



a survey of the Bible
Creation & covenant
May 5th '19

[If you've decided to get people to research various questions raised as we're going through this survey of the Bible – make sure time's set aside for this each week.]

1. Read Genesis 1 - 2:3 What specifically speaks to you of the **majesty of God** as you view the natural world around us? What truths stand out in this passage regarding i) the character of the whole creation and ii) the character of humans & their relationship to God? Humanity – male & female created in God's image. Do you look for the image of God in people? Do you see their God-given value? What would change if you treated everyone you met based on this biblical truth? What other things can you spot in these early chapters in Genesis that are foundational in the Christian world-view?

2. We talked about the **gravity of sin**. The Bible uses the word "sin" to describe the mess that's in our hearts. This is why Jesus had to come on a spiritual mission ... because this affects us all. (Which is why we can never point out other people's sin without that "recoiling" on us.) Genesis 3:1 records the question asked of Eve "*Did God really say...?*" What can we learn from this about Satan's method of attack? What does Jesus teach in John 8:44? Jesus tackles the root cause of sin in our lives – but Christians are still faced with all the old choices. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What is our God-given armour?

3. What is the significance of Genesis 3:15? (see Hebrews 2:14,15) What does 2 Corinthians 5:17 show us about **the wonder of grace?** We looked at Noah & Abraham as examples of people who responded to God with faith & obedience. What inspires you from their examples?

Use Isaiah 40:18-31 as the basis for praising the mighty, majestic Creator God who we serve and who watches over our lives

N.B. Don't forget the daily Bible readings in the newsletter

Suggestions for further study...

- www.bethinking.org search Creation
- <https://www.zachariastrust.org/has-science-buried-god-2>
- <https://www.bethinking.org/human-life/gender-identity-and-the-body>
- <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/genealogy/did-adam-and-noah-really-live-over-900-years/>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Genesis-flood-proven.html>