



GOD AND CREATION

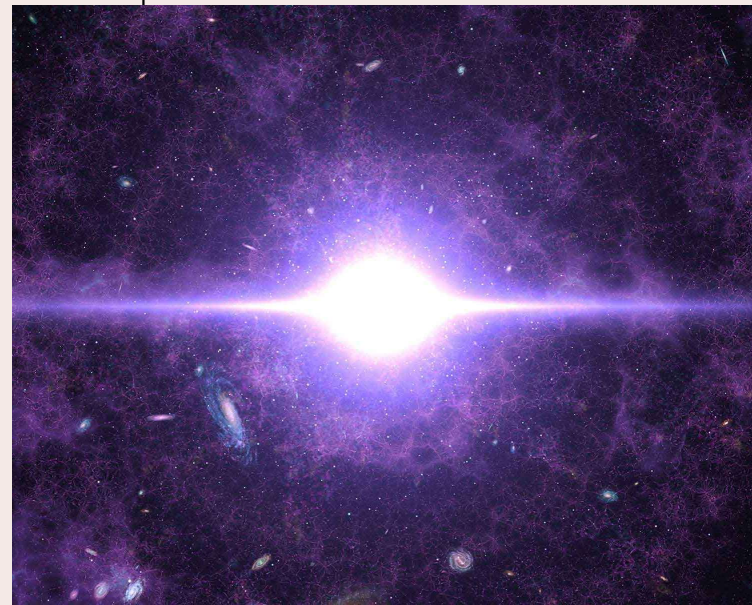
Theology 100

Part 4

Pastor Tim LeCroy

REVIEW

- The universe has a first cause (lesson 3)
- We cannot know this first cause without it revealing itself to us (lesson 3)
- The Bible's claim is that the Bible itself is the revelation of this first causer to us so that we can know him. (lesson 3)
- The text of the Bible has been reliably transmitted to us from the first authors (lesson 2)





WHAT DOES THE BIBLE PRINCIPALLY TEACH?

The Scriptures principally teach, what we are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of us. (WSC 3)



IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:



IN THE BEGINNING

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (Gen. 1:2-3)



IN THE BEGINNING

And God saw that the light
was good. (Gen. 1:4)



IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (Jn. 1:1-3)



WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THESE TEXTS?

- God is eternal
- God possesses great power
 - God's Word has power to create
- God is Triune
 - God, Word, Spirit
- God created all things from nothing
- All things that exist were created by God
- God's creation is good



WHAT ELSE DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM THE BIBLE?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. (WSC 4)

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (WSC 6)



WHAT ELSE DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM THE BIBLE?

- Joh 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- Job 11:7-9 "Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty?"
- Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- Jam 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.



WHAT ELSE DO WE
LEARN ABOUT GOD
FROM THE BIBLE?

- Exo 3:14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you. "
- Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"



