

All creation is the most beautiful book of the Bible; in it God has described and portrayed himself. - Martin Luther

The Spacious Firmament on high,
With all the blue Ethereal Sky,
And spangled Heav'ns, a Shining Frame,
Their great Original proclaim:
Th' unwearied Sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's Pow'r display,
And publishes to every Land
The Work of an Almighty Hand.

Soon as the Evening Shades prevail,
The Moon takes up the wondrous Tale,
And nightly to the list'ning Earth
Repeats the Story of her Birth:
Whilst all the Stars that round her burn,
And all the Planets, in their turn,
Confirm the Tidings as they rowl,
And spread the Truth from Pole to Pole.

What though, in solemn Silence, all
Move round the dark terrestrial Ball?
What tho' nor real Voice nor Sound
Amid their radiant Orbs be found?
In Reason's Ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious Voice,
For ever singing, as they shine,
The Hand that made us is Divine.
- Joseph Addison

Assignment:

1. Read Psalm 104. What are the things that Psalmist celebrates about God as he surveys the various categories of creation?
2. Read Psalm 19:1-6. What does this Psalm teach us about the purpose of the skies?
3. Read Romans 1:20-23. Why is it so deadly to suppress the truth about God that he is the Creator and that all things in creation point to his glory?
4. Read Genesis 1:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:6. Why does Paul quote Genesis to describe the work of God in making one born again?

5. Can you list any examples in Scripture where the glory of God (or, Jesus) is described as light?

“Let there be light!”

I. Creation: a HOUSE for God (Genesis 1:1)

- A. What Moses could have taught...(Acts 7:22)
1. Impersonal Forces of matter in collision with each other
 2. Gradual shades of BEING from animals to man (Sphinx, Satyrs, Griffin, etc)
 3. Long cycles of TIME.

Instead, Moses said that creation was...

- B. A building project consisting of 2 parts:
1. Purposeful and good DESIGN
 - a) “And God SAID...”
 - b) “And God saw that it was GOOD.”
 2. Repeatable SCHEDULE
 - a) Creation in six DAYS (Exodus 20:11)

C. For what reason?

* God designed creation to reveal himself and to instruct us. *

II. The light of GLORY (Genesis 1:3)

- A. Exodus 40:34-35
- B. 2 Chronicles 5:14
- C. Ezekiel 43:4-5
- D. Luke 2:9
- E. John 1:1-5, 9-10
- F. 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

III. The expanse called HEAVEN (Genesis 1:6-8)

- A. A Reminder of the HIGHEST heaven.
- B. Look to the sky:
 1. Birds
 2. Stars
 3. Rainbows
 4. Clouds
 5. Blue

IV. The lights of _____ (Genesis 1:14-19)

- A. Purposes of the Heavenly Bodies:
1. They _____. (Matthew 13:43)
 2. They _____.

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3. They determine _____ . (Lev 23:5-6; Col 2:16-17)
4. They are _____ for days and years.
5. They are sovereign. They rule. (Rev 1:20; Genesis 37:9-10)
6. They are associated with _____ (Job 38:7) and _____ (Genesis 15:5; Philippians 2:15)