He created woman to follow. The man is the aggressor—God made him that way even physically—and woman is the responder.

Do not tell me that a wife has to love her husband. God does not say that. God says that she is to respond to him. If he says to her, "I love you," then she is going to say right back to him, "I love you."


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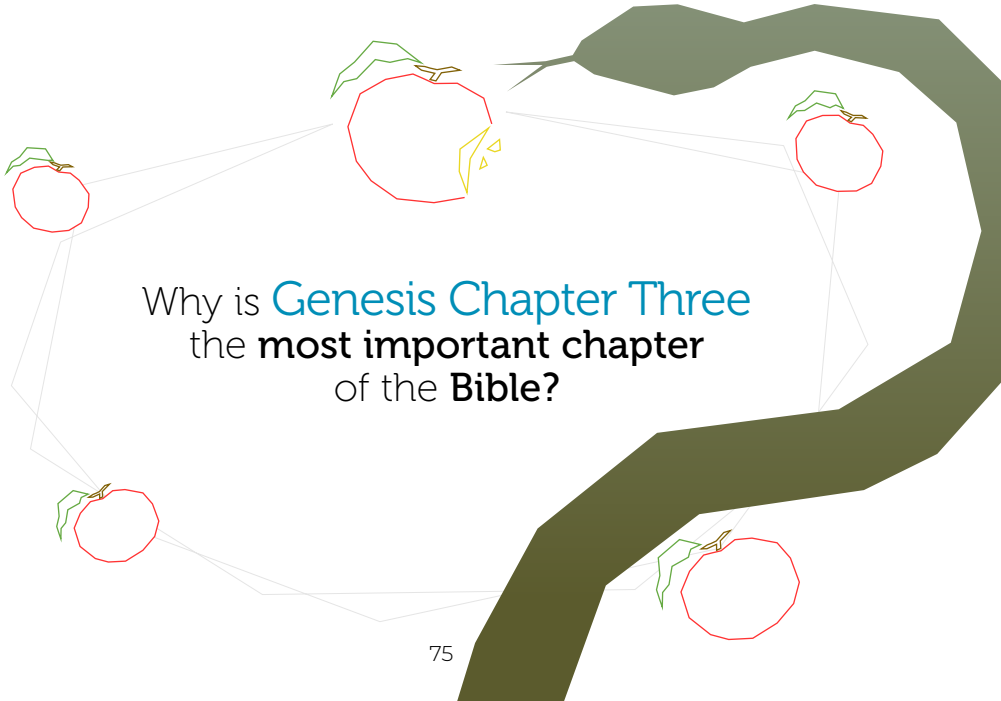
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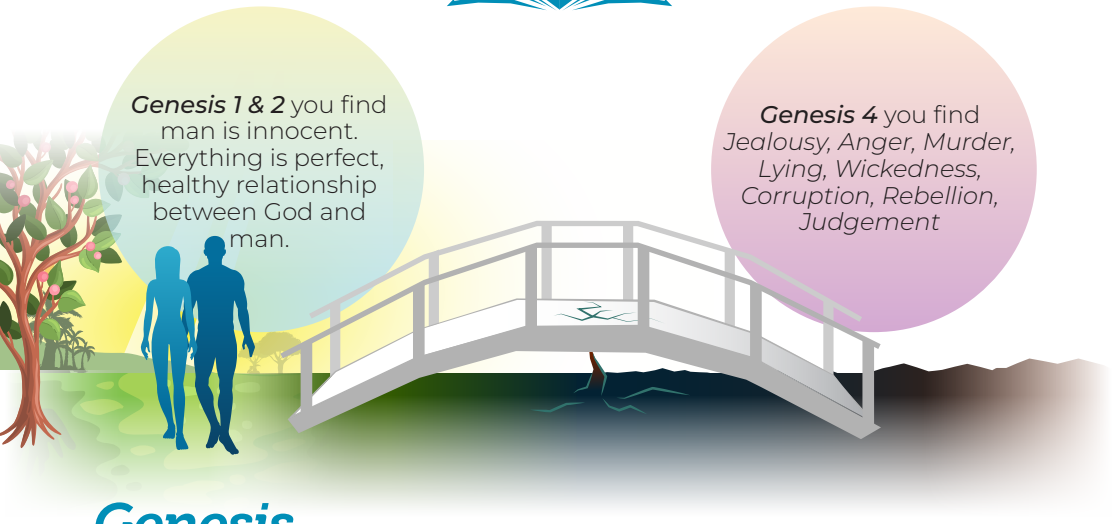
So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was a pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

