

Bible Basics: Genesis to Revelation

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Purpose: To provide a platform by which we may "teach them diligently" (Deu. 6:7), *the story* of the sons and daughters of Adam, from their creation to their fall, from their redemption to their salvation, as detailed in the Book of Life, the Holy Bible: Genesis to Revelation.

Lesson 1: Read Genesis 1 – 3

- **Chapter 1 Theme:** Establishing ownership and order of all things
 - It is God who created everything.
 - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - God created everything with words, "and God said..."
 - Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
 - Words are the most powerful force in all of creation.
 - Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
 - Matthew 12:35-37 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. (36) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
 - If God created it, God owns it.
 - Psalms 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
 - It was Jesus Christ who performed the creation.
 - John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 - Colossians 1:16-17 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
 - In creation, a day begins at evening. This is very important to understand, as a natural and spiritual principle is being established.
 - Principle: In a general sense, the cause, source or origin of any thing; that from which a thing proceeds; as the principle of motion; the principles of action. (Webster's 1828)
 - Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
 - Leviticus 23:32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.
 - Man was made in the image of God
 - Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
 - Images are forbidden because mankind is to *be the image of God*, not worship an image.
 - Exodus 20:4-5 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water

- under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
 - Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- God put man in charge of all creation and gave him the blessing of children, posterity to continue the rulership.
 - Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
 - **Chapter 2 Theme:** Trust and obedience
 - God made the 7th day of the week different from all other days.
 - Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
 - Life comes from God. This gift is called the "breath of life", known as a "spirit", and gives life to the soul (mind, will, emotions).
 - Spirit: Primarily, wind; air in motion; hence, breath. All bodies have spirits and pneumatical parts within them. [This sense is now unusual.] (Webster's 1828)
 - Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
 - God put man in "trust" of His garden in Eden. Trust law is established.
 - Trust: Something committed to a person's care for use or management, and for which an account must be rendered. Every man's talents and advantages are a trust committed to him by his Maker, and for the use or employment of which he is accountable. (Webster's 1828)
 - Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
 - The first commandment was to not eat something.
 - Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
 - Man needed a companion of his class of creation.
 - Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.
 - Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.
 - Marriage law is established and defined as between a man and a woman.
 - Genesis 2:21-24 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; (22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. (23) And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. (24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
 - **Chapter 3 Theme:** The enemy, his tactics and exile.
 - God's word is absolute truth. Remember the importance of words.
 - Psalms 119:89 LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
 - Psalms 119:159-160 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness. (160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

- The enemy will always attack truth, seeking to get you to question it.
 - Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- The enemy mixes truth with a lie. He is very crafty. It is vital that you *know* the words. You must be very suspicious of anyone seeking to change God's words.
 - Genesis 3:2-5 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. (4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- Disobeying, sinning, opens the door for fear. It will cause your flesh to want to hide or run from God.
 - Genesis 3:6-8 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. (8) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
- God does not want you to run from him. He already knows where you are and what happened.
 - Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
- Sin brings consequences.
 - Genesis 3:14-19 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: (15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (16) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (17) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; (18) Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; (19) In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
- Even in sin, our God shows us mercy. He covers us.
 - Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
- Sin drives man from the face of God. The rest of the bible is about how God is searching man out, to bring him back home.
 - Genesis 3:22-24 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (23) Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (24) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- 2 Samuel 14:14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.