

GOD—THE CREATOR

TEXT: (Genesis 1:1, NIV)

¹ In the beginning God created.

INTRODUCTION:

1. "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:20, NIV).
2. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat" (Psalm 19:1-6, NIV).

I. IN THE BEGINNING

A. Heaven and Earth Were Created

1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1, NIV).
2. "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" (Hebrews 11:3, NIV).
3. "This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers" (Isaiah 44:24-26, NIV).

B. Man Was Created

1. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27, NIV).
2. "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14, NIV).
3. "The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7, NIV).

II. THE CREATOR

A. Omnipotent

1. He created it all.
 - a. "The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name. Your arm is endued with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted" (Psalm 89:11-13, NIV).
 - b. "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31, NIV).
2. "Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast" (Psalm 36:6, NIV).
3. "He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping" (Psalm 66:9, NIV).

4. "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread" (Psalm 37:25, NIV).

B. Eternal

1. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!'" (Deuteronomy 33:27, NIV).
2. "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Revelation 1:8, NIV).
3. "He also says, 'In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end'" (Hebrews 1:10-12, NIV).

C. Never Grows Weary

1. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom" (Isaiah 40:28, NIV).

III. THE PERFECTION OF HIS CREATION

A. New Creations in Christ

1. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17, NIV).
2. "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24, NIV).
3. "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5, NIV).

CONCLUSION:

1. "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16-17, NIV).
2. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).