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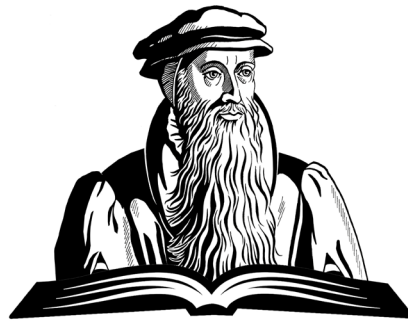
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YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

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God's Work of Creation

Memorization

Question 9: *What is the work of creation?*

Answer: *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.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The material God used to create all things.
3. The tool God used to create all things.
4. The time it took for God to create all things
5. The condition of all that God created.
6. Conclusion.

Basic Questions About Question 9

1. What does the word "create" mean?

2. Paraphrase Question and Answer #9, or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *Everything God made was brought forth out of nothing...*

Hebrews 11:3 _____

2. *By the word of his power...*

Genesis 1:3 _____

Psalm 33:6, 8, 9 _____

3. *In the space of six days...*

Exodus 20:11 _____

4. *And all very good.*

Genesis 1:31 _____

Revelation 21:4-5 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. What is the difference between God creating all things and a chef creating a meal?

2. God did not use preexistent materials in order to make the things we see in this world. What three things does this amazing truth teach us?

3. What is the tool that God used to bring all things into existence? How should we respond to this fact?

4. How long did God take to create all things? Did the days have a normal length of 24 hours each?

5. Why should we set apart a whole 24 hours, one whole day, to worship God?

6. We learn that God took six normal days to create everything, then he rested on the seventh day. Did God need six days to create everything? Did he need to rest? What is God teaching us by these things?

7. What was the condition of God's creation in the very beginning? Was there anything in creation which was evil or bad in or of itself?

8. Is the whole of creation still the same as it was at the beginning? What has come into creation, and why did this happen?

9. According to Romans 1, verses 18 to 20, why do some people deny the existence of God, and deny his work of creation?

10. What is the essence of sin, according to Paul's teaching, in Romans 1, verse 21?

11. What encouragements can we draw from the truth that God created all things?

Practical Application

1. Make a chart of God's creative work over the six days of creation. Meditate on Genesis chapter 1. Try to find out how it shows that God was progressing in an orderly manner as he brought things into existence.

2. How does this truth about God being the Creator of all things influence our views about things we may learn at school or see in daily life?

3. What do we learn from the broken state of the world today?