- Gen 3:6 (NKJV)



Why is Genesis Chapter Three the **most important chapter** of the **Bible?**

When **you** Read



Genesis 1 and 2 *skip* ***Genesis 3*** ***Genesis 4***

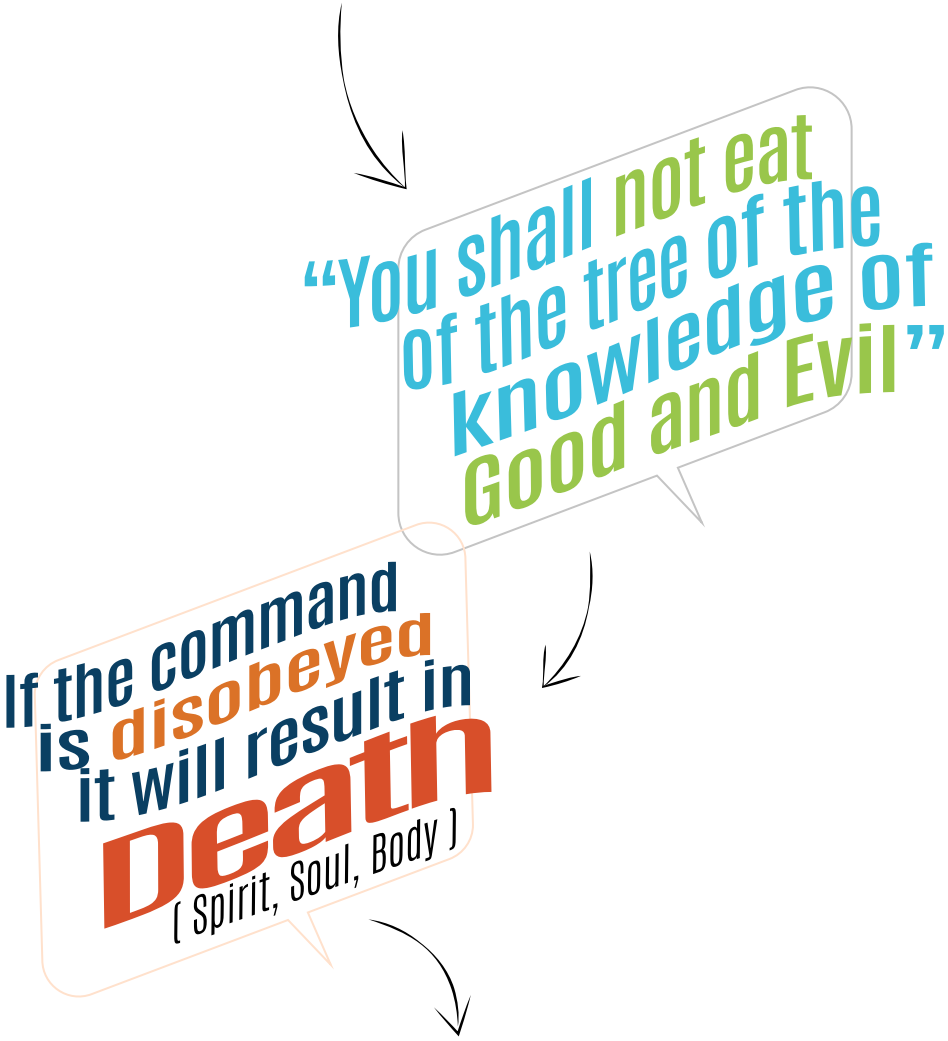
You wonder! what happened between **God** and **man**? where did all the sin come from?

