

## Lesson 1 Gen 1:1-5

### Genesis for Families

*Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

“In the beginning God” points to one of the essential facts concerning God, there was nothing before God. God is the beginning and the end of all things. “God created the heaven and the earth.” Heaven here refers to the space around the earth not the eternal home of God. The earth means the earth we know and live on today.

“And the earth was without form” means it was without distinction of land and water. This can best be understood that the whole face of the earth was covered with water. God will later separate the waters into the clouds and atmosphere of the earth and cause dry land to appear. In John chapter one we find that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit were involved in this creation of all things. Here we read “And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” Notice no mention is made of land, which is why we said the whole face of the earth was covered by water. The land is here but covered since God will not create seas and land and atmosphere but will separate them from what God has already created.

“And God said let there be light: and there was light.” This is not the lighting of the earth by the sun, but by the word of God and from His presence light comes forth. We see a similar situation in the new earth in the book of Revelation where it is written that there is no need for the sun or moon since God is the light thereof.

*Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

“And God saw the light, that it was good:” As God creates each thing God will declare that it was created good. We can also use the word perfect in place of good to indicate it is mature and complete. In other words this light needed no other additions to be a complete and perfect light. As the sun will provide light and nourishment necessary for life later, this light of God was complete and in it was life. God then proceeds to divide this divine light into day and night setting into place what will forever after be used for the measurement of time in days that consist of a period of light and a period of darkness. Some try to teach that these were not normal days but special days that have no relation to days, as we know them now. This is not what the text of the Bible says and there is absolutely no reason to understand these days as being any different than what we know today as a day that consists of twenty-four hours.

Application:

As you attend various schools you will be taught all sorts of things concerning the ancient age of the earth and how things evolve from one common source. You will have to learn these theories and be able to answer questions according to this so-called science of men. Unfortunately the majority of the world is not composed of believers and even some believers have given in to this wisdom of men. As believers we have what is called a Christian worldview; that is we look at everything through the lens of the Bible and we have an absolute truth that deals with these things. The unbelievers do not believe the Bible and have created their own version of how things came to be and the purpose and destiny of mankind. However unless we are blessed with the opportunity to attend only Christian schools at all levels, we will be forced to learn these unchristian ways of explaining things. Follow the directions of your teachers and answer the questions their way. You know the truth from the Bible and will live your life according to God's word. This is necessary because you will need those bits of paper called diplomas and degrees to exist among men. Do not argue and cause problems, just do as they direct and guard the truth of God in your own heart. The ways of the world will not harm you or make one word of God invalid. Your only duty is to glorify God and you do this by loving and obeying God. God says submit to those appointed over you. So it is, we do the work and accept their grades while we live as the Bible directs and know God's truth will prevail in the end. The battle belongs to the Lord and He alone will fight for us. Meantime we live at peace with all people as best we can.

Questions:

What did God create in Genesis 1:1-5?

How did God create these things?

How long were the days in creation?

Why should you agree with the school systems and study man's science?

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