

**January 29, 2012**

**Creation**

**Grace Bible Fellowship Bible School Hour**

**1. God created the earth**

(Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

1. Genesis 1
2. John 1:1-5
3. Colossians 1:15-16

**2. God has a special relationship with all of his creation**

(It reveals him, in a relationship with him, he cares for it deeply)

1. Psalm 19:1-4 (Reveal Him)
2. Romans 1:19-20 (Reveal Him)
3. Psalm 96:11-12 (Responds to Him)
4. Psalm 104:24-30 (Responds to Him)
5. Isaiah 43:20-21 (Honors him)
6. Mark 4: 37-41 (Obeys him)
7. Genesis 9:8-17 (God covenants with creation)
8. Matthew 6:26-29 (God takes care of creation)
9. Isaiah 11:6-9 (Creation in relationship with each other)
10. Ephesians 1:8-10 (God will redeem creation)
11. Colossians 1:19-20 (God will redeem creation)

**3. We have a special relationship with it as well**

(We are put in charge of it, for our sake, its own sake, God's glory)

1. Genesis 2:15 (To take care of it)
2. Psalm 8:3-8 (We are made to rule over it)
3. Genesis 2:19 (We are made to get to know it, enjoy it)
4. Leviticus 25:3-5 (Creation is to rest and be taken care of)
5. Leviticus 25:23-24 (We are stewards, it is ultimately God's)

**4. There are consequences of not being good stewards**

1. Isaiah 24:3-6 (Laws transgressed lead to problems with creation)
2. Hosea 4:1-3 (Lack of obedience leads to destruction of creation)
3. Revelation 1:18 (Those who destroy the earth will be destroyed)

**5. How are we to be good stewards?**

1. Being obedient, using it as a witness and to enjoy it as per God's gift
2. As individuals, church, and nation
3. At the local, national, and international level
4. Hot topics: Climate change, Animal Rights, Conservation, Pollution
5. Conclusion: we are to love creation, and in all issues bring glory to God