



Part 1 (Lesson 7)

The Creation and Purpose of Mankind

I. The Creation of Man

A. In Genesis 1:1 what declaration is made? **(God created the heavens and the earth!)**

1. How did God bring these things into being? (Genesis 1) **(He spoke them into being)**

B. List the things created and done on each day in Genesis 1. **(See chapter for answers)**

1st day _____

2nd day _____

3rd day _____

4th day _____

5th day _____

6th day _____

C. What significant facts do we find about the creation of man in Genesis 1:26-27?

(Created in the image and likeness of God) (Also, created as male and female)

D. What instructions did God give to man in Genesis 1:28-30? **(To be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth. Also, to rule over all the earth and other aspects of God's creation. This "ruling over" implies caring for and benefiting from.)**

E. What was the purpose for the sun, moon and stars? (Genesis 1:14-18) **(For signs and seasons, days and years. Also, to give light upon the earth.)** (Note – Though there is nothing here that specifically says life is only found on the earth, there is information that implies that the purpose of the other heavenly bodies is related to the earth.)

F. What is the purpose of the earth? (Isaiah 45:18) **(To be inhabited)** (Note – There is a great video entitled “The Privileged Planet” that gives scientific data revealing how amazing the earth is in meeting all the necessary parameters to sustain life.)

G. What things do you see God doing for man in Genesis 2:8-25? **(Breathing life into him, allowing him to name the animals, and creating woman, a companion and helpmate for him.)**

H. In Genesis 3:8-9 what practice do you see as probably having been common before the fall of man? **(God, communing with Adam and Eve.)**

I. What do we learn about man in Psalm 8:3-7? **(Man is made for a little while lower than the angels and is created to rule, with all things being put under his feet. Man is known by God and cared for by God.)** (Also see Hebrews 2:5-9)

J. Notice the make-up of man in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 **(Body, soul and spirit)**

1. God is spirit (John 4:24) and we are created in His image – a spirit being.

2. Our body is **(A tent, that is a temporary dwelling place for our spirit.)** (2 Cor. 5:1-8)

3. Our body is also a **(Temple of the Holy Spirit)** (1 Corinthians 6:19)

4. Not a lot is known about the attributes and distinctions of the soul and spirit of man but scripture reveals that they are distinct and can be divided. (Hebrews 4:12)

II. The Purpose of Mankind

A. Why did God create all things (including people)? (Revelation 4:11) **(For His pleasure)**

- B. Why did God create you? (Isaiah 43:7) **(For His glory)**
- C. What will eventually be true of us? (Romans 8:16-17) (1 John 3:1-2) **(We will be glorified with Him and will be like Him for we will see Him as He is.)**
- D. In Luke 3:38 what did God call Adam? **(The son of God) (Note – Jesus is the only begotten Son of God but the Bible indicates that God created us to be His children. That was true in the beginning before the fall of man. Through Christ, that is restored in us.)**
1. In Romans 8:15 what are we told God is to believers? **(“Abba” (Daddy) Father)**
What purpose for man do you see from this? **(Intimate relationship with God and being involved with God as we are given authority over all that He has created.)**
- D. What do we see will happen in Revelation 21:3-4? **(God will dwell among us and He will wipe away all of our tears and pain.)**
- E. What does Revelations 20:6 tell us will be true about many people someday?
(We will rule with Christ here on earth for 1,000 years.)
(Notice how this corresponds with to what we saw God establishing for man in Genesis 2)

In the space provided below write any specific things that struck you as you studied this lesson about the creation of man and the purpose of man –