Genesis chapter 3 tells us **how, what, where and why** sin originated!

In God's divine government, man was created a responsible being

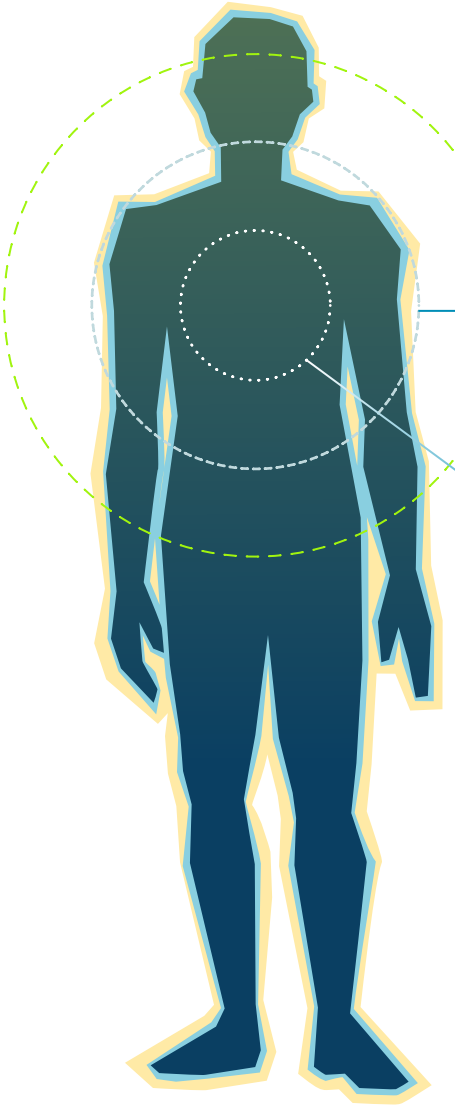
- to reflect God's moral character
- to obey his God
- to serve his God
- to be subject to God's government

God's command was very clear to **Adam and Eve**



which means
Separation from God

Man is Tripartite



Body
(physical being)
Outermost layer

Soul
(mind, will, emotions)
Inner layer

Spirit
(relationship with God)
Innermost layer

Three deaths

First death
Spiritual death, *Ephesians 2:1*
(spirit separated from relationship with God)

Second death
Physical death, *Ecclesiastes 12:7*
(body separated from soul and spirit)

Third death
Eternal death, *Revelation 20:11 – 15*
(soul separated forever in hell)

Why the Temptation?



Genesis 1 & 2
Man was created innocent

but for character to be developed it can only be developed in the presence of **temptation**

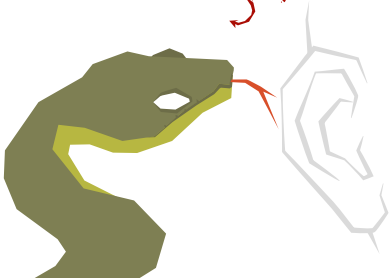
Develop you → Righteousness

Destroy you → One man disobeyed all became sinners

> *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."*
> ***Romans 5:19 (NKJV)***

Satan's setting for the **Temptation of man**

Who is **SATAN**



Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 *gives us the origin of this creature with tremendous ability and how he became the creature he was.*

How did Satan get into the garden?

Satan used serpent in the garden.

Beware today Satan transforms himself to angel of light (*2 Corinthians 11:14*).



Why did the serpent approach the woman and not the man?

SATAN

- subtly **contradicts** God's Word → and substitute his words
- To Eve said, **"you will not surely die"** → Why? It is impossible!

Causing *doubt* on the **love of God** and the **goodness of God**.

→ "if **God is good** *why* did He put this restriction down?"

Satan denies
the word of God

Satan ***implies***
God is not RIGHTEOUS when Satan says to Eve...



