

“Who is our Creator”

Genesis 1 & John 1:1-18 (King James Version)

INTRODUCTION: WHO IS OUR CREATOR ?

What does the bible have to say on this matter.


Any person who is either a Christian or even a non-Christian, or a believer of other faiths or religions for that matter, knows that the “Christian bible” exists and that it is a collection of 66 books which underpins the faith and belief doctrines of all Christians that believe in God as a Christian. Here we are obviously referring to the King James Version of the bible.

So, when you or those of whom we are speaking about in this matter opens the bible for the first time and turns to the first book of the bible they will see that it is the book of Genesis.

Now when they or we read the opening verses of Genesis Chapter 1, the first information right there in the 1st verse is that God is mentioned as the creator.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1. Well, if you continue to read the whole of Genesis 1 verse 1 it gives the reader the account of creation.
2. The question is who is this God of Creation? This would be the consideration of the reading you can ask.
3. As you can imagine if you just stopped there in verse 1, or even if you just only read the OT it might not be clear to many people of who this God is.

 I therefore wonder how many people at that stage or even as a Christian believer later after many years have come to realize the significance of that opening declaration by God in Genesis 1:1.

However, if you study Genesis 1, Genesis 2, and Genesis 3 you get the full story of creation.

 Consider verse 2 of Genesis Chapter 1.....

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. **And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**

Then in Genesis Chapter 3:22 we see “the LORD God” speaking again to the Godhead because look what he says.....

Genesis 3: 22 **And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us,** to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

1. You have to ask the question who was the LORD God in Genesis 1:1 and **who** was God speaking to?

2. Well, you saw previously in Genesis 1:26 the LORD said “let US” make man in our own image, and certainly man was not created at this time, so God had to be speaking to a second and third person in what we know from scripture as the Godhead, because it involves three persons. (1 John 5:7 confirms this).
3. Whilst we know that 1 John 5:7 confirms what we refer to as the trinity or triune Godhead, the word LORD in all capital letters encompasses the three persons in the triune Godhead or trinity.
4. By the comparison of scripture with scripture we can understand which person of the triune Godhead is referred to.

✚ So, in the actions of the communications with man or the interactions with man in the scriptures of the OT we know that it is the second person of the trinity that is inferred in the scriptures because we know that Jesus said no man has ever seen the “Father nor heard His voice” but the Son of man has declared him.

✚ So that being true we conclude that the interactions with man in the OT was with the second person of the triune Godhead being God Almighty which is revealed in Jesus in the NT.

This is confirmed and substantiated by the Apostle John. And here are the scriptures of what Jesus said.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

John 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

John 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?**

1. Not only that.....but the Apostle John also declares in John 1:1-3 that all things were created by Jesus.
 2. Therefore God in Genesis 1:1 was Jesus, who was known as God Almighty or The LORD GOD.
1. We also know this to be true because Jesus was the creator of “all thing” as declared by John in the book of 1 John as well as in Colossians 1.

John 1:1-3 (Authorized King James Version)

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14 Authorized (King James) Version

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

- ✓ Jesus being the creator of heaven and earth is again confirmed by the Apostle Paul in the book of Colossians 1.

Colossians 1:15-17 Authorized (King James) Version

¹⁵ who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶ for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷ and he is before all things, and by him all things

- ✚ Therefore, when you carry on reading Genesis 1 to Genesis 3 you see these roles of the Godhead in action.
- ✚ Remember Jesus also said if you have not the Son you don't have the Father.

1 John 2:23 (KJV) Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

- ✓ This is proof that if anyone denies Jesus then they do not have God the Father.
5. Remember in Genesis 3 we see the LORD speaking to Adam in the garden of Eden. This is a communication between man and God.
 6. We also saw that it was the LORD who created Eve, and we also saw that it was the LORD who was calling and speaking to Adam in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve had eaten of the tree life.
- ✚ In these early scriptures and even in Genesis 3:15 the LORD speaks about a future time of enmity between the seed of the woman and Satan, and we know this future prophecy account of it being Jesus in the flesh in the NT. But this was not known to Adam or Eve at that stage in Genesis.

Just reading from Genesis 1 to Genesis 3 only does not give the full picture.

