

Genesis 1:1

Our Creator God

Proposition: *Our Creator God delights in showing grace.*

I. God before All Creation

- a. God exists before his creation—*In the beginning.*
 - i. *He existed before created time.*
 1. God alone is eternal. He has no beginning and therefore **God alone is uncreated.** [Ps. 90:2]
 - a. God alone is *life in himself.* [Is. 46:9]
 - ii. *He existed before created matter.*
 1. God has no material form. He is invisible and therefore **God is spiritual.** [Jn. 4:24]
 - a. Consider then the words of Jesus: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the *flesh is no help* at all.” [Jn. 6:63]
- b. God is distinct from his creation—*God created.*
 - i. *He is distinct from creation itself.*
 1. Creation is not an extension of God, being itself created. Therefore, **God is utterly independent of creation.** [Ac. 17:24-25; cf. Hab. 2:18]
 - a. Consider then the *holiness* of God! [Is. 6:3; Rv. 4:8]
 - b. Consider God’s unchanging *glory!* [Is. 42:8; Ma. 3:6; Ti. 1:2]
 - ii. *He is distinct from his act of creation.*
 1. God does not need to create. He is free (sovereign) in all his acts [Ps. 115:3; Ps. 135:6]. Therefore, **creation is a grace of God.**
 - a. Consider then the *grace* of God. [Da. 4:35; Ja. 1:17]
 - b. It *pleased God* to create when there was nothing. [Rv. 4:11]

II. God of All Creation

- a. God creates from nothing—*God created.*
 - i. *He creates with wisdom.*
 1. God did not create using preexisting materials. **God is therefore infinitely wise in his holy will.** [Ps. 33:11; Is. 14:24; Ro. 11:36]
 - a. We cannot comprehend how God can bring into being that which was not. We understand it by faith. [Hb. 11:3]
 - ii. *He creates with power.*
 1. God does not share his divinity with creation. **God is therefore infinitely powerful to do as he pleases.** [Is. 46:10]
 - a. Consider the *awesome power of God.*
- b. God created all creation—*The heavens and the earth.*
 - i. *He created all things unseen.*

1. That God created the heavens means that **God created all numina (spiritual reality).** [Dt. 10:14; Ne. 9:6; Ep. 1:3]
 - a. All spirits, powers, and authorities—reason, affection, volition—all virtue and holy desire: *God is the root of every holy, spiritual thing,* even the fruit of the Spirit.
- ii. *He created all things seen.*
 1. That God created the earth means that **God created all phenomena (physical reality).** [Jn. 1:3; Ac. 4:24; Col. 1:16]
 - a. All matter, the space it occupies, and the motions therein: *God is the Author of Time and Space.*

III. God for All Creation

- a. God reveals himself in creation—*the heavens and earth.*
 - i. *He reveals himself implicitly in creation itself.*
 1. **Creation is revelation** of the Creator. [Ps 19:1-2; Ro. 1:20]
 - ii. *He reveals himself explicitly through a witness to creation.*
 1. Wisdom bore witness to God’s creation. [Pr. 8:22-31] Being therefore Wisdom Incarnate, **Jesus Christ is the faithful witness of creation.** [Jn. 1:1-2; Lk. 7:35; Rv. 1:5; 3:14]
- b. God glorifies himself in creation—*the heavens and the earth.*
 - i. *He glorifies himself by delighting in love.*
 1. From eternity, God purposed to create a living universe, and to **love living souls made in his image.** [Ep. 1:3-6]
 - a. Consider then the *infinite depth* of God’s love for us! [Ep. 3:18]
 - ii. *He glorifies himself by delighting in grace.*
 1. From all eternity, God purposed to love us, and therefore **our creator God delights in showing grace.** [Pr. 8:27-31; El. 33:11; Is. 30:18; Mi. 7:18; Is. 25:9]
 - a. Consider then how God *delights* in his saints because of Christ. [Ps. 16:3; Col. 1:27]

IV. Responding to Our Creator God

- a. *Heed His Word:* Praise the Maker of Heaven and Earth! *Stand in awe* of his works! *Hide yourself* in his love and grace, for he is your Father, your Savior, your Help—and delights to do good to his saints.
- b. *Examine Yourself:* Do God’s eternity, power, and wisdom *humble* you? Does his holiness and glory in creation *stir* your heart to worship? Does his gracious kindness in revelation *lead* you to repentance of faith?
- c. *Go Do Likewise:* **Hugh Binning:** “You are made for this, and you were redeemed for this, to read upon the volumes of his works and word, and from thence extract songs of praise to his majesty.”