Questions the **Holiness of God** by saying,

Dr. J Vernon McGee says,

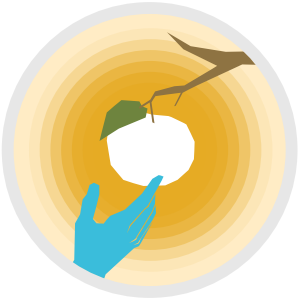
> *"The book of Romans teaches us the fact of the obedience of faith. Faith leads to obedience and unbelieving leads to disobedience. Doubt leads to disobedience always."*

First federal head of man, **Adam and his wife Eve**

Disobeyed God's commandment in Genesis 3:6

Satan appeals to the woman

Appeal to the flesh
The tree was good for food



Appeal to the psychological part of man
"It was pleasant to the eyes."



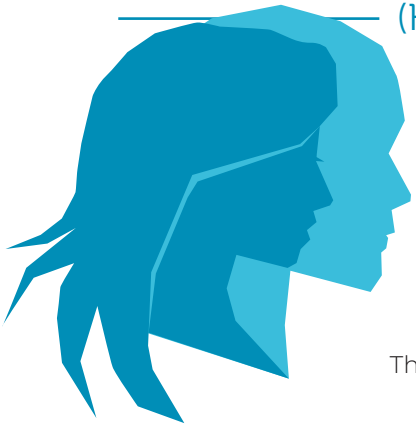
Appeal to the religious side of man
Desirable to make one wise
"I can compete with God"



Genesis 3:6b (NKJV)
"She took off its fruit and ate.
She also gave it to her husband with her and he ate".

Consequence of **disobeying God's command**

(His law, His rule)



Adam and Eve

Eyes were opened

This refers to our *Conscience*

Before the fall,
man was innocent

After the fall,
the conscience witnessed that
he has sinned

Conscience Is
God's Witness

which triggers

Guilt Complex

Reminding a person is
Guilty before God

Adam and Eve
trying to cover their Nakedness



They tried using fig leaves to cover up, but it **did not cover up their sin and shame**.

Adam and Eve tried to cover up their sin, by hiding from God and they were **not ready to confess and admit that they have sinned**.

Adam and Eve
hiding from God's Presence

Genesis 3:8–9 (NKJV)

Sin will separate us from God (spiritual death)

Adam and Eve were in a lost condition.



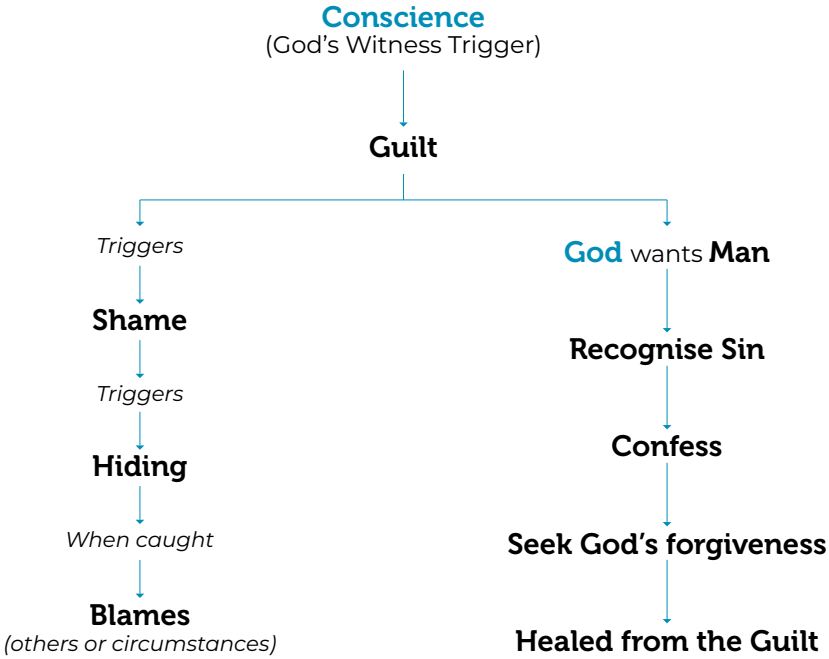
Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

> *"The LORD God called unto him and said, "Where are you Adam?" Adam's loss: It's God seeking him. And not man seeking God."*

The Blame Game
"Pass The Bucket"

Genesis 3:10 - 12 (NKJV)

Sin's Consequence
in every Human Being



Reflect & Apply

1. Reflection

Read *Romans 13:8 to 10*, and discover **why God gave commandments to Adam and us**. **And what does it tell us about God's heart and attributes** (*Habakkuk 1: 13, "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness.?*)

Application

Knowing **who God is**, **why He gave commandments**, and **how He has combined all His commandments into one command makes it easier for us**. How does this motivate you, encourage you, and inspire you to love Him and live for Him?

