

Core Beliefs - The Creator and Controller of the Universe a study for the
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God as Creator

Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". This foundational verse establishes God as the ultimate source of all existence.

John 1:3: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made". This verse, referencing Jesus, emphasizes that nothing exists independently of God.

Hebrews 1:10: A passage that states God created the heavens and the earth and that they will endure.

Psalms 8:3-4 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" The Psalmist is in awe that the God who spoke the world into existence cares what happens to him.

Isaiah 45:12: "It is I who made the earth and created man upon it". God declares Himself as the maker of both the earth and humanity.

Colossians 1:16: "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together". This verse highlights Christ's role in the creation and ongoing preservation of all things.

God as Controller

Psalms 24:1: "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein". This verse asserts that the entire world belongs to God because He established it.

Psalms 135:6: "The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths". This illustrates God's freedom to act according to His will in all creation.

Acts 17:24: "God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord (Ruler) of heaven and earth". This verse connects creation with divine authority, stating that God rules because He created. Paul is arguing the sovereignty of God before the philosophers on Mars Hill.

Job 38-41: In the book of Job, God uses questions and descriptions to emphasize His comprehensive knowledge and governance over the natural world, from the deepest parts of the sea to the furthest stars.

I Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

Isaiah 40:26-28: "He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable". This speaks to God's inexhaustible power and infinite wisdom in maintaining His creation.

Nehemiah 9:6 "Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee."

2 Peter 3:10-12 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"