1. It is only when you read the whole bible which includes the NT that this picture of Genesis becomes very clear of who God is and who is the Creator of heaven and earth.
 2. Therefore, when you have included the NT scriptures you will come to the only conclusion that Genesis 1 to Genesis 3 and beyond; that it was Jesus the Son of God the Father who was known as the LORD GOD, of creation.
- ✚ Therefore Genesis 1:1 is speaking of Jesus being the creator of heaven and earth.
3. This is why many people cannot grasp how the OT and the NT interacts with each other and depends on each other; and that it is not somehow separate

scriptures or separate Gods, or a separate Saviour, and this is also why people often don't know or understand how to pray or even address Jesus as God or God the Father as God.

❖ **But to make it easier to see and understand the roles of each one of the Godhead personalities we must consult with the NT, and that is what we are going to do.**

- ✚ Something which we all need to remember and to take into consideration of our doctrine is what Jesus said in the NT, where Jesus stated that no man has ever seen or heard the voice of God the Father, or even spoken to God the Father.
- ✚ Therefore, in the Old Testament references the LORD GOD or the LORD interacting with man by speaking to, or visiting man, or hearing His voice is a reference to Jesus.

1. To confirm this we have clear scriptures from Jesus Himself which proves this was Jesus in the OT references identified by different names to confirm that it was Jesus.
2. Here is one such reference by Jesus.

Matthew 7:21-23 (Authorized (King JamesVersion))

²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, **Lord, Lord**, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

²² Many will say to me in that day, **Lord, Lord**, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

1. Jesus is also called Lord.
2. Jesus is also going to be the judge at His return.

What about Mark 12.....and Matthew 22.....

Mark 12 ³⁵ And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? ³⁶ For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, **The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.** ³⁷ David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he *then* his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

Matthew 22:41-46 (KJV)

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son of David.* ⁴³ He saith unto them, How then doth **David in spirit call him Lord**, saying, ⁴⁴ **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?** ⁴⁵ If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? ⁴⁶ And no man was able

to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

- In these references to Matthew 22 and Mark 12 we see David in the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) declaring a prophecy that the Spirit of God had revealed this to him.
 - David was able to declare this prophecy of scripture because it was the Spirit (the Holy Spirit) which had declared it to him that Jesus whom he did not know yet was his Lord.
 - This is the same prophecy which was now revealed in Jesus as he declared it to those Pharisees listening to him.
 - In these scriptures we see the use of LORD and Lord to refer to God the Father and God the Son Jesus.
- ✓ The other NT references are found in the Book of Hebrews 10.

Hebrews 10:12-14 (King James Version) ¹² but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

✚ The enemies of Jesus will be his footstool.

Further Confirmation of Jesus in the OT as God.

Jesus was also known as God Almighty or Almighty God in the OT accounts. These scriptures are confirmation of that. Which again support the claim of Genesis 1:1.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.**

Genesis 35:11 And God said unto him, **I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;**

✚ Remember that if the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**, then that could only have been Jesus since no man has ever seen the father or heard his voice.

Genesis 48:3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

Exodus 6:3 and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty*, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

✚ Again all these scriptures declare Jesus.

Psalms 83:18 that *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, *God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*

✚ Comparing this to the NT in Revelation we can conclude again that Jesus is also known as God Almighty and in no way minimizes God the Father as they both are I the Godhead.

Revelation 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord **God Almighty**, which was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 11:17 saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord **God Almighty**, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of **God**, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord **God Almighty**; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Revelation 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord **God Almighty**, true and righteous *are* thy judgments.

Revelation 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of **God Almighty**.

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of **Almighty God**.

Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord **God Almighty** and the Lamb are the temple of it.

✚ The Lord Jesus and God the Father share the same title as God Almighty.

Therefore with that in mind lets investigate that matter.

Let's start with John 1.

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

- ✚ **So**as we read here in John 1 the world was made by Him (Jesus), and without him was nothing made.
- ✚ Therefore here we see Jesus as the creator of the world. What we seeing is in fact Genesis 1 through to Genesis 3 and beyond being played out and explained to the NT readers of who the "Creator is"?

But let's continue.....

The book of John records for us the explicit deity of our Lord. In other words it records for us the very facts that Jesus Christ our Lord is not only the Son of God the Father but in fact that he is God, being preexistent with the Father, even before Genesis 1.

- ✓ If you want to find out who your Lord is, then come to the book of John.
- ✓ In fact John writes many of the witness testimony of who our Lord is.

The Danger of not knowing who Jesus Christ our Lord is, and that he is God can lead those individuals down a path of religiosity, be it any religion that you might want to pick at.