How can we show gratitude to God for lavishly giving everything in Christ *(1 Cor 1:30)* to us as a new creation in Christ *(2 Cor 5:17)*?



Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

> *"Man was created a responsible being, and he was accountable to glorify, to obey, to serve, and to be subject to divine government."*

2. Reflection

- How can you constantly live in awareness of **God's Sovereign Authority** and your responsibility to Him?
- What does it mean to make "responsible choices" that align with God's character?
- Reflect on a time when you had to make a moral decision. How did you consider the consequences of that decision on your relationship with God?

Application

- How can you ensure your daily decisions align with God's authority, will, and character?
- Consider your recent decisions and actions. What changes did you need to make to avoid harming your relationship with God and others?
- How can you cultivate a habit of seeking God's guidance when making decisions?

3. Reflection

Reflect on the impact of the sinful nature in you, observing the 'sin cycle' we have inherited in our fallen nature.

God's Witness '**Conscience' TRIGGERING** - **Guilt, Shame, Fear, Hiding, Blame**?

Application

Identify how the above **sin cycle destroys our character and what Christ has done to help us overcome the sin cycle**. *(2 Cor 5:21, Rom 8, 1 John 1:5 – 10).*

In the temptation for Adam and Eve, Satan wanted to come between man's soul and God. Destroy this relationship and win the man over himself to become the god of man. *(Eph 2:2-3).*

Notice the devil uses the same tactics with Adam and Eve, You and me *(1 John 2:16)*, and the Lord Jesus in the wilderness *(Matt 4, Mark 1, and Luke 4)*

Adam And Eve ***Genesis 3***	**With You And Me** ***1 John 2:16***	**Lord Jesus Christ** ***Matt 4:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13***
"tree was good for food" *appeal to the flesh (Physical need)*	**"All that is in the WORLD"** **"Lust of the Flesh"**	**"command that these stones become bread"** appeal to the flesh (Physical needs)
"a tree pleasant to the eyes" *appeal to the psychological part of the felsh*	**"Lust of the Eyes"**	**"the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory."** *appeal to the mind*
"a tree desirable to make one wise" *appeal to the spiritual side of man*	**"Pride of life"** *Competing with God. The religious side of man*	**'Throw yourself down from pinnacle of the temple'** *this was an appeal to the religious side or spiritual side*

Application

Satan's tactics could not succeed with our Lord Jesus Christ.He was led by the Spirit and used the Word of God to put Satan in his place.

Write down your situation and how you will deal with the lust of the flesh, the eyes, and the pride of life using the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit.



Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

"Character can only be developed in the presence of temptation."

Application

How would you let Christ living in you respond and develop His character in you in the presence of temptation of the flesh, the world, and the devil?

4. Equip & Share

How can you use the truths from Genesis 2 - God's creation, His personal involvement in creating man, His provision, purpose, and design for relationships—to explain the gospel and invite someone to enter into a relationship with their Creator?

Your Take Away

integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



"Satan in this temptation wanted to come between the soul and God. In other words, he wanted to wean man from God. Win man over to himself and to become the god of man. The temptations, you see, of the flesh would not have appealed to man in that day anyway. He wasn't tempted to steal or lie or covet. He was just tempted to doubt God."


