

The Journey
Series 01: Creation
Week 03: God Creates Angels, Heavens, and Earth
We are indebted to [Ethnos360](#) for providing the basis of these lessons

Review (Where We Have Been)

Lesson 1: The Bible is God's message to ALL people

- It's About God (He is the central character)
- It's Inspired by God (He gave men words to write for ALL people)
- It's Preserved by God (He will keep His words for all generations to hear)

Lesson 2: The Bible Reveals What God is Like

- God had no beginning and will have no end
- God is triune
- God is independent
- God is Spirit
- God is everywhere at the same time
- God is the highest authority

BIG Idea

Since the Bible is God's message to all people and He reveals Himself to us, from Him we also learn the origin of all things.

When thinking about creation (origin of all things) we often picture the *visible*, but we'll also focus on the creation of what is *invisible*.

God is eternal; therefore, speaking with authority about the beginning of all things, including *invisible* and *visible*.

Lesson Purpose(s)

To establish God as Creator and authority over invisible and visible things

Perspective

All of us are curious about origins.

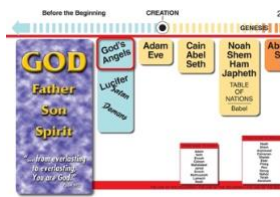
How did all that we SEE and DON'T SEE come into existence?

Why aren't we starting with visible, created things? Because the *invisible spirit realm* was created BEFORE visible things found in Genesis 1-2 (chronological study).

Information (What We Need to Know)

What God Reveals about Spirits...

- **Created by God** (they had a beginning)
Colossians 1:16 (NLT) ...for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see - such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.
"Thrones, kingdoms, rulers and authorities refer to the multitude of spirits that were created by God and given different positions of authority. Another term used for them is angels." – Firm Foundations
- **No physical bodies** (not limited by time/space; sometimes take on human form)
- **Dwelt in heaven**
 - ✓ The Bible speaks clearly of heaven (God's dwelling place is real)
Psalm 11:4 (NLT) ...the Lord still rules from heaven.
 - ✓ We don't know where heaven is
- **Vast in number**
Revelation 5:11 (NLT) ...thousands and millions of angels around the throne.
- **Servants and messengers of God** (intelligent/powerful to do God's will)
Psalm 103:20 (NLT) Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. **21** Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!
- **Created as perfect beings** (God does not create evil; all He does is perfect)
Genesis 1:31 (NLT) God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!
- **Lucifer appears to be the greatest of all spirit beings** (angels)
 - ✓ He was given a position of leadership over the other angels
 - ✓ **Ezekiel 28:14** calls him "*the anointed cherub*"
 - ✓ He was created blameless, or without sin. **Ezekiel 28:15** says, "*You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created ...*"



What God Reveals about the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth...

- All things had a beginning (except God)
Genesis 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning God
The word *genesis* means “beginnings” or “origins.” The book of Genesis records how everything began. – Firm Foundations
- Angels were present to celebrate as they watched God create
Job 38:4 (NLT) “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much... 7 and all the angels shouted for joy?
- The heavens and the earth were created **out of nothing** (He spoke all things into existence by the power of His words; He alone can do this)
Psalms 33:8 (ESV) Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- The earth was formless and void
Genesis 1:1 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.
 - ✓ Earth had no specific form (elements had not been organized into perfect order)
 - ✓ Light did not exist (darkness covered the earth)
 - ✓ There was no dry land (water covered the earth)
 - ✓ The earth was uninhabited (there was no life anywhere on earth)
- The Spirit of God was present and ready to create
Genesis 1:2 (ESV) And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
“Although there was no life on earth, the Spirit of God was there, poised, waiting and prepared to release all the tremendous creative power of God to bring all things into being. The Spirit of God was ready to create all that God had planned.” – Firm Foundations
- All three Persons of God were present at creation – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit

Application (What We Need to Do)

In the middle of all this *information*, we must not lose sight of *The Journey* being a study of God.

Throughout this Journey we should constantly be asking, “What do these words say about Who God is, what he does, and what it means to live in relationship with Him?”

Two truths we must declare based on God’s creation of the invisible and visible...

- Nothing can be taught to God that He doesn’t already know

- ✓ He’s not learning as He goes along
- ✓ He’s not reacting with uncertainty as it happens
- ✓ All things are perfectly ordered by Him

- Nothing is too hard for God (He’s all-powerful)

Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV) It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.