

“The Formation of the Heavens and the Earth”

Genesis 1:3–25

January 15, 2023

Literary Structure of Genesis 1:1–2:3

Introduction (Genesis 1:1–2): Creation of the Heavens and the Earth	
Day 1 (Genesis 1:3–5): Day and Night	Day 4 (Genesis 1:14–19): Sun, Moon, and Stars
Day 2 (Genesis 1:6–8): Sky and Water	Day 5 (Genesis 1:20–23): Sea Creatures and Birds
Day 3 (Genesis 1:9–13): Dry Land and Plants	Day 6 (Genesis 1:24–31): Animals and Humans
Day 7 (Genesis 2:1–3): God Rests	

God Created

“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.” (Genesis 1:2)

“How countless are your works, Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24 CSB)

“Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth... Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter.” (Psalm 74:12, 16–17)

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1–2)

God Created Good

“Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” (Acts 14:15–17)

“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.” (1 Timothy 4:4–5)

God Created by His Word

“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.” (Psalm 33:6–9)

“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”
(Deuteronomy 8:3)

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:6)

God Created as Father

“Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:32–33)

Notes

Discuss

- Christians don’t want to miss the main point of Genesis 1–2 by getting lost in the debates about the Bible and science, but we also want to be able to have questions for people who genuinely struggle with those issues. So, how can we keep a proper balance?
- How does the created world display the goodness of God, and how should that impact how we respond to challenging circumstances?
- How does God show himself as Father in creation, and how should that minister to your anxiety and worry?

Read

Job 38:1–42:6; Psalm 65:1–13

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to embrace the good and fatherly character of God as revealed in his creation.
- That the Holy Spirit will give you a grander vision of the wisdom and greatness of God displayed in his creative power.

Bulletin

- Copies of M’Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan Available on Connect Desk
- Youth Gathering (6th–12th graders): Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm
- Youth Parent Information Meeting: Sunday, January 22
- Childcare Workers Lunch: Sunday, February 12