

STUDY GUIDE ON GENESIS

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I INTRODUCTION (Plain Talk on Genesis, Chapter 1)

1. How much of this world (both good and bad) did God create? (Plain Talk p. 13; Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:7; Colossians 1:16-17).
2. How is the living God related to this present world? (Plain Talk p. 14; Matthew 10:29; John 3:17).
3. How does the New Testament support the view that Moses wrote Genesis? (Mark 12:19; John 1:45; 5:46-47).
4. How is Jesus Christ related to the consistency of natural processes? (Plain Talk pp. 14-15; Colossians 1:16-17).
5. Why should we think God will destroy in judgment? (Genesis 2:17; 9:6; Plain Talk pp. 15-16).
6. Why should we think God will save from destruction by His grace? (Genesis 3:21; 6:14-21; John 3:17; Plain Talk pp. 15-16).
7. Why is it so risky to translate Scriptures into language that is easy for us to understand? (Plain Talk p. 17, II Peter 3:16).
8. Why is the Hebrew language so suitable to tell about creation? (Plain Talk pp. 17-18).
9. Why is the Hebrew word for God as used in the creation story so fitting? (Plain Talk p.18; Genesis, Chapter 1).
10. How is the Hebrew word so suitable to use in referring to the sky? (Genesis 1:6-8; Plain Talk p. 18).

II THE DAYS OF CREATION (Genesis 1)

1. Distinguish the words "create" and "make" as used in Genesis. (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27; 2:2, 3; Plain Talk pp. 19-20).
2. What part did the Holy Spirit have in the creation event? (Genesis 1:2; Plain Talk p. 20).
3. What is the meaning of "light" on the first day of creation? (Genesis 1:3-5; Plain Talk pp. 20-21).
4. Why is the English word "firmament" a poor translation? (Genesis 1:6-8; Plain Talk pp. 21-22).
5. What happened on the third day of creation? (Genesis 1:9-13; Plain Talk pp. 21-22).
6. What is written about the origin of the solar system? (Genesis 1:14-19; Plain Talk p. 22).
7. What similarity can be seen between plant life and marine life in the creation account? (Genesis 1:11-13 and 21; Plain Talk p. 22).
8. What is unusual in the account of the creation of man? (Genesis 1:27; Plain Talk p. 23).
9. What is the direct relation of God to this event of creation? (Genesis 1:1-2:3; Hebrews 11:3; Plain Talk pp. 23-26).
10. How does the phrase "after his kind" reveal the nature of creation? (Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24, 25; Plain Talk pp. 23-26).

III THE CREATION OF MAN (Genesis 1:26-2:25).

1. What effect can be expected in a man's esteem of himself if he believes Genesis? (Genesis 1:26-28; Plain Talk p. 27).
2. What can one learn from the fact that no details of God's method of work are found in Genesis? (II Corinthians 12:1-4; Plain Talk p. 27).
3. How much is implied when it is written, that man was created "in the image of God?" (Genesis 1:26-27; Plain Talk pp. 27-28).
4. In what sense can we understand that man was created "after our likeness?" (Genesis 1:26; Plain Talk pp. 28-29).
5. Does Genesis give two different accounts of creation? (Genesis Chapters 1 and 2; Plain Talk pp. 28-29).
6. How is man distinguished from animals in the Biblical account of creation? (Genesis 1:26-28; Plain Talk p. 28).
7. What is the importance of "the Sabbath?" (Genesis 2:1-3; Plain Talk pp. 29-30).
8. Is work in itself a curse? (Genesis 2:15; Plain Talk pp. 29-30).
9. How was the idea of "rest" included in the creation? (Genesis 2:1-3; Plain Talk p. 30).
10. How important is the idea of "rest" in the Gospel? (Genesis 2:2; Matthew 11:28; Hebrews 3:3-4:9; Plain Talk pp. 30-31).

IV THE NATURAL WORLD (Genesis 1-2).

1. Where was the Garden of Eden located? (Genesis 2:8-14; Plain Talk p. 32).
2. How is the providence of God seen in His providing the garden for man? (Genesis 2:15-17; Plain Talk pp. 32-33).
3. Why is it important that I should realize God planted the garden? (Genesis 2:8, 15; Plain Talk p. 33).
4. If faith is the action of the soul in believing the promises of God, where are these promises found? (Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 3:1-2; John 6:35, 41, 48-51; Plain Talk p. 34).
5. Where is the evidence that creation was an orderly event? (Genesis 1:31-2:1; Isaiah 45:18; Plain Talk pp. 34-35).
6. How does the Biblical account of creation compare with pagan views? (Plain Talk pp. 34-35).
7. What is the flaw in modern theories of evolution? (Plain Talk pp. 35-36).
8. How does the Genesis account contradict the basic premise of modern theories of evolution? (Plain Talk p. 36).
9. What does the orderly character of natural processes as reported in the Genesis account imply about the character of God? (Plain Talk pp. 36-37).
10. How is the orderly pattern of natural processes as the work of God related to the idea of morality? (James 1:17; Plain Talk pp.25-26-29-35-36).