GENESIS
3:14 - 24

For Your Study

Scripture : Genesis 3:14-24
Reading Time : 15-30min

Prayer

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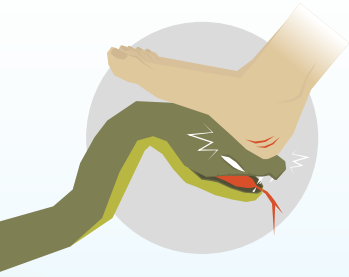
And I will put enmity, Between you (that is Satan) and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; (It was Christ) He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.

- Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

How did God, in His judgment on Satan, promise the coming of **Christ, the Messiah**, offering hope for our salvation from His judgment?

God's Judgement on Satan

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)
"And I will put enmity, Between you (that is Satan) and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; (It was Christ) He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."



God pronounced on Satan this judgement to give great hope for man.

First Prophecy – of Christ, the Messiah

First Gospel (Good News) – Christ the Savior of the World

Ultimate victory will come, but a **long struggle between Good and Evil is expected.**



Satan assumed he had won over the human race to carry on the enmity with God.

However, **God's judgement declared, "And I will put enmity, ...between your seed (Satan) and her Seed (Christ)".**



Here is a
Conflict, a Long Struggle
between **Two seeds**.



Lord Jesus
made a distinction between **Children of God**
and the children of the devil.

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it

John 8:44

In this, the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:10

There will be a final victory in Christ. (Revelation 20 and 21) Till then, everyone in Christ must face temptation and win the battle with the help of the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

"Before Christ came, the victory was through obedience of faith. After Christ came we are to identify ourselves with Christ through faith. What does it mean to be saved? It means in Christ."

Genesis 3:15
"Her Seed" – suggests the virgin birth of Christ.

Observe: God does not say the 'man's seed' but **"her seed."**

God puts the foundation again in Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

700 years later, this promise/prophecy was fulfilled.
(Read: *Matthew 1:18-23*)



Salvation is **God's Search** for Man, not **Man's search** for God!

Adam and Eve ran away from God after they had sinned, **and the rest of humanity has done the same**.

But it was God who came calling,

> "Where are you?"

You will notice that God reaches out to man throughout the Word of God.

Romans 3:11, John 15:16; 1 John 4:19

God reaches out to men and women and offers **Salvation** through **Christ**.

God's Judgment upon Woman

Genesis 3:16



She cannot bring a child into the world without **sorrow and pain**.

Interestingly, the very thing that **brings joy and continues the human family** must come **through grief and pain**.

God's Judgement upon Man

Genesis 3:17-19

Genesis 3:19 (NKJV)
"In the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread ***till you return to the ground,*** *For out of it, you were taken;* ***For dust you are,*** *And* ***to dust you shall return."***



Death
Wages of Sin

What is Death? It is *Separation*

Spiritual Death
means separation from God



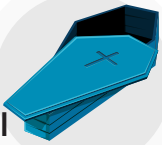
The moment Adam and Eve disobeyed, their spirit was separated from God.

Death means Separation from God

Rest of Humanity - Every human life born in this world is spiritually dead, separated from God.

"who were dead in trespasses and sins".
- Ephesians 2:1b

Physical Death
means the Soul & Spirit is separated from the body



What happens to a person's spirit and soul when they are physically dead?

"... then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."
- Ecclesiastes 12:7

Adam did not physically die the day he ate the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, not until more than 900 years later.

However, immediately upon disobedience, he spiritually died (separated from God). He ran away from God and even sewed fig leaves to cover up.



At the **Great White Throne Judgement** - **Jesus Christ** is the Judge - he pronounces the judgment on a person for their sins as they rejected god's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ.

And those who reject salvation are "cast into the lake of fire".
- Revelation 20:10, 15

Where "they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."
- Revelation 20:10, 15

God The Redeemer

Doctrine of Redemption

(Timeless Truth)

Only God can take the initiative to save man

God pays the wages of sin through a **substitute sacrifice** that **died** *instead* **of the sinners** (Adam and Eve).

God did that to redeem them, to save them, to restore their relationship with God, and **to save them from eternal death**, where **they would be tormented forever and ever**.

"Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them." - Genesis 3:21

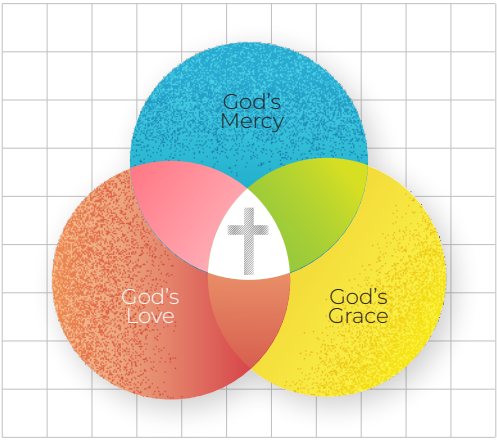
The Origin of Sacrifice through Substitute Begins



Remember, **God rejected their fig leaves**, to **make their clothing acceptable to God**, the animals **had to be slain** to obtain the skins for the clothing.

God shows Mercy, Grace, and Love to man

And **according to the law (God's Law)** almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood** there is **no remission (Forgiveness of sins)**.
Hebrews 9:22



Why?

Because **God** is **Just**, He will not let sin go unpunished **without a Sacrifice**.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood" - Blood represents Life
(Leviticus 17:11)



The Sacrifice Blood must be from

a male lamb, **without blemish**

Why?

To be **Saved** from the **Judgment of God**, who is holy and righteous will execute **His Justice**, not overlooking sin.

He required a death of a **Substitute** who is **innocent, pure, without blemish** to match the **standard of God's infinite holiness**.

For **God to forgive a sinner, reconcile,** and **restore the relationship**.

It came at a price of another life

Dr. J. Vernon McGee said,

> *"When Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, they looked back upon the blood sacrifice. They saw exactly what Moses put on the **Mercy Seat** in the **Holy Of Holies**: two cherubim looking down upon the blood that was there - and that was the way to God."*

The Way Back to **God** must come through a **Blood Sacrifice**



Read: ***Genesis 3:22 -24***

Man could not be saved through **The Tree of Life**.

But man must be saved through a blood sacrifice to come to God.

God's Promise, Provision & Hope for mankind

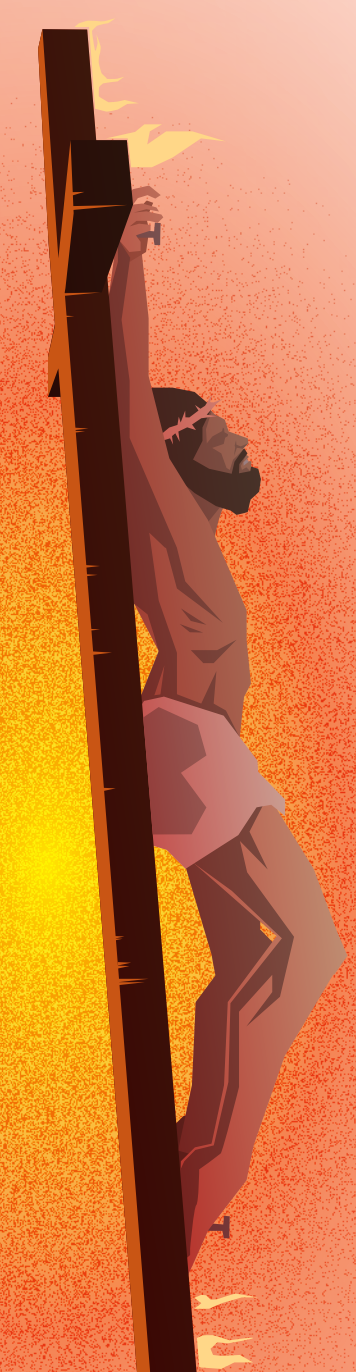
- Christ The Lamb Of God

"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,"

Ephesians 1:4

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29



The **lamb's sacrifice** points forward to the cross where **Jesus Christ** **is the ultimate sacrifice to save us from God's divine wrath**.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the Whole World.

