

John – Week 3 – The Lord our Maker – Bible Study Helps

Title: The Lord Our Maker: Jesus Christ as Creator and Life Giver

Sermon Summary:

This sermon from John 1:1-4 establishes the fundamental truth of Jesus Christ as the eternal Creator and sustainer of all life. The sermon systematically demonstrates through multiple Scripture passages that Jesus Christ is Jehovah God, the maker of all things, and the source of both physical and eternal life. The message addresses the spiritual warfare against creation truth in modern culture, particularly focusing on the sanctity of human life from conception. The sermon emphasizes that rejection of Christ as Creator leads to moral darkness, including the devaluation of unborn life. The pastor calls believers to recognize their Creator, defend the innocent, and share the gospel while acknowledging that all life—physical, spiritual, and eternal—comes from Jesus Christ alone.

Key Points:

- Jesus Christ is the eternal God (the great I AM) who existed before time and created all things
- The Word (Jesus) has three relationships revealed in John 1: to time (eternal), to the Trinity (with God and was God), and to the universe (Creator of all)
- All things were made by Jesus Christ without exception—visible and invisible, including angels, humans, atoms, and molecules
- Jesus Christ is not only Creator but also the sustainer who holds all things together by His word
- God gives every person physical life, light (conscience and knowledge of Him), and the opportunity for eternal life
- The phrase "with child" appears 26 times in the King James Bible, affirming that life in the womb is a child created by God
- Modern Bible versions remove this phrase, replacing it with "pregnant," obscuring the personhood of the unborn
- Psalm 139 reveals that God forms and fashions each person in the womb with intentionality and purpose
- At conception, a child has distinct DNA from the mother, a heartbeat by day 18, and brainwave activity by day 40
- God hates hands that shed innocent blood, and taking innocent life is striving against the Maker
- The world's rejection of God as Creator leads to the darkening of conscience and the extinguishing of moral light

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- Believers must defend life, pray for Israel, vote according to biblical values, and prioritize soul-winning above all

Scripture References:

- John 1:1-4 (primary focus)
- Genesis 1:1, 2:7
- Psalm 33:9, 95:6, 139:13-16
- Proverbs 22:2
- Isaiah 45:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Hebrews 1:1-3
- Revelation 4:11
- Job 18:5-6, 21:17, 33:4
- Proverbs 20:27, 24:19-20
- Genesis 16:11
- 2 Samuel 11:5
- Psalm 51:5
- Jeremiah 1:5
- Exodus 20:13, 21 (regarding penalties for harming unborn children)
- Proverbs 6:16-17
- Isaiah 45:9

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Stories:

- The pastor's personal testimony of being humbled and saved at age 25, turning from rebellion against God
- Illustration of entropy in the natural world—everything degrades except life, which grows and develops, demonstrating God's creative power working against natural decay
- Illustration of a candle in complete darkness—even small light allows people to find their way, but when God extinguishes the candle of the wicked, they are left in total darkness without truth or understanding
- The story of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar (Genesis 16), where the Angel of the Lord (pre-incarnate Christ) tells Hagar "you are with child"
- David's sin with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:5), where she sent word saying "I am with child"
- Personal testimony about hearing his child's heartbeat for the first time through ultrasound, describing how it "melted" him instantly and changed his perspective on the life within the womb

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Discipleship Questions

How does recognizing Jesus Christ as the Creator of all things change the way you approach Him in worship and daily obedience?

In what ways have you personally witnessed the world's rebellion against God as Creator, and how should believers respond to this opposition?

What does it mean that 'in Him we live and move and have our being,' and how should this truth affect our moment-by-moment dependence on God?

How does the concept that God 'holds all things together' by His word impact your understanding of science, natural law, and the physical universe?

Considering that God has given 'light' and conscience to every person, what responsibility do Christians have in witnessing to those who seem to have hardened their hearts?

What does the biblical phrase 'with child' reveal about God's view of life in the womb, and how should this shape our stance on the sanctity of life?

How can believers effectively communicate that abortion is not merely a political issue but a spiritual rebellion against the Life-Giver Himself?

In what ways does modern culture's denial of God as Creator lead directly to the devaluation of human life at both its beginning and end?

How should the truth that we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made' in God's image influence how we view ourselves, others, and especially the unborn?

What practical steps can you take this week to stand for biblical truth regarding creation, the sanctity of life, and the gospel in a world increasingly hostile to these truths?