V THE NATURE OF MAN (Genesis 2).

1. What does the Genesis account teach about the relationship between man and the natural world? (Genesis 1:28; Plain Talk p. 38).
2. What error does sinful man make that causes trouble? (Genesis 1:28; Plain Talk p. 38).
3. At what point in dealing with mankind should man ever exercise "dominion over?" (Proverbs 16:32; Plain Talk pp. 38-39).
4. How was the principle of the "separated portion" taught to Adam? (Genesis 2:16-17; Plain Talk p. 39).
5. What is some common evidence that "it is not good for man to be alone?" (Genesis 2:18; Plain Talk p. 40).
6. What are some of the obvious benefits a man receives because there are other men? (Genesis 2:18; Plain Talk p. 40).
7. What does Genesis teach about the place of woman in the home? (Genesis 2:18-20; Plain Talk pp. 40-41).
8. What does Genesis teach about the place of woman in society? (Genesis 2:21-23; Plain Talk p. 41).
9. What does Genesis teach about the place of woman in the marriage relationship? (Genesis 2:21-23; Plain Talk p. 41).
10. How does the Genesis description of the marriage relationship prepare the mind to understand the Gospel? (Genesis 2:21-24; Plain Talk pp. 41-42).

VI THE FALL OF MAN (Genesis 3).

1. How does Genesis account for the origin of evil in man? (Genesis 3:1-4; Plain Talk p. 43).
2. How does Genesis reveal the most dangerous aspect of Satan? (Genesis 3:1-5; Plain Talk pp. 43-44).
3. What does the Bible teach about Satan? (Genesis 3:14-15; Isaiah 14:12-15; Plain Talk pp. 44-45).
4. What does the Bible teach about the limitations of Satan? (Genesis 3:14-15; Plain Talk pp. 45-47).
5. What does the Bible teach about temptation? (Genesis 3:4-6; Plain Talk pp. 45-47).
6. What does God require of man? (Genesis 3:17; Plain Talk p. 46).
7. Does the account in Genesis help us to see how man could escape the temptations of Satan? (Genesis 3:17; Luke 9:23; Plain Talk p. 45).
8. How does Genesis describe Satan's approach to Eve? (Genesis 3:1-5; Plain Talk p. 46).
9. How could we expect Satan to approach us today? (Genesis 3:1-5; Plain Talk p. 46).
10. What aspect of man's nature makes him liable to fall into Satan's snare? (James 1:14-15; Plain Talk pp. 46-47).

VII THE NATURE OF SIN (Genesis 3).

1. What natural interests in the human heart incline a person to sin? (Genesis 3:6; I John 2:16; Plain Talk p. 48).
2. How did Jesus of Nazareth overcome temptation? (Matthew 4:1-11; Plain Talk pp. 48-49).
3. Since all have sinned and Christ Jesus died for all, why do some souls fall into sin, while others have victory over temptation? (Plain Talk pp. 49-50).
4. How can self-confidence be a snare in a time of temptation? (Matthew 26:33; 26:69-75; Plain Talk p. 50).
5. Since both Adam and Jesus of Nazareth lived in the same world under the same God, why was the conduct of one so different? (Genesis 3:6; Matthew 4:1-11; Plain Talk pp. 50-51).
6. What is the basic element in the sin of Adam? (Genesis 3:6; Plain Talk pp. 50-51).
7. How does the influence of others lead a soul into sin? (Genesis 3:6, 12-13; Isaiah 6:5; Plain Talk pp. 51-52).
8. Does all sin look alike? (Plain Talk p. 52).
9. What actually happens when a person sins? (Genesis 3:6-13; Plain Talk pp. 51-52).
10. What is the general result of sin? (Genesis 3:22-24; Plain Talk p. 52).

VIII THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN (Genesis 3).

1. How does man's responsibility for his conduct fit into the plan of creation? (Genesis 3:9-19; Plain Talk pp. 53-54).
2. How is death like darkness? (Job 10:21; Plain Talk p. 54).
3. How did God make Adam conscious of the result of his sin? (Genesis 3:9-11; 17-19; Plain Talk pp. 54-55).
4. How was Adam different after he had sinned? (Genesis 3:7-8; Plain Talk p. 55).
5. Why do we say that all men are born in sin? (Romans 5:18; Plain Talk pp. 55-56).
6. Upon what does the spiritual relationship among all believers in Christ Jesus depend? (Romans 5:17; Plain Talk p. 56).
7. How did the sin of Adam and Eve affect them? (Genesis 3:7-19; Plain Talk pp. 56-57).
8. How does Genesis teach that victory over Satan will be achieved? (Genesis 3:15; Plain Talk p. 57).
9. What were the consequences of sin for mankind? (Genesis 3:18-19; Plain Talk p. 57).
10. What is revealed about the consequence of sin concerning God? (Genesis 3:22-24; Plain Talk p. 58).

IX CAIN AND ABEL (Genesis 4).

