

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 1 - God's Plan & Creation

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Throughout the Bible, God gives us physical pictures of spiritual truth.

Perfect lamb sacrifice - Christ's sacrifice for all sin.

Noah's faith in God's plan - Whoever believes will have eternal life.

Light shines in the darkness - Truth dispels darkness and confusion.

Rainbow - God's faithful promise.

Caterpillar into butterfly - We are given new life in Christ.

Rom 1:20 *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

God uses things we can see to teach us about things that we cannot see

Ps 19:1 *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

The Infinity of God

Physical -

Job 5:9 *“who does great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number:”*

Job 9:4-10 *He is wise in heart and mighty in strength—who has hardened himself against Him, and succeeded?—He who removes mountains, and they know it not, when He overturns them in His anger; Who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; Who commands the sun, and it does not rise; Who seals up the stars; Who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of*

the sea; Who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; Who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number.

Spiritual -

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

God's greatness revealed in creation.

Job 37:5 God thunders wondrously with his voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend.

Psalms 145:3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalms 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

His also provides for us just as abundantly for us spiritually.

*1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,
“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—*

John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

The Sovereignty of God

Psalms 115:3 *Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.*

Psalms 135:5-7 *For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.*

What is it that pleases God?

Ephesians 1:5 *He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.*

Ephesians 1:11 *In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,*

1 Corinthians 2:12 *Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. Planned it before creation. Sovereignty of God.*

1 Corinthians 2:7 *But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory*

Acts 2:23 *this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.*

The Omnipotence of God (power)

Physical -

Deuteronomy 3:24 *O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?*

Spiritual - Mighty deeds -

Ephesians 2:1-7 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Evidence of God's power in nature -

Job 26:11-14 *The pillars of heaven tremble and are astounded at his rebuke. By his power he stilled the sea; by his understanding he shattered Rahab. By his wind the heavens were made fair; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent. Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?"*

Jeremiah 32:17 *Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.*

Genesis 18:13-14 *The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."*

Evidence of God's power in salvation -

Matt 19:25-26 *When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Power over the physical -

Luke 1:36-37 *And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."*

Power over the spiritual -

Philippians 1:6 *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

2 Peter 1:2-4 *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

Physically knows me

Psalms 139:13-16 *For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

Knows my spiritual needs -

Romans 8:26-28 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

He has count of the stars and knows them. They are in His control.

Isaiah 40:25-26 *To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.*

Spiritually we cannot fall from the grace of God.

John 10:29 *My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

He created all life. He created light.

Jeremiah 32:17 - *“Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.*

Genesis 1:3 *And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

God gives us Spiritual life and light

2 Corinthians 4:6 - *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 - *So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; what is old has passed away - look, what is new has come!*

Revelation 21:1-4 - *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist, and the sea existed no more. And I saw the holy city - the new Jerusalem - descending out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: “Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist any more - or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.”*

2 Peter 1:3 - *as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,*

Revelation 4:11 *You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

From bondage to freedom

Physical -

Deuteronomy 6:21 - *then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;*

Spiritual -

Galatians 5:1 *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 4:1-7 *I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!". So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

We cannot possess our possessions if we do not know what they are. We cannot walk worthy of our calling (Ephesians 4:1) if we do not know what our calling is. The great facts and truths found in God's Word must be claimed by faith. We must see ourselves as God sees us in Christ. By faith we must lay claim to what has already been given to us in Christ. The grace of God teaches us and instructs us how to live (Titus 2:11-12). God's method of instruction is to first show us and teach us what He has done for us in grace, and then we are told to walk accordingly. Ephesians 5:8 illustrates this well: "For ye were sometimes [formerly, referring to our unregenerate state] darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." We are to walk in light of WHO WE ARE. We are to "be what we are." Our actual CONDITION is to match our glorious POSITION. The more we, by faith, lay hold of the glorious facts of our POSITION in Christ, the more this will affect our actual state and CONDITION as we walk with the Lord in time.