



Today our study brings us to Genesis 1:3. This particular verse starts a series of verses (3-31) that detail the 6 days of the creation week. Verse 3 opens a window from which we can view God's creative handiwork.

With this in mind, it is important to note that as we approach the Bible our human nature emphasizes the _____ or deeds that God performs. This emphasis takes the Christian into the physical realm where interests focus on the tangible (seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling). As a result believers can become obsessed with this realm of sight and unknowingly deemphasize the words of God; the Bible can be perceived as a helpful guide rather than a book that commands and rules every aspect of life.

However, when we come to verse 3 we immediately notice that _____ come before _____. We observe that God's _____ comes before God's _____! What we see is the establishment of a pattern that will be followed throughout scripture...that the word of God comes first!

AND GOD SAID...

1. God's word comes _____ any creative work

- Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26

2. God's word is unique in many ways

- It is rich in its _____ – Psalm 119:111-112

- It is adaptable – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Bible fits...

all men

all nations

all classes

all _____

all ages

all experiences

- It is _____ – Romans 11:33

- It is powerful – Psalm 29:4; Hebrews 4:12

Comforts – Romans 15:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Provides _____ – Jeremiah 15:16

Gives wisdom, knowledge, and understanding – Psalm 119:130; Proverbs 2:6

Grants _____ – 1 John 2:14; Revelation 6:9; 20:4

Produces passion and inspires – Daniel 1-3; 2 Peter 1:21

Blesses nations – Psalm 33:12

Agent that saves your _____ from hell – 1 Peter 1:23; James 1:21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- It is accurate and dependable – Psalm 119:160

A famous quote about the Bible:

“The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword and the Christian’s character.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.”

NEXT WEEK: The days of creation – Genesis 1:3-31