In Genesis 2:2 we see the LORD God resting after his creation.

1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

- ✓ Just a little side note here, that is why we can rest in the LORD Jesus after His work on the cross because His work on the cross was also finished.
 - ✓ That's why we can rest in Him.
 - ✓ Jesus had fulfilled the Sabbath day of rest in Him. That is why we don't have to keep the Sabbath because Jesus fulfilled the Sabbath.
1. We worship Jesus on the "first day of the week" which is the first day of his resurrection. It has nothing to do with Saturday or Sunday.
 2. The first day of the week just happens to fall on a Sunday for us in our modern day calendar.
 3. But let me not digress down a rabbit hole.

Let's continue.....

- ✓ **We are using the NT to teach us about Genesis 1-3.**

The key to our salvation is Jesus Christ, who is the God of our salvation and no other.

JOHN 1: 1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1. When reading this verse, and for the following verses for that matter we are going to have to determine what is actually been said or implied.
2. In order for us to interpret scripture, we are going to have to use other scriptures also to do that and they need to be clear and concise scriptures.
3. Scripture must interpret scripture in order to be true and accurate before the Lord.
4. First of all when we look at the words "**In the beginning was the Word**", the whole passage hinges on us being able to be correct and true to this interpretation.

So, let have a look at these words:

1. First of all, the word in the beginning is really only mentioned here for our benefit. The word beginning here is referring to when our beginning started (the human race and the creation as we know it) and is not related to the beginning of God.
2. So as we look now at this sentence of the first part of verse 1 we need to realize that it is relevant only from our human existence point of view.

Now next we have to look at the next part of that sentence which says "**was the Word**".

3. For us to answer this question of the meaning of the word "**WORD**", we can look to the scriptures in several places without just looking at verse 14 in our text which we will also do shortly.

Firstly: Lets take a look at Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1. When God created the heaven and the earth he created it for his pleasure.
2. The bible tells us that God created the heaven and the earth here in Genesis 1 verse 1. He also tells us that it was good.

Secondly let's look at Genesis 3:15.

Genesis 3:15 ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

1. This is the first mention in the OT of Jesus Christ our Lord who would come to this earth. The Lord said that between Satan and the woman's seed (Jesus Christ) there would be enmity (hostility).
2. So here we can determine that Jesus was coming in the flesh.

Thirdly now that we know Jesus our Lord was coming

1. Now that we know that Jesus was coming it helps us to understand the other scriptures more easily, just like the scripture in Isaiah 9:6, speaking of our wonderful councilor the mighty God.

Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

- ✓ The Everlasting Father title here being used is speaking about just as Abraham was the father of many nations, here to Jesus is the head of all nations on earth, speaking about it in his future birth, as the son of man.
2. Other places we can look to the deity of our Lord Jesus is in Hebrews 1:8.

Hebrews 1:8 ⁸ But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

3. Un-deniably we can confirm that Jesus is God.
4. What about the other scripture that comes to mind of 1 John 5:7

Fourthly we confirm the Word.

1 John 5:7 ⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the **Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1. With the confirmation of the scriptures prior to the ones we are going to read now, we have confirmed our Lords position and title of "God", his position as God the Fathers Son, and also that he has been referred to in the triune head as the "**Word**".
2. The confirmation of His position and many titles therefore leave us with no doubt of who our Lord Jesus is.

3. The rest of our verse 1 text of John 1 this morning also goes on to confirm for us that “**and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**”
4. That means for us two things.
 - A. Jesus was always with God the Father prior to his earthly birth.
 - B. Jesus is God.
 - C. These two facts can never change, and neither can they be altered by anyone in any way to mean anything different, but testifies to his righteousness and heavenly position as God, the Son of His Father in heaven.
5. The significance of this scripture here in John 1 verse 1 is the dividing line among many religions today.
6. Your Salvation is measured upon your very belief in these words.
7. Alter them or shut them out of your mind, or tramp upon them and you shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

There will of course be many skeptics that will come your way some time or other and they might even try to sway your thoughts or belief, or they may even question your ability to believe in such a statement with truth in your heart. They may present other non biblical evidence which might even tempt you in rethinking your approach to the bible.

Be warned these people are out there and would love nothing better than to persuade you otherwise.

- The Day of Judgment will be carried out by the one who is known here in John chapter 1 and verse 1. It’s the same Lord we see who will judge in Revelation.

