



“The Maker of Heaven and Earth”

Series: The Apostles' Creed, #2

Selected Scriptures

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The Starting Place.

1. The fundamental questions: *who* and *why*, not *how*.
2. The fundamental answers: God and His glory.
(Genesis 1 - 2; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 40:21-26, 44:24-28, 45:7, 11-12, 18; John 1:1-5; Romans 11:36; Ephesians 1:11-12; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2-3, 11:3; Revelation 4:11, 19:1; *etc.*)

The Making Of Heaven And Earth.

1. God chose to create.
(*e.g.*, Genesis 1 - 2; Job 38 - 41; Romans 11:35; *etc.*)
2. Creation by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
(*e.g.*, Genesis 1:1, 2; Romans 8:6; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:2)
3. Some things we know, and do not know.
(*e.g.*, Genesis 1 - 2; Hebrews 11:3; *etc.*)

The Implications Of Being Made.

1. Life with real quality.
2. Life with real responsibilities.
(*e.g.*, Genesis 1:28; Isaiah 1:2-4, 63:16; Matthew 5:16, 6:6-15; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 2 Peter 4:10, *etc.*)
3. Life with real privileges.
(*e.g.*, Psalm 121:2, 124:8, 134:3; Isaiah 40:28-31, 65:17-18; *etc.*)

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*or "catholic"

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." If you have been a believer for any length of time, you are aware that most discussions on origins begin with the *how* question. Why can't the *how* question provide the fundamental answers to the question of origins? Do you agree that it takes more faith to believe that everything came from nothing rather than from Someone? Why?

Tuesday. God did make "heaven and earth." Walk through the three points in this part of the outline and any notes you made on Sunday. Do you know why God created? What are some of the things we can know from the Bible about God's creating work, and also some things we are not told?

Wednesday. On Sunday we said one of "the implications of being made" was life with real quality. Check any notes you made on this point. Spend some time comparing and contrasting life with and without a Creator. Thank God throughout this day that regardless of how you feel, what your past, present or your prospects are, you have an amazing quality of life because He created you *and* recreated you in Jesus.

Thursday. There are other implications of "being made" — life with real responsibilities and real privileges. Review the passages and notes on responsibilities. Are you being a faithful steward today? The privileges are more than we can count. On Sunday we listed a few that the Bible links to God's work of creation. Review them. Count on them — and count them — through this day.

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at "I believe ... in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord." Prepare to think about that together.