

Delightful Discoveries in Prayer

Prayer Lessons in Creation

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Lesson 02: Christ: Our Creator

The fact is clear that the statement of Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" refers to Christ; God in Christ was the Creator; the Lord Jesus was the Creator of the world.

The whole of the Old Testament Scriptures are about Christ. John 5:39: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. And in them he wrote of Christ. Christ Himself said so in John 5:46. "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me."

When Moses wrote that God created the world, he was speaking of God in Christ.

It will be pretty hard to lose the way when we listen to Jesus; He declared, "I am the way". (John 14:6).

CREATED BY HIS WORD

How did Christ make the world? The Bible says: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Psalm 33:6. And again "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Verse 9. And here is another Scripture, "the worlds were framed by the word of God." Hebrews 11:3.

We can't stand back and say, "Come on light. You exist." And it would exist; but that verse says God can. In Genesis 1:3 we read: "God said, Let there be light: and there was light." That was on the first day of creation. Then on the second day of creation, it says: "And God said, Let there be a firmament . . . and it was so." Verses 6 and 7. On the third day "God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so." Verse 9, and onward. All through creation week, as recorded in Genesis, chapter one, we find, "God said ... and it was so." As He named a thing, it immediately existed. As He called it, it appeared. As He spoke, it came into existence.

BIBLE PROMISES ARE GOD'S PROMISES

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4. All the promises of God found in the Bible equal at least 3,573.

The kind of prayer we are studying here, takes one of God's promises and knowing this promise came from the very breath of God, we know that the word He speaks contains the thing He names. So it is on the basis of Christ's being Creator, and on the basis of His being able to bring a thing into existence by His word, this tells us that whatever God names, exists in that very word. We must ask for the things God has promised. In doing this, we know that the gift promised is in the promise itself.

One day, Jesus told a story about a sower and his seed. He told how the seed, if planted in good ground, would produce well; but if planted on a rock, or among thorns, or on the highway, it would not grow well. Jesus explained what He meant by the seed. He said that the word of God is seed. He said it this way: "The seed is the word of God." Luke 8:11.

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These promises, being spoken by the Lord, the Creator, must contain the very gift they promise. So when we have the promise, when we receive it into good, believing hearts, we can know that we have the very thing promised. That is where creation comes in. God creates answers!

THE SEED CONTAINS THE TREE

In a book written by Rutherford Platt, who wrote many scientific books and was a prize-winner in science, Platt, stated in *This Green World*, [pages 25, 29], that every apple seed, if normal, contains an apple tree. Platt said that the apple tree found in the apple seed has three parts—a trunk, two leaves, and roots. The same is true of the acorn. It also contains, he says, an oak tree trunk, two leaves, and roots. Some seeds contain the trunk, and but one leaf and roots. But with the apple, the oak, and some other trees, it contains two leaves.

The application of the seed to God's promises is clear to my mind. Platt claims we could see the apple tree in the apple seed with a very powerful magnifying glass. With wild persimmon seeds, cut slantwise, we can see a tiny persimmon tree; actually see the tree form with our naked eyes.

In the book, *Education* [pages 253 to 258], it states that, "As surely as the oak is in the acorn, so surely is God's gift in His promise." This author also says, "If we receive the promise, we have the gift." When we claim a Bible promise, and fulfill the simple conditions: "The conditions met, the promise is unequivocal [undeniable; sure]."

CREATION SPEAKS

As we have learned about God's speaking the worlds into existence by the breath of His mouth, the claiming of His promises in the Bible becomes most meaningful.

God is certainly truthful, and Bible promises take on a significance which is far deeper than the fact of God's integrity. It shows that God's word is already kept the moment He makes the promise. It is impossible to take that gift out of the promise. It was placed there by the Creator himself. Amazing!

We may assure ourselves that God will keep His word, yet we have stronger assurance when we ask, "Who is God?" And having settled the fact that God is Creator, and that He speaks a thing into existence; we can exclaim, "God has already kept His word; for His word contains the very thing named when He promised it!"

So the question is whether or not His word will have a place in our hearts. Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

PRAYER IS A DIVINE SCIENCE

"In the prayer of faith there is a divine science." *Education*, page 253.

Review Questions

Please fill in the proper Bible words in the blanks below.

1. "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the _____
_____ " Ps. 33:6.
2. "The worlds were _____ by the word of God." Heb. 11:3.
3. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the _____
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Answers found on answer sheet.