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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
God is the real Owner of all of us

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:
Father in heaven, when we think about the wonder and diversity of Your animal kingdom, please help us not only to worship You, but to care for what You've entrusted to us.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:
A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

(Prov 12:10 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Jan 29, 2016)

New Series: Beginnings

UNIT: The Beginning of the World

NEXT WEEK

The First Man
(Gen 1:26-2:3)

Creation in Sky, Sea, and Land Genesis 1:14-25

Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson teaches us that God displays His glory through the creation, especially through His **Creation in Sky, Sea, and Land**. The **study's aim** is to acknowledge that God is the Creator of all light and life. The **study's application** is to show that we as Christians can see how the nature of God is reflected in all His creation.

(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)

Lesson Introduction and Background

When we are walking in the darkness, we may forget that daybreak is merely hours away. When the sun appears, we see our world clearly and walk unafraid (cf. John 11:9). Most of us do not even have to think about how we are placing our feet—we simply go forward. It is when we find ourselves in crisis that we falter. We are lingering in spiritual darkness, afraid to move. We call out in fear, asking God to lift us out of the darkness. What we need to acknowledge is that God is with us in that spiritual night (Ps. 139:11-12). What is our recurring problem? We have failed to trust God. When our way is clear and bright, trust is easy. In darkness, however, God sometimes asks us to do things that make little or no sense. We begin to question His ability to lead us safely through the night of our fears. We become paralyzed and stop moving. The good news is that we can completely trust Him. Scripture tells us that Jesus is the Light of the World (John 8:12). God's plans for us are always good (cf. Jer. 29:11), and He will not allow us to stumble as we walk with Him. Meanwhile, He has things there for you, even in the darkness. So what are you waiting for? Trust Him, and let Him guide you safely through.

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Day four included the sun to rule the day and the moon and the stars to rule the night. Either these were created with apparent age, or they had been previously created and were then made visible on the earth on days one and two when God separated light from darkness and waters above from water below. These heavenly bodies were to serve as signs for seasons and days and years. These terms, as well as "day" and "night" in verse 5, are meaningless without the existence of the sun and the rotation of the planets. In astrology unbelievers use stars and planets for guidance, but the Bible says they merely display the handiwork of God (Ps. 19:1). What folly to follow astrological charts of the Babylonians or worship the sun god in Egypt; rather, one should trust the One who made these objects in the heavens. However, many humans repeatedly reject the Creator to worship the Creation (Rom. 1:25). The great creatures of the sea and the air were created on the fifth day. Great creatures of the deep, worshiped as dragons and monsters in the ancient world, were nothing more than creations by Almighty God. Moreover, fertility of life comes from the blessing of the true God.

(Adapted from the Bible Knowledge Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Day Four of Creation (Gen 1:14-19)

Creation of Day and Night (14)

- Created for the examining of our lives (Ps 90:12)
- Created but not to worry about (Matt 6:34)
- Created but not the same timeframe to God versus man (2 Peter 3:8)
- Created to never cease as long as the earth endures (Gen 8:22)
- Created to be interpreted (Matt 16:1-3)
- Created by God in His wisdom that is not understood by man (Job 38:19)

Creation of Seasons (14)

- Daily provisions by God (Luke 11:3)
- Days and nights that are owned by God (Ps 74:16)
- Days that are made by God (Ps 118:24)
- Special days that should be sacred (Rom 14:5-6)
- Daily renewal by God (2 Cor 4:16)

Creation of Sun and Moon (15-19)

- The sun for its radiance and moon for its splendor (Job 31:26)
- Do not worship the sun and moon, but give God the praise for them (Deut 4:19)
- God set the sun and moon in their places (Ps 8:3)
- In the last days the sun and moon will be darkened (Matt 24:29)
- God created the sun and moon to have different splendors (1 Cor 15:41)

Day Five of Creation (Gen 1:20-23)

God created creatures for Water, Sky and Land (20-23)

- Even the animals know that God created them (Job 12:7-10)
- Animals can teach me a lot about dependency on God (Job 35:10-11)
- God owns all creatures (Ps 50:10-12)
- God created animals for man to tame (Ps 8:6-9)
- God created animals to have a different type of flesh (1 Cor 15:39)

Day Six of Creation (Gen 1:24-25)

God created variety of every animal (24-25)

- Each animal was created according to its own kind (Gen 7:14)
- All creatures have a body as determined by God (1 Cor 15:37-39)
- God made creatures both large and small (Ps 104:24-25)
- God gave life to all animals (Job 12:10)
- God saved the animals during the great flood (Gen 8:19)