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# What is Creation?

## Lesson 4: Speaking of God

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### The Created Creation

Creation had a beginning; matter is not eternal (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 24:21; Mark 10:6; Mark 13:19; John 17:24).

All things were created by God (Genesis 1:1; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16).

All of the members of the Trinity were involved in the creation process.

God spoke all of creation, except for man, into existence (Gen. 1:3—25).

Both man and woman were created by God's very hands and received life from God's very breath (Gen. 2:7, 22).

God made human beings "in his own image" (Gen. 1:27).

### The Distinct but Dependent Creation

As Creator, God is both involved in and distinct from creation (Psalm 46:1; Matthew 6:26; Colossians 1:15-20).

### The Glory-Giving Creation

All of creation was made to give glory to God (Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11).

The work of creation serves as a pattern and a type of the "new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17; Revelation 21:5).

The original creation meant to create a people for God and His glory (Isaiah 43:7).

### The Good Creation



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Despite being marred by sin, we should consider the material creation good (1 Timothy 4:4).

We are to enjoy the good things God has created for us (1 Timothy 6:17).

### **Created for God's Glory**

Because we were created for God's glory, our ultimate goal in life must be to live for his glory.

We glorify God when we know, enjoy, and delight in Him (Psalm 16:11; Zephaniah 3:17).

### **Created in God's Image**

As creatures made in God's image, we were made to be like him.

Sin has partly and irreparably distorted God's image in us.

### **God's image is being restored**

God redeems his children through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus so that they can be "conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18; Colossians 3:10).

Jesus Christ, the new man, is the "image of the invisible God" (2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15).

### **Responsibilities as Creatures in God's Image**

As creatures made in God's image, we were made to be his representatives on the earth and to take care of his land (Genesis 1:28).

When we fill the earth with God's image, we demonstrate all the places where he reigns and rules and bring him the glory he desires and deserves (Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 21:5).