

## **Lesson 1 Genesis 1**

### **God's Creation**

1. Psalm 104 (see back page) is a psalm of praising God's creation wisdom and power. Which verses of Psalm 104 fit with which days of creation in Genesis 1?

2. Why do you think the Bible tells us that God created but does not tell us exactly how he created?

3. What do you find in these verses that tell you how the sun, moon and stars are also "signs which point us toward something God would have us see":

A. Psalm 19:2-6

**2 The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the works of his hands.**

**3 Day unto day pours forth speech; night unto night whispers knowledge.**

**4 There is no speech, no words; their voice is not heard;**

**5 A report goes forth through all the earth, their messages, to the ends of the world. He has pitched in them a tent for the sun;**

**6 it comes forth like a bridegroom from his canopy, and like a hero joyfully runs its course.**

B. Jeremiah 8:7

**7 Even the stork in the sky knows its seasons; Turtledove, swift, and thrush observe the time of their return, But my people do not know the order of the LORD.**

C. Romans 1:19-20

**19 For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them.**

**20 Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse;**

D. Revelation 8:12

**12 When the fourth angel blew his trumpet, a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them became dark. The day lost its light for a third of the time, as did the night.**

4. What does it mean for us that God finished his work in six days and rested on the seventh?

Also see Exodus 20:8-11.

**8 Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy.**

**9 Six days you may labor and do all your work,**

**10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates.**

**11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

5. What five things are said of the creation of man from Genesis 1:26-28?

**26 Then God said: Let us make\* human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.**

**27 God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female\* he created them.**

**28 God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.\* Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.**

6. What does it mean to you to be created in God's image?

7. How should this affect your relationship with God?

## **Psalm 104**

- 1 Bless the LORD, my soul! LORD, my God, you are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and splendor,**
- 2 robed in light as with a cloak. You spread out the heavens like a tent;**
- 3 setting the beams of your chambers upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; traveling on the wings of the wind.**
- 4 You make the winds your messengers; flaming fire, your ministers.**
- 5 You fixed the earth on its foundation, so it can never be shaken.**
- 6 The deeps covered it like a garment; above the mountains stood the waters.**
- 7 At your rebuke they took flight; at the sound of your thunder they fled.**
- 8 They rushed up the mountains, down the valleys to the place you had fixed for them.**
- 9 You set a limit they cannot pass; never again will they cover the earth.**
- 10 You made springs flow in wadies that wind among the mountains.**
- 11 They give drink to every beast of the field; here wild asses quench their thirst.**
- 12 Beside them the birds of heaven nest; among the branches they sing.**
- 13 You water the mountains from your chambers; from the fruit of your labor the earth abounds.**
- 14 You make the grass grow for the cattle and plants for people's work to bring forth food from the earth,**
- 15 wine to gladden their hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread to sustain the human heart.**
- 16\*The trees of the LORD drink their fill, the cedars of Lebanon, which you planted.**
- 17 There the birds build their nests; the stork in the junipers, its home.**
- 18 The high mountains are for wild goats; the rocky cliffs, a refuge for badgers.**
- 19 You made the moon to mark the seasons, the sun that knows the hour of its setting.**
- 20 You bring darkness and night falls, then all the animals of the forest wander about.**
- 21 Young lions roar for prey; they seek their food from God.**
- 22 When the sun rises, they steal away and settle down in their dens.**
- 23 People go out to their work, to their labor till evening falls.**
- 24 How varied are your works, LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 25 There is the sea, great and wide! It teems with countless beings, living things both large and small.**
- 26 There ships ply their course and Leviathan,\* whom you formed to play with.**
- 27 All of these look to you to give them food in due time.**
- 28 When you give it to them, they gather; when you open your hand, they are well filled.**
- 29 When you hide your face, they panic. Take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.**
- 30 Send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth.**
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!**
- 32 Who looks at the earth and it trembles, touches the mountains and they smoke!**
- 33 I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.**
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him; I will rejoice in the LORD.**
- 35 May sinners vanish from the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, my soul! Hallelujah!**