

# Lesson 8 | July 25, 2021

## Who Is God?

**Study Text:** Genesis 1:1–2; Psalms 19:1–4; 139:7–18; Isaiah 40:12–14; Acts 17:16–34; Romans 1:18–20; 2:12–16; Ephesians 4:17–24; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 1:13–16

**Central Truth:** Because God is Creator, every person is morally responsible to Him.

### Key Verse: Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (KJV).

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him (NIV).

### Learning Objectives

- Understand what the Bible says about who God is and what He is like.
- Increase in confidence that God cares for those He has created in His image.
- Commit to living in submission to the authority and sovereignty of God.

## Introducing the Lesson

**Say:** Many people refer to God as a “higher power” or “the Man upstairs,” yet they struggle mightily in comprehending the Person of God. If we took time to ask children who God is, we would likely get surprising responses: Many children, in simple faith, are able to grasp God well in relational terms. God is not trying to hide himself from us in His sovereignty and authority—though He most certainly holds those traits. Rather, **God desires a personal relationship with each of us, and through that relationship, believers can describe God in ways that will help others come to know Him.**

### Opening Activity—Descriptions of God

*Ask: What descriptions of God have you heard from friends and neighbors? How accurate are those descriptions?*

**Say:** Our upbringing almost always impacts our view of God. Some people view Him as a great disciplinarian who is waiting to catch them doing wrong. Others view Him as a benevolent dictator who rules the world and gives people what they want or need. Still others have no concept at all of God. Today’s lesson will help us prepare to share the one true God with those around us. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**How do you answer the question, “Who is God”?** Many answers are possible. Atheists say there is no God. Agnostics argue that you can’t know if He exists. Those

who embrace Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism answer the question far differently from Christians. So who is God? And what should a person's relationship be with Him? **Today, you will discover how the Bible answers this important question.**

## **Part 1— God Is Revealed in Creation**

### **The Creator God**

Genesis 1:1–2

**[Gen 1:1-2 KJV] 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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.**

**Say:** Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Moses wrote the Book of Genesis, which begins with the straightforward statement that God created everything that exists. (See also John 1:1–5.) There was no need to debate the fact that God existed. Everything He created testified to His reality. Furthermore, as we read the inspired Word of God, everything it says is built upon this reality: God is the sovereign Creator, and He shares His glory with no one. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Material found in the book of Genesis, such as the revelation of the one true God, was originally given to the Israelites, who had been in Egyptian captivity for nearly 400 years. During this time, they had been under the influence of a culture that worshipped a multitude of gods. They had, however, maintained worship of the one true God, teaching their children about Him through oral tradition (see Deuteronomy 6:4–9).**

**As the Book of Genesis opened, Moses did not attempt to describe God as he began to write. He simply stated that God existed, as an accepted conclusion, and then began to tell of God's creative power. Moses declared that when the earth was first created, it was without form. The picture that he provided his audience is one of God carefully considering what He would shape the earth to be (Genesis 1:1–2).**

We learn in Genesis 1 that God created an environment that would provide for the life that He put on the earth. And so, the Israelites would have been able to look at the world around them and see how their experiences confirmed the claims of Moses. The air they breathed kept them alive. The stars hung in the sky without tumbling to earth. The sun provided enough heat and light to comfort them, but not so much that they would burn up. And each night, the moon would appear to provide some measure of light by night. In addition, God's people would have witnessed centuries of sowing and reaping. All of this organization in the created realm didn't just happen. Clearly, one God, who controlled all things, was responsible for life on earth..

### **Resource Packet Item 1: Gods of Egypt**

Distribute the information sheet so students have a basic overview of the worship that was happening around the Israelites during their time in Egypt. Discuss how the influences of such idol worship might have threatened to impact God's people.

#### ***Discuss***

? Why is it important to pass down to children the teachings of Scripture and testimonies about God?

? How does the story of creation impact your understanding of God? What does it clarify about the nature of God?

