



In The Beginning
Series: Genesis, #1
Text: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
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In The Beginning, God ...

The Nature Of God Revealed.

1. His eternal self-existence. (1:1)
2. His personality. (1:1-5, 2, 7)
3. His sovereignty. (1:1, 3, 6-7, 9, 11, 20-21, 24-25, 26)

The Creation Of God Described.

1. Creation by choice and word. (1:1-3)
2. Creation of time and all things out of nothing. (1:1; 2:1)
3. Creation with differentiation. (1:2–31)

The Blessing Of God Pronounced.

“It was very good.” (1:31)

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. Yesterday we began our trek through the book of Genesis. Consider your thoughts and impressions about this opening book of the Bible. Write a brief summary or list, and keep it to review at the end of our journey. Review the text we considered yesterday by reading 1:1 – 2:3.

Tuesday. Read 1:1 – 2:3 again today. As you read, list all of the features of God’s character you find (you can use the outline and your notes from Sunday to get going). As you review your list, put all of your ideas and questions about “in the beginning” in the context of who God is and what He is like.

Wednesday. As you think about God’s creation work today, begin by focusing again on God creating *out of nothing* by His own choice and words. While we do not have all the answers, remember some of the foundational principles we mentioned on Sunday. You can check Christian bookstores and online to review some of the differing viewpoints from Christians on the *timing* of God creating time, space and all that is in it.

Thursday. Today, go over God’s creating work with *differentiation* — noting the progress from day to day in 1:2-31. As you put that in perspective, also take note of the repeated statement, “God saw that it was good” at the conclusion of days three, four, five and six. Remember, God creative work was good, as He is.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we move to “The Crowning Jewel Of God’s Creation.” Read and think through 1:26-29 and 2:4-25 in preparation.