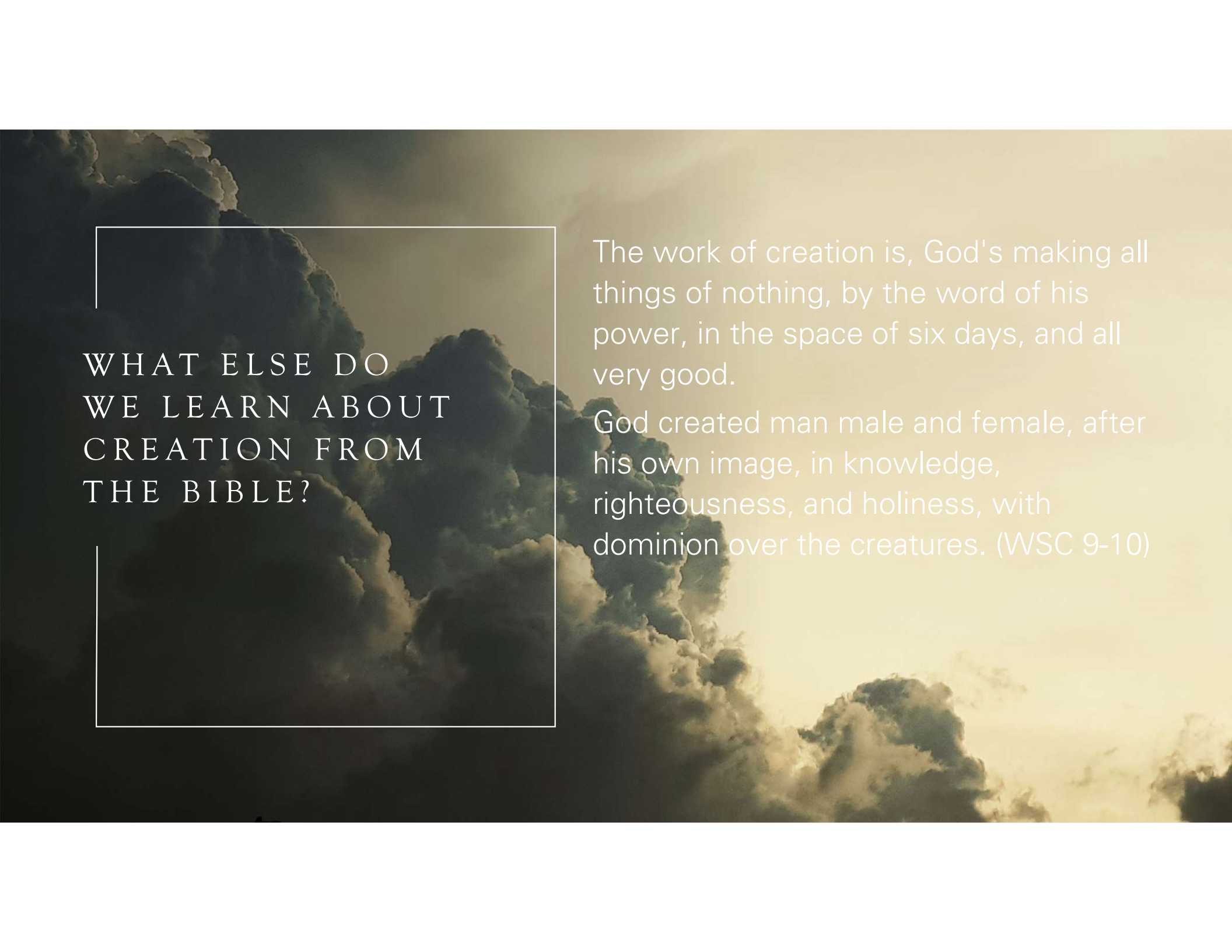
WHAT ELSE DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM THE BIBLE?

- Rev 15:4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."
- Exo 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."



WHAT ELSE DO WE
LEARN ABOUT GOD
FROM THE BIBLE?


- Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."
- Deut. 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
- 2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?


The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures. (WSC 9-10)




WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?

