

Message Notes

"The God who Creates"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Panters make the best Pastors"

Psalm 42:1-2

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The seven days of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

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How Scripture crescendos this idea?

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Psalm 51:9, 10
Psalm 139:13-16
Isaiah 45:5-8
Romans 1:25
2 Corinthians 5:17
Ephesians 2:10
Ephesians 4:22-24
Colossians 1:15, 16
Revelation 4:11

Application – Is God Creator to you?

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[Grab a Bible for the rest of Genesis 1:1-2:3]

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Genesis 1:2

²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Day One

Genesis 1:3-5

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day”, and the darkness he called “night”. And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Day Two

Genesis 1:6-8

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the expanse “sky”. And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

Day Three

Genesis 1:9-13

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land”, and the gathered waters he called “seas”.

And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Day Four

Genesis 1:14-19

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so.

¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Day Five

Genesis 1:20-23

²⁰And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

Day Six

Genesis 1:24-31, 2:1

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²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

Day Seven

Genesis 1:3

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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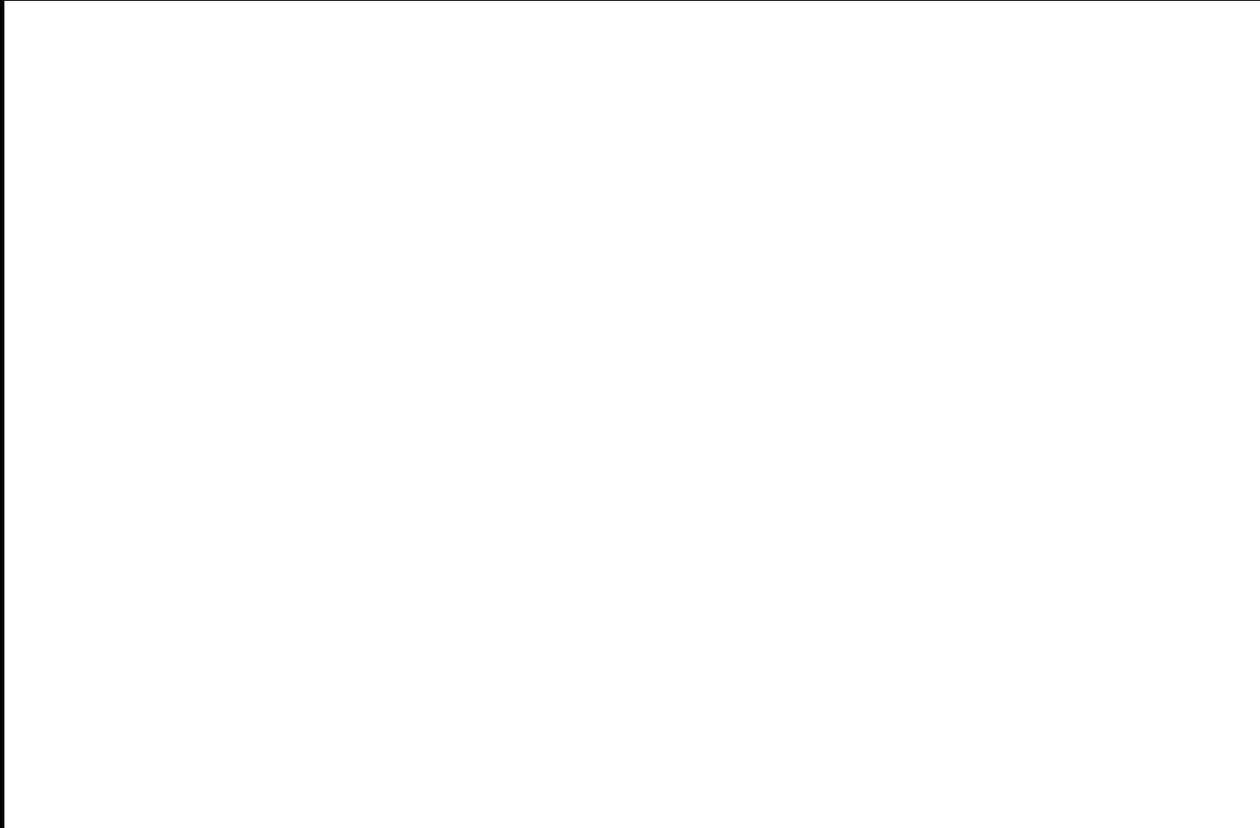
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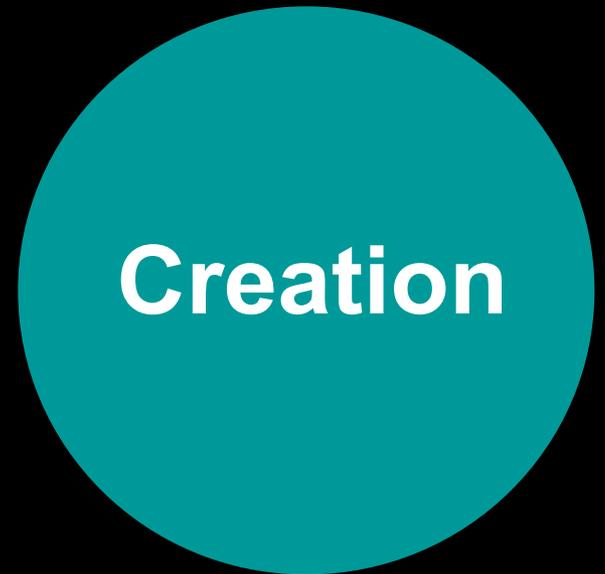
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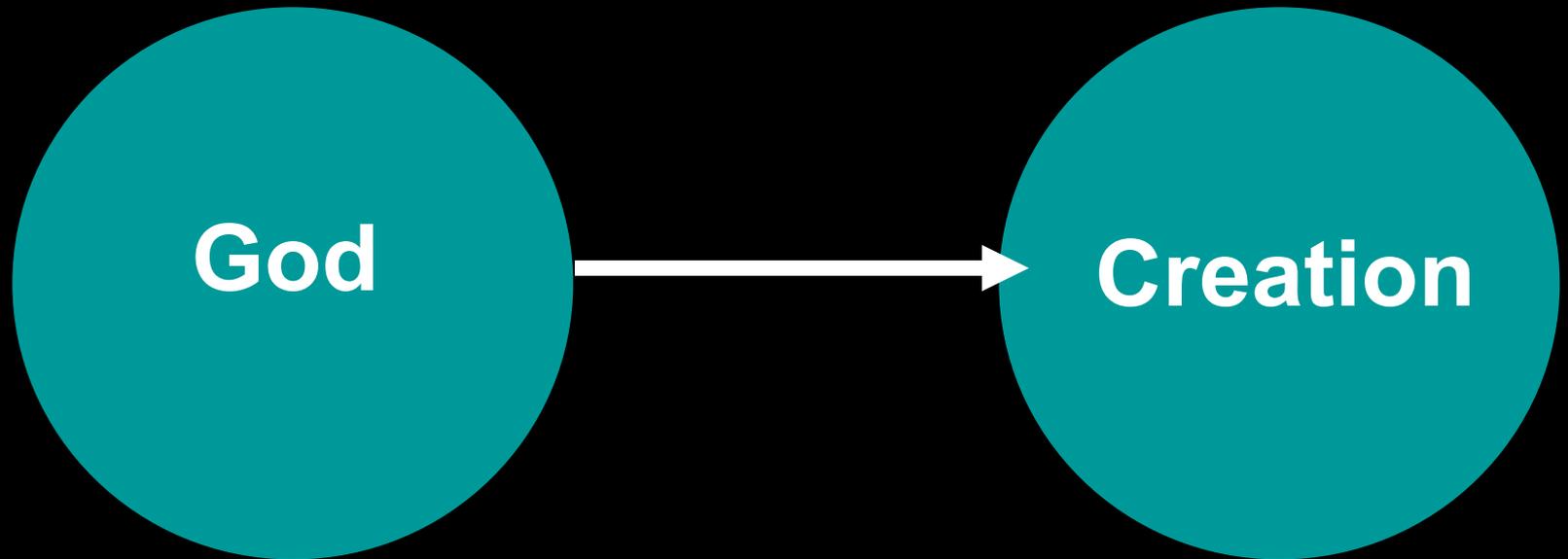
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