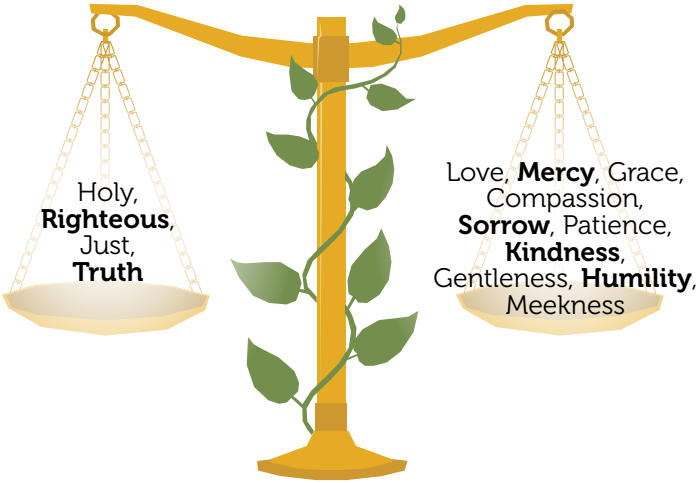
-John 1:29

Reflect & Apply

God's Attributes

What is God like?

What is His heart like?



1. Reflection

Think about **what God did to save Adam and Eve from His Divine Justice**, **without compromising on sin** - He still showed divine love through redemption.

Write down what you got to know about **God's heart towards you.**

Then, Thank the Lord for what He has done.

2. Reflection

Jesus Christ - God's promise and fulfilment of our salvation

To save everyone in this world, **only God** can do it.

Thus, the **Savior has to be God**, who must become man,
so that he can be a perfect mediator between God and man.

To comprehend and meet the infinite holiness of God and all his requirements to reconcile man and satisfy the deepest need of man.

God's promise of sending His Son is the only way He can save us.

Application

What do you believe God has done for you in Christ, for you to be saved and be part of God's family?

(John 1:29; John 3:15-17; 2 Cor.5:21; Acts 2:37, Romans 5:14,15; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 John 3: 5-8)

List the roles **Christ** did and does to reconcile us to **God**.

(1. Cor.1:30; 1. Cor 15:20; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 6:20; 1. Cor. 1:18, Rom 3:19, 1. John 2:2; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1. Cor 6:20; 2 Cor.5.18–21; Rom.5.10,11; Eph.2.16; Col.1.20–22; Matt.19.28; Tit.3.5; 1 Cor.1.30; 1 Thess.4.3,4; 2 Thess.2.13 and 1 Pet.1.2)

3. Reflection



Dr. J Vernon McGee says,

> *"Salvation comes when you and I take our proper place as sinners before God."*

Have you accepted God's gift of **Salvation**? If not, this is how you can accept it.

"*... the Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him (Jesus Christ) should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*" **John. 3: 14b-17**

"*..if you* ***confess*** *with your mouth* ***the Lord Jesus*** *and* ***believe in your heart*** *that* ***God has raised Him from the dead****, you will be* ***saved****.* [10] ***For with the heart one believes unto righteousness****, and* ***with the mouth****,* ***confession is made unto salvation****." Romans 10:9-10.*

4. Equip & Share



Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Teaching on Fig Leaves

"There are four great lessons that we see from the fig leaves and the fact that God clothed them with skins."

- **Man must have adequate covering to approach God.**
  You cannot come to God on the basis of your good works.
  You must come just as you are - a sinner.
- **Fig leaves are unacceptable; they are homemade.**
  God does not take a homemade garment.
- **God must provide the covering.**
- **The covering is obtained only through the death of the Lord Jesus."**

How will you use learning from the passage *Genesis 3:14 - 24* to explain the Gospel to people who are not saved?



Your Take Away

integrating **'God's Intelligence'** in my life.

McGee's Quote



"Salvation is God's search for man. Man ran away from God, and God called to him, "Where are you?"...God's search for man is pictured all the way through Scripture. Paul wrote,... "there is none who seeks after God" (Romans 3:11). The Lord Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you..." (John 15:16). And we say with John, "We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). God seeks out man, and He offers man salvation."

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