

# → The Primeval Story Creation



Son Risers  
Bible Study

## First Creation Account – Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

### Word

Act of divine will – separates God from the created order – The Word is NOT separated from the deed

See also John 1:1

*"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God & the Word was God..."*

### Light

Symbolizes life, salvation presence of God

### "In our Image"

- Pattern for human creation is outside of what God has already created
- Communication with God is possible
- Humans are gifted with tremendous worth & responsibility
- Humans are to mirror God in this world – They are to be His agents

**Structure** – 7 Days (The number 7 in the Bible reflects unity & completeness)

Day 1 – Light – Separated Light from Darkness

Day 2 – Waters – Separated the waters from the firmament

Day 3 – Dry land/Vegetation – Separated the waters from the dry land

Day 4 – Luminaries – God created the sun, moon & stars

Day 5 – Fish, Birds

Day 6 – Land animals, people & plants for food

### Poetic & Liturgical

- "And God said"
- "Let there be"
- "And it was so"
- Restatement of the created
- Name given/blessing
- "An God saw that it was good"
- "And there was evening and there was morning"

### Mankind are Created

- First words from God to Man deal with their relationship, not to Him, but to the earth
- Creative power continues through reproduction – God shares this creative power with others
- God is the supreme delegator of authority
- "Have dominion" – intended meaning is nurturing, care-giving – NOT EXPLOITATION
- "Subdue" – intended meaning – development

And God saw that  
it was *very* good.

## Second Creation Account – Genesis 2:4 – 25

### God the Creator – Compared to a Potter

- God shapes, forms
- Man is made from clay in the image of God – substance of the earth, yet he is given dominion over it
- God breathes life into Man's nostrils – demonstrates the close involvement of God with life

### Divine Purpose for Man

- Keep & Protect the earth
- Man is co-creator – he is to bring the world to its fullest potential
- Man names the animals – God is a generous delegator of power
- God intends a dynamic situation – the future is open to possibility

### Man has limits to honor if creation is to progress according to God's plan

Free to eat of any tree but the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil.

- Knowledge that God has
- Experience with sin and wickedness
- Deals with discerning one's own best interests
- Defines who decides what is in the best interest of humans

**To Obey God** – is to recognize one's limitations and that God should be the one to determine the best interests of humans

**To Transgress God's Command** – is to make decisions apart from God, independent of the will of God

## Similarities in the Two Accounts

- God is the sole creator
- Creation is good
- Humanity is the High point – created for a close relationship with God
- Humanity has responsibility