Small Group Study Guide

"The Lord Our Maker" - John 1:1-4

Opening Prayer

Begin with prayer, asking God to open hearts and minds to His truth about creation, life, and our relationship with Him as our Maker.

Ice Breaker

Share a moment when you witnessed the miracle of life (birth of a child, growth of a plant, etc.) **and how it made you think about God as Creator.**

Key Scripture

John 1:1-4 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Discussion Questions

Part 1: The Supreme Creator

1. **What does it mean to you personally that Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things?**
How does this truth affect your daily perspective?
2. **Read Colossians 1:15-17.** What does it mean that "by him all things consist" (hold together)? How does this impact your understanding of science and faith?
3. **The sermon mentioned that our world has replaced the Creator with the theory that "everything came from nothing."** Why do you think this shift has happened? What are the spiritual consequences?
4. **Discuss the concept of "entropy"** (everything degrades over time) **versus life** (which grows and develops). How does this point to a Creator?

Part 2: The Life Giver

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5. **Read Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, and Acts 17:28.** What do these verses teach us about our dependence on God for life itself?
6. **The sermon stated, "In Jesus Christ is found eternal life."** How is physical life connected to eternal life? Why is this important to understand?
7. **John 1:9 says God gives light to "every man that cometh into the world."** What does this "light" mean? How does this affect our responsibility to share the gospel?
8. **The sermon mentioned that "the candle of the wicked shall be put out" (Proverbs 24:20).** What does this warning mean? How should it motivate us in evangelism?

Part 3: The Life Takers

9. **How does understanding God as our Maker change the conversation about the sanctity of life?** Discuss the biblical basis for protecting the unborn.
10. **The phrase "with child" appears 26 times in the King James Bible but only once in modern versions.** Why does language matter in this debate? How can we speak truth with grace?
11. **Read Psalm 139:13-16.** What does this passage reveal about God's involvement in forming life in the womb?
12. **The sermon stated, "The burden of proof should be with the life taker, and the benefit of the doubt should be with the life saver."** How can we apply this principle in our culture?

Key Takeaways

- ✓ **Jesus Christ is the Supreme Creator** - All things were made by Him and for Him (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16)
- ✓ **Jesus Christ is the Life Giver** - He gives both physical life and eternal life (John 1:4; John 14:6)
- ✓ **We are made in God's image** - This gives inherent value and dignity to every human life from conception (Genesis 1:27)
- ✓ **God forms each person in the womb** - Life begins at conception, and God is actively involved in creating each person (Psalm 139:13-16)
- ✓ **The world is in rebellion against the Creator** - Rejecting God as Creator leads to rejecting His design for life and morality
- ✓ **We have a responsibility to defend innocent life** - As followers of Christ, we must speak for those who cannot speak for themselves

Practical Applications

This Week, I Will:

Personal Reflection:

- [] Spend time thanking God for creating me and giving me life
- [] Meditate on Psalm 139 and what it means that I am "fearfully and wonderfully made"
- [] Examine my heart: Do I truly acknowledge Jesus as my Creator and Lord in every area of my life?

Spiritual Growth:

- [] Share the gospel with at least one person, emphasizing that our Creator died to save us
- [] Pray daily for those considering abortion and for the protection of unborn children
- [] Study additional scriptures on creation and the sanctity of life

Practical Action:

- [] **Vote NO on Issue 1 in Ohio** (or similar pro-life measures in your area)
- [] Research and support local pregnancy resource centers
- [] Have a conversation with someone about the biblical view of life
- [] Educate myself on how to compassionately discuss abortion with those who disagree

Family/Relationships:

- [] Talk with my children about God as Creator and the value of every human life
- [] Offer support to someone facing an unplanned pregnancy
- [] Pray for families struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss

Memory Verse

John 1:3-4 - "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Prayer Focus

Pray for:

- Awakening in our nation to recognize God as Creator
- Protection of unborn children and wisdom for legislators

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- Women facing unplanned pregnancies - that they would choose life
- Doctors, nurses, and pregnancy center workers ministering to women in crisis
- Our own hearts - that we would live in light of being created by and for God
- Israel and the Jewish people in these challenging times
- Boldness to share the gospel while there is still time

Closing Thought

"How can a world look at this unique creation and turn off their heart and love for children, for babies? God has been so good to us. He's given us life, given us light."