- Gen 1:1-31 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



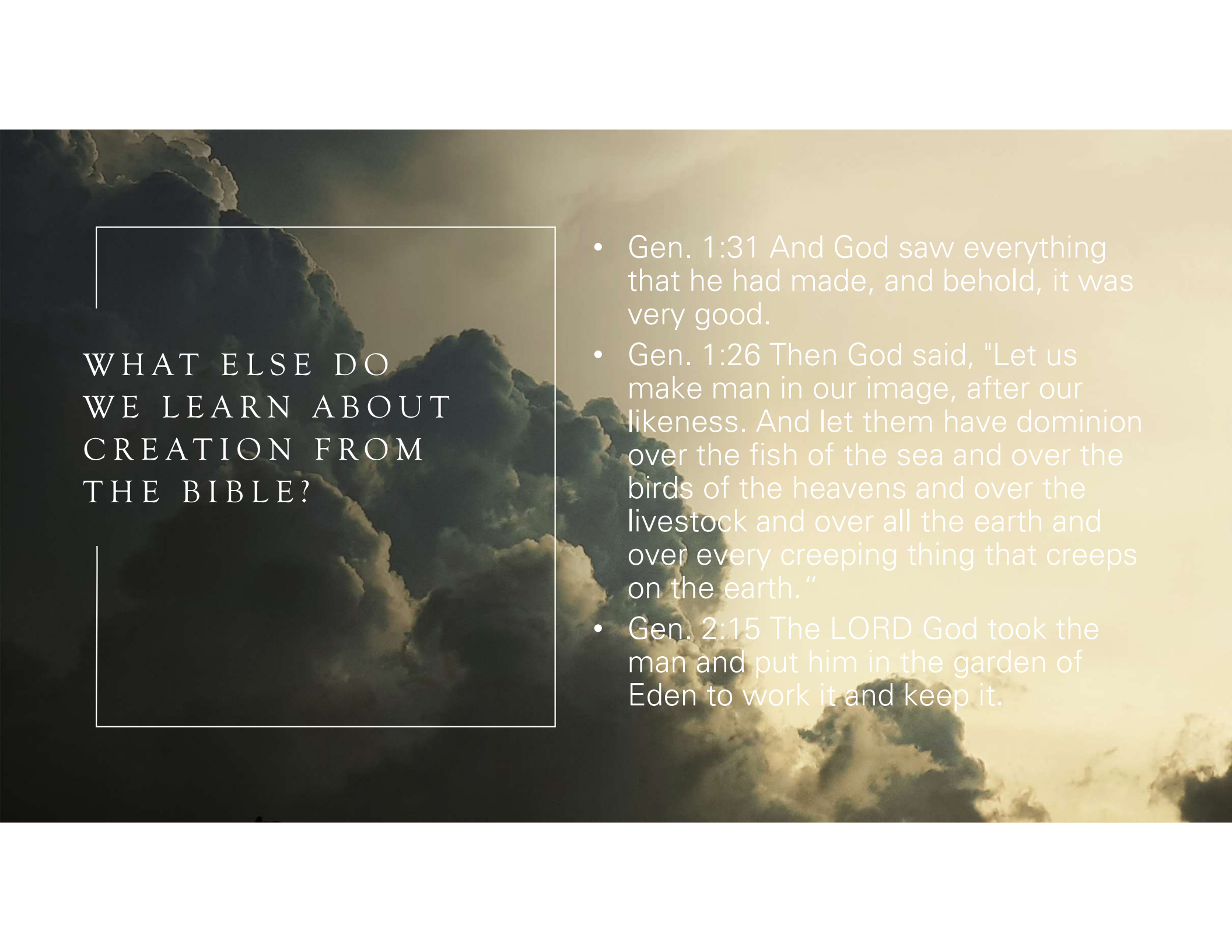
WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?

- Col 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- Eph 4:24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Ps. 8:3-8 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.



