

# Principles of Prayer and Promises

Advanced Seminar

**"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1.**

## PPP: Lesson 02:

Secrets of Creation:

1. Who created this world we live in?

As soon as children are old enough to begin noticing things around them, they often wonder, where did all these things come from? The Bible give us a very simple answer: **"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1.**

As we learned in our first lesson, God in Christ was the One who actually was the Creator. Yes, the One who later came to this earth, the Lord Jesus, was the Creator of the world.

**"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Colossians 1:14-18.**

2. How did the Lord create the world?

**"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:3-5.**

**"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.**

**"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:9.**

**"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Hebrews 11:3.**

We cannot understand how this could be, but we can believe God's Word as it says. This tells us something very special about the Bible, the one book that claims to be the Word of the living God. None of us can make something happen just by saying it, but our Creator can, and there is the same kind of power in the words of the Bible itself, because it is God's Word!

3. What does this teach us about the many precious promises we read in the Bible?

**"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.**

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If we are to live by the Words of God from the Bible, there must be real power in them for us. We know that somehow the power to grow a plant is found in the seed. Jesus told a story about planting seeds and then said:

**“..The seed is the word of God.” Luke 8:11.**

So, because the promises are spoken by the Lord, the Creator, they must contain the very gift they promise. So when we have the promise, we can know that we have the very thing promised. That is where creation comes in, God creates answers!

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.**

“How to exercise faith should be made very plain. To every promise of God there are conditions. If we are willing to do His will, all His strength is ours. Whatever gift He promises, is in the promise itself. "The seed is the word of God." Luke 8:11. As surely as the oak is in the acorn, so surely is the gift of God in His promise. If we receive the promise, we have the gift.” Education 253.

4. We are told that we need to have ‘Faith’; just what is faith and how do we get it?

“Faith is trusting God--believing that He loves us and knows best what is for our good. Thus, instead of our own, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness. Our lives, ourselves, are already His; faith acknowledges His ownership and accepts its blessing. Truth, uprightness, purity, have been pointed out as secrets of life's success. It is faith that puts us in possession of these principles.” Education 253.

“Faith that enables us to receive God's gifts is itself a gift, of which some measure is imparted to every human being. It grows as exercised in appropriating the word of God. In order to strengthen faith, we must often bring it in contact with the word.” Education 253.

**“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17.**

“In the prayer of faith there is a divine science.” Education 253. Like any other science it needs to be studied and learned.

5. Will God help us to learn these things?

**"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8.**

Christ promised us special help. **"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come..” John 16:13.**

6. Here are twelve Bible facts:

1. The Scriptures of the Old Testament tell of Jesus: **“..they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39.**

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2. Moses wrote of Christ: Jesus said: **“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.” John 5:46.**
3. The Spirit of the Old Testament is the Spirit of Christ: **“Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.” 1 Peter 1:11.**
4. The Old Testament writers ministered the gospel to us in these days: **“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.” 1 Peter 1:12.**
5. This gospel is concerning Jesus Christ our Lord. **“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;” Romans 1:1-3.**
6. Moses started with creation **‘In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.’ Genesis 1:1.**
7. The gospel contains this same creative power: **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16.**
8. This same power is keeping power: **Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:5.**
9. This gospel power is clearly seen in creation. **“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:” Romans 1:20.**
10. The Bible states: **“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” Psalm 19:1.**
11. The Gospel is a Gospel of Peace. Gospel means ‘Good News’. **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.” Romans 10:13-18.**
12. Paul quotes Psalm 19:4 word for word in Romans 10:18, with one exception. **“Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”** Where the Psalmist uses the word ‘line’, Paul uses the word ‘sound’. Recent discoveries found that certain stars do produce sound waves like radio. They are called ‘radio stars’; so the heavens preach the gospel.

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7. Here are six more facts:

ONE: Genesis 1:1 is a brief summary of the whole gospel, as developed in succeeding Scriptures. It says, **'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'**

TWO: "Christ is God. **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** **"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."** John 1:1, 14.

THREE: Christ is Creator: **"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."** Colossians 1:16, 17.

FOUR: Creative power is the distinctive proof of divinity. The truth found in these texts, is the very foundation of redemption.

**"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion."** Jeremiah 10:10-12.

No one has any right to the title of 'God' unless that one has made the heavens and the earth. This is the very basis of why our God does have the right to be worshiped by all. Since Christ is Creator, Christ's divinity is a fact. Only as we worship Christ as Creator, do we acknowledge His divinity.

FIVE: It is because Christ is our Creator that He is our Redeemer. **"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"** Colossians 1:14-16.

If Christ were not our Creator, He could not be our Redeemer.

SIX: Redemption is creation; they are both the same, so far as redemption is concerned. This is why David could cry out: **"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."** Psalm 51:10.

The new heart comes by creation. **"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."** Ezekiel 36:26.

**"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [or a new creation]."** 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Redemption is creation, The Word of God declares it.

**"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."** Ephesians 2:8-10.