1. What aspect of God's attitude toward men is so remarkable? (II Corinthians 8:9; Plain Talk p. 59).
2. What makes the grace of God so amazing? (Romans 5:8; Plain Talk p. 60).
3. Why would God act toward man in such manner? (John 3:16; Plain Talk p. 61).
4. How is the coming and the death of Christ prefigured in Genesis? (Genesis 3:15; 3:21; Plain Talk p. 61).
5. What was the attitude of Jesus of Nazareth toward Old Testament Scripture? (Matthew 10:15; Plain Talk pp. 61-62).
6. What can be learned in the record of Cain and Abel about the potential problems in establishing brotherhood? (Genesis 4:1-5; Plain Talk p. 62).
7. What distinguishes men before God? (Genesis 4:4-5; Plain Talk pp. 62-63).
8. What was the basic reason for Cain's dissatisfaction? (Genesis 4:5-10; Plain Talk pp. 62-63).
9. How did sin develop in Cain? (Genesis 4:8-14; Plain Talk pp. 62-63).
10. How can you account for Cain's action? (Genesis 4:5-14; Plain Talk pp. 62-63).

X THE WORLD BEFORE THE FLOOD (Genesis 5).

1. What is the normal reason for punishing a child/pupil for wrongdoing? (Proverbs 22:6; Psalms 119:71; Plain Talk p. 64).
2. How is chastening more meaningful than mere punishment? (Hebrews 12:5-8; Plain Talk pp. 64-65).
3. How does just punishment contribute to social welfare? (Hebrews 12:9-11; Plain Talk p. 65).
4. Why was Cain's punishment so intolerable? (Genesis 4:11-15; Plain Talk pp. 65-66).
5. How was the punishment of Cain like hell as revealed in Scripture? (Genesis 4:12-13; Plain Talk pp. 66-67).
6. What seems to be revealed as to how Cain found his wife? (Genesis 5:4; Plain Talk p. 67).
7. What can be known about the descendants of Cain? (Genesis 4:16-24; Plain Talk pp. 67-68).
8. What evidence can be noted indicating the intelligence and ability of Cain's descendants? (Genesis 4:17, 21, 22; Plain Talk p. 68).
9. What shall we understand about the age of man living before the Flood? (Genesis 5; Plain Talk pp. 67-68).
10. What is recorded about the Spiritual condition of men who lived before the Flood? (Genesis 6:5-6; Plain Talk pp. 67-69).

XI THE FLOOD (Genesis 6, 7, 8).

1. What do the Scriptures record about the manner of living that prevailed in the world before the Flood? (Genesis 6:5, 11-12; Matthew 24:38-39; Jude 1:12-16; Plain Talk p. 70).
2. What arrangements did God plan to deliver Noah? (Genesis 6:14-22; II Peter 2:9; Plain Talk pp. 70-71).
3. What does the account of the Flood teach about the judgment of God? (Genesis 6:11-13; II Peter 2:5; II Peter 3:3-7; Jude 1:14-15; Plain Talk pp. 70-72).
4. What message of hope can be learned from the Biblical account of the Flood? (Genesis 6:8; 18; 7:1, 23; 8:1; 9:1; Plain Talk pp. 72-73).
5. In what way did God promise Noah more than He had promised Adam? (Compare Genesis 1:28-30 and Genesis 9:1-7; Plain Talk p. 73).
6. How can the covenant with Noah be construed to justify going to war? (Genesis 9:5-6; Plain Talk pp. 73-74).
7. What does the Bible teach about the future prospect of the world? (Genesis 9:13-17; II Peter 3:6-12; Plain Talk p. 73).
8. How did the conduct of Ham show definite faults? (Genesis 9:22; Plain Talk pp. 73-74).
9. What common fault among believers today is similar to the sin of Ham? (Genesis 9:22-23; Plain Talk p. 74).
10. If any persons today were to inherit the curse upon Canaan, who would it be? (Genesis 9:25; Plain Talk pp. 74-75).

XII THE JUDGMENT OF GOD (Genesis 9-11).

1. To what extent is man dependent upon God? (Acts 14:15; Plain Talk p. 76).
2. What is the law of the harvest? (Galatians 6:7-9; Plain Talk p. 76).
3. Why is thinking important? (Proverbs 23:7; I John 4:12-15; Plain Talk pp. 76-77).
4. What is the certain fate of every living natural thing? (Isaiah 40:6-8; Plain Talk p. 77).
5. Are consequences sure to follow the actions of the soul? (Psalm I; Plain Talk pp. 77-78).
6. Is the judgment of God arbitrary? (Genesis 4:6-7; Ezekiel 18:20; Plain Talk p. 78).
7. In what ways was the Tower of Babel a typical human effort? (Genesis 11:1-4; Plain Talk pp. 78-79).
8. What fault did God see in the Tower of Babel? (Genesis 11:5-6; I Samuel 16:7; Plain Talk p. 79).
9. Why was the judgment of God upon Babel so disastrous? (Genesis 11:8-9; Plain Talk p. 79).
10. What was the basic difference between the men of Babel and Abraham? (Genesis 11:4; Hebrews 11:10; Plain Talk p. 80).