

Creation-tide Bible Study • Week 1

Sunday 10 October – (Introduction)

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Reading Isaiah 45:5-8; Ps 148; Col. 1:15-20; John 6:41-51

There are many ways in which we can see the evidence of God in the world around us.

Some may be particularly struck by the intricate beauty of a flower. Others are amazed at the majesty of the night sky - the vastness of the sky can be awe-inspiring. For others, it is to delve with a microscope into the intricacies of the cell.

Many people look at the remarkable phenomena in nature and see quite clearly that everything has been designed by a divine creator. Sadly there are many others who see nothing of the sort. They will not accept that the wonder and beauty of our world is evidence of a designer or creator. They see the diversity, beauty and stunning precision of this world only as evidence of blind chance. This conveniently removes the need to acknowledge the existence of a divine power. Such an approach seems to stretch reason beyond its limits, and to go well beyond established scientific principles. It demands we accept that creation is the result of random coincidences far more unlikely than any lottery yet devised.

We may deduce some facts about the Creator and Designer of the world from looking at the earth on which we live. The fact that He made everything makes it clear that He is powerful. We see that He loves order and sets clear rules, because those laws govern nature.

However, this alone will not tell us much about the character or purpose of God. For more detail we need to turn to the revelation God has made of Himself, to His word, the Bible.

Right from the outset, we notice that the Bible is totally in harmony with what we deduce from observation. The very first verse of the Bible tells us that it was indeed God who made all things. *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”* (Genesis 1:1). The message is repeated in different contexts throughout the Bible, for example: *“I have made the earth, and created man on it. I – my hands – stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded”* (Isaiah 45:12).¹

1. Read Genesis 1:1,31; Genesis 2:1; Isaiah 45:18; Isaiah 40:26; Colossians 1:16-17; 1 Timothy 4:4; Revelation 4:11

- Why does the Bible repeat itself so many times on this same theme?
- How does this matter to us today?

2. Read Hebrews 11:1-3.

- How does faith and science work together in our worldview on creation

3. Read Genesis 1:1-2,31; Romans 1:18-20

- How does creation inform us about God?

4. Read Genesis 1:26-31.

- What was God doing when he created us?

¹ <https://thebiblestudy.co.uk/articles/god-in-creation/>