### **God's Attributes**

Psalms 19:1–4; 139:7–10,14; Isaiah 40:12–14; Romans 1:18–20

**[Psa 19:1-4 KJV] 1 [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,**

**[Psa 139:7-18 KJV] 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou [art] there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou [art there]. 9 [If] I take the wings of the morning, [and] dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light [are] both alike [to thee]. 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully [and] wonderfully made: marvellous [are] thy works; and [that] my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, [and] curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all [my members] were written, [which] in continuance were fashioned, when [as yet there was] none of them. 17 How**

precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 [If] I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

**[Isa 40:12-14 KJV] 12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or [being] his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and [who] instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?**

**[Rom 1:18-20 KJV] 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**Say:** Many volumes have been written about the attributes of God. It is impossible with the human mind and vocabulary to describe the vastness of God. The verses in this lesson provide only a brief overview of who God is, but as we study His Word and grow in our relationship with Him, we will continue to be amazed that the God of the universe loves and cares for each of us. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**Hundreds of years after Moses wrote Genesis, King David wrote a psalm that expressed one of the reasons he knew there is a God. David said that when he looked at the sky at night, the stars boldly declared the fact that God exists. There is no other answer for the vastness of the universe than a God who created all things. David's words remind the reader that God is "omnipotent," or "all powerful." (Psalms 19:1-4)**

**David, once again writing in the Psalms, declared that God is everywhere. Theologians refer to this trait of God as "omnipresence," or "all-present." In this account, David identified God as "Spirit" (Psalm 139:7). The term "Spirit" is also seen in the Genesis account, referring to God. God is seen in three distinct Persons: The Father is God. Jesus is God. The Holy Spirit is God. There are not three Gods, but one. This is known as the Trinity. The scope of this lesson is not**

large enough to explain the Trinity, but suffice it to say that David was referring to the God of Creation in Psalm 139:7.

**Humans are always under God's observation. We cannot escape Him because He is always there. God cannot be limited or controlled. Unlike the pagan gods of the day, the God of Israel will do what He wants to do, when He wants to do it (Psalms 139:8–10), for He is everywhere. We cannot escape His presence.**

It is important to recognize that the God of the Bible does act in positive ways toward His creation in the Old Testament. He will guide people as they call upon Him to do so. He loves them and wants the best for them. **David looked at his own body and saw it as a testimony of God's goodness (Psalms 139:14).**

**In a similar way, the prophet Isaiah described the omniscience of God. Not only is God all powerful, and at all places at once, He is also all knowing (Isaiah 40:12–14). As a result, His people need not worry about Him forgetting about them or being caught off guard by a surprise. These three characteristics work in wonderful unison: God is everywhere, He knows all things, and He can do all things.**

**These realities about God's nature carry into the New Testament. The apostle Paul recognized that God is the creator of the universe. Paul stated a person need only look at Creation to see that there is one true God who holds all things together (Romans 1:18–20).**

### ***Discuss***

? What aspect of creation most often makes you think of the Creator?

? How do the attributes of God bring comfort to those who believe in Him?

## **Part 2— Judge of Right and Wrong**

### **The Wrong Way**

Romans 2:12–16; Ephesians 4:17–19

**[Rom 2:12-16 KJV] 12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 13 (For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. 14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while**

accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

[Eph 4:17-19 KJV] 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**Say:** While it is important that we perceive the love and grace of God, it is also crucial that we recognize that **He will, indeed, judge all people.** **The only way to be ready for that judgment is through accepting salvation through Jesus Christ.** The Old Testament Israelites had failed miserably in keeping the Law. We are no better than they. We cannot, in our own power, do what it takes to please God. He is a holy God, and He calls His people to be holy. Thankfully, He has made the way for us to be made holy and have fellowship with Him. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**During the time that the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome, Jewish teachers were teaching that one could be made right with God through the Law.** They did not accept Jesus as their Messiah. They had the Law. They believed that if they lived according to its commands, their right actions would be enough to appease God. **Paul attempted to explain to the Jews that living a righteous life did not bring salvation. He explained that God requires a relationship of faith with God—a matter of the heart, or the inner person (Romans 2:14–15). The Law did, indeed, inform people as to what is right and wrong in God’s eyes. However, the Law could not save. It could not cleanse. No matter how well the Jewish leaders thought they were keeping the Law, they would be found guilty on the Day of Judgment. God alone sets the standard that people must meet, because He created all things and He rules all of creation (Romans 2:12–16).**