[Revelation 19:12-13](#)

¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God.**

SCRIPTURES CONFIRMING JESUS IS GOD

1. We cannot help ourselves unless we can begin to grasp the fact that Jesus Christ is the Word, who is God.
2. Time and time again when we read about Jesus we don’t stop to think that he is our GOD.
3. So let’s take the time this morning to pay honor and tribute to who Jesus is.

Let’s look to the scriptures one more time:

Here is a list of those scriptures besides the ones I have mentioned.

1 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh,** justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- This is another verse claiming Jesus eternal relationship with God the Father.
- **John 6:62**⁶² What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?
- **Colossians 1:15**¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- **Colossians 2:9**⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

1. Don't deny me now. I can imagine how many times we have read over these very verses and never stopped to take it in to see what it means.
2. We get so complacent with scripture that eventually we really not listening to what it is telling us?
3. Who will say Amen to that?

In order for the Word, which is Jesus; to have the ability to have power over death and Satan, he would have to be God, right? For how else could he save us if he was but a man?

1. The scriptures say he has the power to destroy both death and the devil.

Hebrews 2:14

¹⁴ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

2. What about Luke 10:18

Luke 10:18¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

1. How much more we know that Jesus was from heaven originally than by this following scripture quotation in Luke 10:18.
2. If the Lord was not in heaven at the time how would he have been able to see it, let alone say that he had seen Satan fall from heaven. Satan was dispatched in an instant, in the twinkle of an eye like the speed of lightening because he had sinned against God and therefore there was no place left for him but to be cast down.
3. As we look to the next statement from the scriptures it is undoubtedly that of God.
 1. Who on this earth could ever make a claim like the following one I am going to give you from the scriptures.
 2. The only person ever to make a claim like this would have to be God. In this case it is Jesus Christ our God.

John 17:5 ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

3. It would not have been possible for Jesus Christ to have said this if he was not in a position to quantify that statement. He was making the request to His Father in heaven, a request that signifies that even before creation he was with God the Father.
4. Before this world was ever created Jesus was in heaven with God the Father.

So when we look to answer the question of the first verse in John 1:1, we have to realize it is talking about Jesus Christ our creator of this world. The in the beginning statement is the beginning of the Lord creating heaven and earth.

It is only when we get to Genesis 1:26 that we finally realize that there is a triune Godhead. The statement of that verse is what forever will lead mankind to wonder about the Godhead described here in God's Word. Some will embrace it whilst others will reject it.

Genesis 1:26

²⁶ And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

5. We can comfortably answer three questions today that we have seen answered here in the scriptures this morning.

Namely:

1. Who is the WORD?
2. When did the WORD exist?
3. Who is responsible for creation?

² The same was in the beginning with God.

1. Jesus Christ our Lord. (The Word).
2. Eternal with God the Father.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

1. He is responsible for creation.
2. Everything in creation was made by Jesus Christ.
3. That includes heaven and earth, and man.
4. The answer to all creation is found in the bible. The book of Genesis speaks of the creation coming into existences and testifies of the creator.

Whilst the New Testament continues to deliver the same message of Genesis, we are thankful to the Lord that we have had the opportunity to be certain of our creator, king and redeemer.

When we read the following verses in **John 1 verse 14 and 18** we again begin to realize the confirmation of the position Jesus Christ our Lord holds.

1. If there is any further doubt as to who Jesus Christ our Lord is.
2. **The bible attests to us here that there has never been a time when any man has ever seen God the Father.**
3. **Yet the bible also attest here, that the one and only to see God the Father has been the only begotten Son which has always been in the bosom of His Father.**

18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

1. If there is any further doubt as to who Jesus Christ our Lord is. The bible attests to us here that there has never been a time when any man has ever seen God the Father. Yet the bible also attest here, that the one and only to see God the Father has been the only begotten Son which has always been in the bosom of His Father.
2. No amount of imagination is necessary to see who Jesus is?

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

- Yet there are still people today who will not believe it to be so, that Jesus is God.

The question for us today, and the message or us today is this?

1. What does Jesus mean to you?
2. What position do you ascribe to Jesus Christ?
3. Do you truly believe what the Bible says about Him?

WE SHOULD STRONGLY ASK THE LORD IF WE CAN BOW BEFORE HIM ON HIS THRONE.

PRAYER.....CLOSURE.