

Have you ever found yourself in the midst of confusion when studying the Bible? Maybe asking yourself, “How is that possible? Did they really live that long? Why would God allow or cause that to happen?”

Many times, we rely on our own understanding which is limited by the times we live in and our own experiences. Then we place these limitations on what we read in the Bible. We also rely on second-hand information to relay the stories of the Bible with their primary focus being on the “main character” in the story such as the Creation Story being about creation, Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, King Saul, David. The list goes on. We read these stories as if they are about these people and miss the true “main character” of these stories. GOD.

God should be our focus when reading the Bible. It is His love story to us. We need to retrain our thought process to focus on what God is telling us; what He is doing and why, and who He is and who we are in Him. Especially when studying the Old Testament, we need to let go of our preconceived ideas and embrace God for who He says He is. If you would like to begin this journey with me, you will need your Bible, pen and paper, a cup of coffee, and an open heart and mind.

Before we begin, let’s pray:

God Almighty, Creator of everything, empty me of all preconceived ideas I might have and open my mind and heart to You and You alone. Allow me to marvel in Your Presence. And help me keep my focus on You and You alone. Amen.

Now, open your Bible to page 1 and let’s get started.

## “Creator of the Creation”

In Genesis 1:1, our Creator introduces Himself to us.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Using just this statement, what is God telling us about Himself. Take some time to write out your own answers before continuing to read. Allow Him to teach you.

He is telling us more than just that the heavens and the earth were created. He is telling us that HE is omniscient (having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding; perceiving all things), omnipotent (almighty or infinite in power, having unlimited authority or power), and omnipresent (present everywhere at the same time, not limited by space or time).

How do we know this? He created all things; He created time, space, and everything in between. He is not limited by the things He created.

Let's allow Him to tell you. Imagine yourself sitting at His feet. And He says to you,

~In the beginning, **I** created the heavens and the earth. **I** was there **before** the beginning. That means **I** created time, matter, and everything that you see today. **I** have unlimited power and authority to create from nothing. **My** power, **My** choice, **My** knowledge, **My** authority over it all. Without **ME** there is nothing. **I** am the reason it all exists. The earth was without form and void, darkness was on the face of the deep, and **My Spirit** hovered over the surface of the water. My child, know that **I** am the God of order. **I** gave form to the formless, filled the void, and light to the darkness. **I** did it all with my unlimited power, creativity, and will.

Oh precious one, let **Me** tell you how **I** did it. ~

Continue reading Genesis 1 in the same manner. Watch how God, not only creates, but gives names to His creation (taking personal ownership to His creation), gives purpose to each element, and then gives His approval at each step. Marvel at His power. Be in awe of His majesty. Be overwhelmed by His creativity. Surrender to His loving arms.

(If you would like to dig deeper into His creation to learn what He tells us about Himself and about ourselves through His creation, request a copy of "From the Ground Up ~ Walking in the garden with God". Visit our website @ [www.tbmarshallministry.com](http://www.tbmarshallministry.com) for more information.)