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Creation and Redemption

Lesson Eight

1. What grand truth is revealed in the first verse in the Bible?

"In the beginning God _____ the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

2. What Bible contrast is repeatedly drawn between the true God and false gods?

"Thus shall ye say unto them, the gods that have not _____ the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. The portion of Jacob is not like them, for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is His name." Jeremiah 10:11-16. (See Jeremiah 14:22; Acts 17:22-29; Revelation 14:6-10.)

3. Through whom did God work in the creation of all things?

"In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by _____; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1-3.

4. Through whom is our redemption provided?

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, _____ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from the wrath through Him." Romans 5:8, 9.

5. What passage of Scripture speaks of the Creator as Redeemer?

"But now thus saith the LORD that _____ thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have _____ thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." Isaiah 43:1.

6. Which prayer of David reveals that God's redemptive work of man is a creative work?

"_____ in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10.

7. Where are we told that Christ, the active agent in creation, is also the head of the church?

"For by him were all things _____, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by _____, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence." Colossians 1:16-18.

8. What Scripture clearly shows that it is God's creative power which transforms the believer?

"For we are His workmanship, _____ in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.

9. Who is it that keeps the stars in their places in the heavens?

"To who then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? saith the _____. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." Isaiah 40:25, 26.

10. What can the same Creator do for me and you?

"Now unto him that is able to _____ you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, and dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

11. How much of this power is available to help us in our need?

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the _____ greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places." Ephesians 1:17-20.

12. Who sustains the universe and keeps it each moment?

"And he [Christ] is before all things, and in _____ all things consist." Colossians 1:17.

13. Of what great truth is the Seventh-day Sabbath a memorial and a sign?

"But to us there is... _____ Lord Jesus Christ, _____ whom are all things, and we by _____." 1 Corinthians 8:6.

14. The Sabbath is a memorial of Creation. Is it also a sign of God's power to redeem us?

"_____ the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD _____ heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.

"It is a _____ between Me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." Exodus 31:17.

"Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that _____ them." Ezekial 20:12.

15. Why is God worthy to receive our worship, praise and honor?

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast _____ all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." Revelation 4:11.

Note: That comparatively modern view of creation known as evolution, which rests upon human research rather than upon divine revelation, and which substitutes an impersonal force for a personal Creator, overthrows the very foundation of the gospel. Redemption is simply the new creation, and the Creator is the Redeemer. The Head of the original creation was wrought through Christ by the power of the word; the new creation, or redemption, is wrought in exactly the same way. The evolution theory of creation inevitably involves an evolution theory of the gospel, and sets aside the truth concerning sin, the atoning sacrifice of Christ, and the necessity of becoming new creatures through faith in the saving power of Christ.