The Creator of the universe loves you so much that He not only gave you physical life but also died to give you eternal life. How will you respond to your Maker this week?

For Next Week

Come prepared to discuss: How does understanding Jesus as Creator impact how we view current events and the urgency of the gospel message?

5-Day Devotional: The Lord Our Maker

Day 1: Jesus Christ, The Eternal Creator

Reading: John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:15-17

Devotional: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." These opening words of John's Gospel establish the foundation of our faith—Jesus Christ is the eternal Creator. Before time existed, He was. Every star, every mountain, every living creature came into being through Him. The same hands that formed the universe were pierced for your sins. When you feel insignificant, remember: the Creator of all things knows you by name. He didn't just speak the world into existence and walk away; He sustains it moment by moment. Your next breath, your beating heart, the very atoms holding you together—all exist because He wills it. Worship Him today as the Almighty God who became flesh to save you.

Reflection: How does knowing Jesus as Creator change your perspective on His sacrifice at the cross?

Day 2: The Life-Giver

Reading: Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4; Acts 17:24-28

Devotional: "The breath of the Almighty hath given me life." Every morning you wake, every breath you take, is a gift from the Life-Giver. God didn't just create you and step back; He actively sustains your life. The Bible declares, "In Him we live and move and have our being." You are not a cosmic accident or a product of random chance—you are fearfully and wonderfully made by a loving Creator. He fashioned you with purpose, gave you consciousness, and placed eternity in your heart. Even more remarkably, this same God who gives physical life offers eternal life through Jesus Christ. He doesn't just want you to exist; He wants you to live forever with Him. Today, thank Him for the gift of life and surrender it back to Him.

Reflection: What would change in your daily routine if you truly lived aware that God gives you every breath?

Day 3: Light in the Darkness

Reading: John 1:4-9; Romans 1:18-20; Psalm 139:13-16

Devotional: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." God has given every person light—a conscience, an awareness of right and wrong, an inner knowledge that He exists.

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Creation itself testifies to the Creator. Yet our world increasingly suppresses this truth, choosing darkness over light. When God's light is rejected repeatedly, Scripture warns that the "candle of the wicked shall be put out." Sin compounds, hardening hearts until people can no longer see clearly. But for those who receive Christ, He becomes our brilliant light, illuminating the path of life. You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Don't hide your light—let it shine before others so they may find their way to the Life-Giver before their candle goes out.

Reflection: Who in your life is stumbling in darkness and needs you to share the light of Christ with them?

Day 4: The Sanctity of Life

Reading: Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Exodus 21:22-25

Devotional: "Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb... I am fearfully and wonderfully made." God doesn't just observe life; He fashions it. Before you had form, He knew you. Before you drew breath, He had plans for you. The Bible consistently refers to pregnancy as being "with child"—because from conception, there is a person, made in God's image, with distinct DNA and eternal value. Our culture has darkened this truth, but God's Word remains clear: innocent life is sacred. As image-bearers of the Creator, we must defend the defenseless and speak for those who cannot speak. But beyond political action, we must share the gospel—the only power that truly transforms hearts and saves souls for eternity. Pray today for the unborn, for mothers in crisis, and for our nation to return to God.

Reflection: How can you practically demonstrate the value of human life this week?

Day 5: Accountable to Our Maker

Reading: Isaiah 45:9-12; Revelation 4:8-11; Proverbs 6:16-19

Devotional: "Woe unto him that striveth with his maker." The clay cannot question the potter. The creation cannot rebel against the Creator without consequence. Yet this is precisely what our world does daily—rejecting God's authority, cursing His name, denying His existence, and destroying the lives He creates. The battle isn't ultimately about politics or education; it's a spiritual war against the Almighty. One day, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The question is whether we'll do so in worship or judgment. As believers, we stand at a critical moment in history. The clock is ticking. Israel is under attack. Innocent lives hang in the balance. Will you stand for your Creator? Will you share His gospel while there's still time? Today is the day of salvation—for you and for those around you.

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Reflection: What specific action will you take this week to honor God as your Maker and share His truth with others?

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, our Creator and Life-Giver, forgive us for taking Your gifts for granted. Thank You for forming us, sustaining us, and offering us eternal life through Your sacrifice. Help us to stand boldly for truth in a world that rejects You. Give us courage to defend the defenseless and wisdom to share the gospel with urgency. We worship You as the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Lord our Maker. In Your mighty name, Amen.