# **GOD AND ME**

Lesson Nine



MY RESPONSE...

#### THE LOVE OF THE CROSS



JESUS CHOSE THE CROSS BECAUSE HE LOVES US!

HIS RESURRECTION GIVES US THE **POWER** TO CHOOSE TO LOVE HIM!

"The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are lost and dying.

But it is God's power to us who are being saved."

1 Corinthians 1:18

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the true knowledge of Him."

Ephesians 1:17



# **Genesis Chapter One**

DAY 1 Genesis 1:1-5



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters."

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Day 2 Genesis 1:6-8

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it.

And it was so. God called the vault "sky."

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

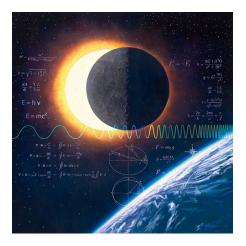


# Day 3 Genesis 1:9-13

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters He called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so...
And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.



# Day 4 Genesis 1:14-19



And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

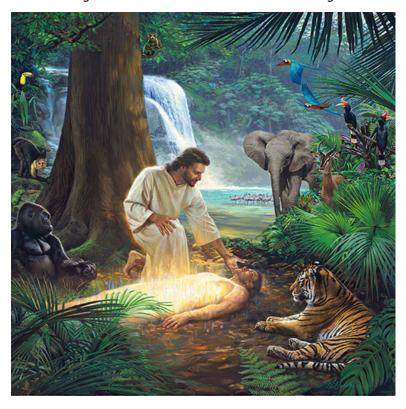
Day 5 Genesis 1:20-23

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.



## Day 6 Genesis 1:24-31

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.



Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it... God saw all that He had made, and it was **very good**. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

#### Humans Are Made In The Image Of God:

- The human spirit was created in God's image.
  - We have a "God shaped hole" in our hearts that can only be filled by our Creator God through the Holy Spirit of God.
- The human soul was created in God's image.
  - Our mind can reason and create thoughts.
  - Our emotions can feel love, joy, sadness, peace...
  - Our will is free to make choices that have natural and eternal consequences (we will learn about this more next week)

# Day 7 Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.



Genesis 2:15

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Eden means: "PLEASURE"

God designed His creation for humans to enjoy it and take care of it.

God's purpose for creating people was for us to know Him, worship Him, enjoy Him, and to share in His love – forever!

# GOD IS **SOVEREIGN CREATOR SOVEREIGN:** HE *RULES OVER* HIS ENTIRE CREATION

#### John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made;

without Him nothing was made that has been made.



# God has Universal Authority – He answers to NO ONE

#### 1 Timothy 6:15b

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the **King of kings and Lord of lords.** 

#### Philippians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Revelation 19:16

On His (Jesus') robe and on His thigh, He has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.



### **GOD IS SOVEREIGN**



### I AM TAKEN CARE OF



#### **MY RESPONSE -**

I Choose To: Know God, Worship Him, Enjoy Him, and to Share in His Love – FOREVER!

Draw a picture of you and God enjoying each other in the Garden of Eden.

#### **TALK TO GOD**

Using the ARK model - A: Agree

R: Revelation K: Keep

#### **Deuteronomy 10:14**

"To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it."

#### Isaiah 41:13

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

#### Revelation 19:16

On His (Jesus') robe and on His thigh, He has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

Lord, I AGREE that You are **Sovereign Creator**. The heavens, the earth and everything in it belong to You! You are King and Ruler over everything in the universe! You are in charge of everything - including me. I KNOW that You rescue me, take care of me and help me to not be afraid.

Holy Spirit, please help me understand what it means that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of Lords. Show me how live my life knowing that He is in charge and that He takes care of me.

God, thank You for helping me to know You, worship You, enjoy You and share in Your love – forever!

Amen

### **TAKE HOME CHALLENGES:**

1. This week read one or more of these Scriptures in the Bible.

Corinthians 1:18 Ephesians 1:17 Genesis 1:24-31 Genesis 2:1-3 Genesis 2:15 John 1:1-3 1 Timothy 6:15b Philippians 2:10-11 Revelation 19:16 Deuteronomy 10:14

Isaiah 41:13

2. **Memory Verse:** "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11

- 3. Share this workbook with a family member and talk about:
  - a. God is...
  - b. I am...
  - **c. My Response...** (Share your feelings about what you learned together)
- 4. Do the questions, drawings, coloring, writing a prayer and activity pages suggested in this book.