**The Jews are not the only ones who will stand before God at the end of time. Every person will stand before Him.** Paul noted that Jews obeyed a set of rules based on the Laws given by God. **Conversely, the Gentiles had no concept of the Law, yet they had a conscience that impacted them to give them a sense of right and wrong. But they could never fulfill righteousness or become holy in themselves. They were instead darkened by the impact of sin (Ephesians 4:17–19). Thus, they became hardened to sin and lived to indulge every kind of sin and impurity.**

*Discuss*

? In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to submit to the holy standards of living as God's people?

? How does having a personal relationship with God lead to holy living?

## **The Right Way**

Ephesians 4:20–24; 1 Peter 1:13–16

**[Eph 4:20-24 KJV] 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

**[1Pe 1:13-16 KJV] 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy**

**Say:** There is only one way to live for God, and it begins with a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. Neither the Jews nor the Gentiles could attain God's righteous demands on their own. **Salvation is not a matter of works. Only through accepting Jesus and being led by the Holy Spirit can anyone be saved, and subsequently live in a way that is pleasing to God.** (Share your highlights from the following text.)

**The apostle Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians that they should not live like the Jews or the Gentiles. They had been given a new way to live as a result of their submission to Jesus (Ephesians 4:20–24). Those who acknowledge God will live differently from those who do not acknowledge Him. Christians are not left alone to attempt to live for God in their own strength. When Christians accept Jesus as Savior, they are given a “new self” that is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God desires. Accepting Jesus as Savior is only the beginning. The new Christian must purpose to say “no” to self-centered thinking and to say “yes” to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit directs him or her to make righteous choices. It is only when Christians learn to hear the Spirit and live in obedience that they will experience true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:20–24).**

**Peter likewise explained to his readers that righteous living often starts with our concept of God (1 Peter 1:13–16). The first adjustment in thinking for a new**

**believer is to accept the fact that there is one true God. Once this mindset is in place, the person will understand that he or she is to pursue godly living.** To live the holy life that God desires, a person has to stay focused on God and rely on God. Christians cannot attempt to follow God one day and follow their own desires the next. Temptations to take focus off God are all around the Christian. Peter told his readers to stay spiritually alert and sober.

**The key to staying focused on God is to remember the prize that awaits followers of God after Christ has returned. Peter said that this is the hope of the Christian. Saying “no” to oneself today is a tiny sacrifice compared to the everlasting reward that awaits Christians who remain faithful to God.**

**Charles Spurgeon said, “The devil I am to resist and he will flee from me, but the lusts of the flesh, I must flee, or they will surely overcome me.”**

### ***Discuss***

? Why do you think people choose to reject the reality of God?

? Why do you think Peter used the phrase “alert and fully sober” in this passage (verse 13, NIV)?

### **Resource Packet Item 2: Who Makes the Rules?**

Distribute the work sheet and give students a few minutes to reflect on it and fill it out. Then take time to pray for God’s help to be obedient to His commands.