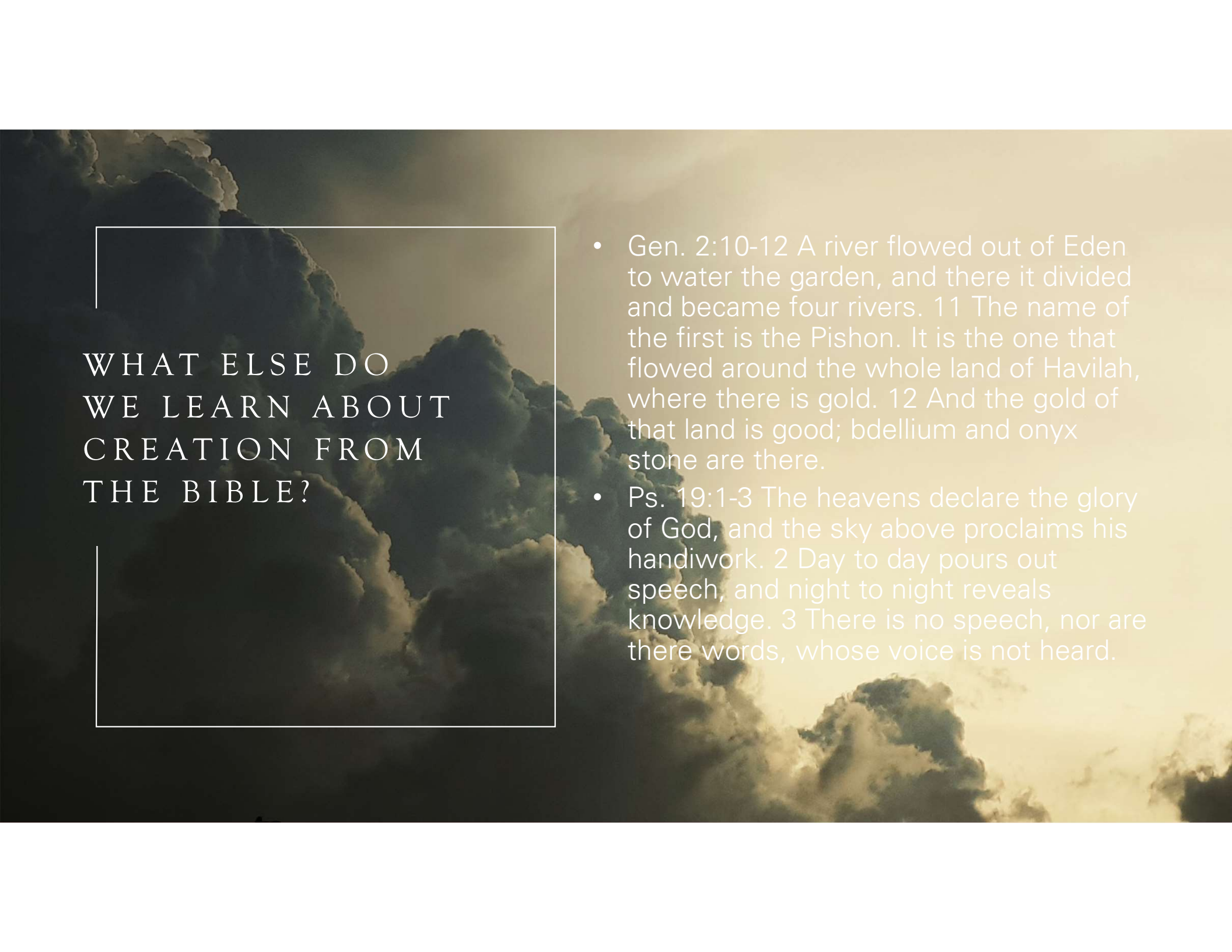
WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?

- Creation is good
- We are encouraged to study and make use of creation
- We can learn about God by studying creation
- We were created to glorify God and enjoy him forever



WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?

- Gen. 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.
- Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- Gen. 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.



WHAT ELSE DO
WE LEARN ABOUT
CREATION FROM
THE BIBLE?

- Gen. 2:10-12 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there.
- Ps. 19:1-3 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.



WHY WERE WE
MADE?

WSC 1 What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.



WHY WERE WE
MADE?

- 1Co 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- Rom 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.
- Psa 73:25-28 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- Ps. 42:1-2 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?



WHY WERE WE
MADE?

- Ps. 63:1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- Ps. 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SUMMARY

- The Bible reveals what we are to know about God and his creation.
- God is eternal, Triune, omnipotent, omnipresent, and omnibenevolent
- God created everything that exists, and his creation is good
- We were created to work by studying and utilizing God's creation, bring him glory, and to enjoy God forever.



NEXT WEEK -
FALL AND
REDEMPTION