## **Part 3— Personally Involved Creator**

### **God is Alive**

Acts 17:16–31

**[Act 17:16-31 KJV] 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. 18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. 19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, [is]? 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear**



some new thing.) 22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, [Ye] men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. 24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**Say:** As Paul walked the streets of Athens, he saw the many false gods worshipped by the Greeks (Acts 17). He was distressed to see how the people looked for an object of worship, yet missed the One who was and is worthy of worship. Paul took the opportunity to engage those around him with a discussion of the living God. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

The public discussion of wisdom and philosophy was a common event in Athens, and Paul utilized it well as an opportunity to share Christ. In Acts 17, Paul introduced a new way of thinking to the philosophers with whom he spoke. **The philosophy that Paul shared was based on a deity that was not carved from stone. Paul's God was alive, had created the world, and continued to interact with His creation** (Acts 17:24–25).

The God Paul described was much different from the Greek gods. **The true God interacts with His creation. He does not need sacrifices of the people in order to find His fulfillment. He has everything He will ever need. His purpose is to love and care for His creation. God loves His creation so much that He provided an**

**avenue for people to find Him. He is not a God that is unreachable. He desires a relationship with humanity (Acts 17:26–27).**

Paul cited a second century BC poet to further illustrate who God is. This poet, Aratus of Tarsus, wrote a poem called “Phenomena.” This poem was mainly about the known facts of astronomy and meteorology of the day. It opened with a prayer to Zeus, pointing to Zeus as the god upon which all things depend. **Paul quoted the opening of the poem to build a bridge between what the people already believed about their god and the true relationship between God and those who follow Him (Acts 17:28).** (In a similar way, Paul also quoted the “hymn to Zeus” of Cretan philosopher Epimenides in verse 28.) **This springboard gave Paul a way to approach the subject of the true God in terms his listeners would understand.**

Paul explained that in light of humanity’s ignorance, which led to idolatry, God was merciful and held back in delivering judgment. But mercy would give way to judgment eventually, and now was the time for the people to turn from their idolatry. Jesus had come to open the way of salvation to all of humankind. People who had relegated God to gold images would need to change their view of Him. God demanded that they have a living relationship with Him, and that relationship could only be established through belief in Jesus (Acts 17:29–31). While there are still those who worship idols and other false gods, we must be cautious that we do not allow a modern form of idolatry to take our attention away from the true God.

### ***Discuss***

? What are some ways Christians today might be drawn into the sin of idolatry?

? What are some helpful ways we make the gospel understandable to people who do not know about Jesus today?

## **Faith in God**

Acts 17:32–34; Hebrews 11:6

**[Act 17:32-34 KJV] 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this [matter]. 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which [was] Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.**

**[Heb 11:6 KJV] 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**Say:** God calls us to live by faith. Often, we hesitate to present God's message to others because we assume they will reject it. However, **we are not responsible for their choice.** We are only responsible to spread the word about the one true God, giving people the opportunity to accept Him. (Share your highlights from the following text.)

The Bible is clear concerning who God is. **It is up to each person to determine whether or not to accept the facts concerning God's identity. The people who were listening to Paul had mixed reactions concerning the information that Paul had shared about God.**

**Some people immediately rejected Paul's message.** Others accepted Paul's message and became followers of Christ. Still others were intrigued and said they wanted to think about this new teaching a bit more. (Acts 17:32–34)

**A person can have a relationship with God through faith in Christ. Christian faith is not wishful thinking. Christian faith is a firm commitment to a fact. Faith places trust in the object of one's faith—Jesus Christ.**

### **Resource Packet Item 3: Two Case Studies**

Distribute the sheet with two case studies on it. Assign half your class to deal with the first one and the other half to deal with the second one. They can work individually or in small groups. Invite several people to share their responses, and discuss them as a class.

#### ***Discuss***

? Describe your journey to faith in God.

? What are the greatest barriers that discourage us from sharing our faith with others? How can we overcome these barriers?

### **What Is God Saying to Us?**

**Say:** In order to reach others with the gospel, we must understand who God is. He is the Creator of all things, a merciful and righteous Judge, and is fully involved with His Creation—so much so that He made salvation and eternal life possible through His Son. This is our message to the world.

### **Living It Out**

#### **Ministry in Action**

- Spend some time this week enjoying God's creation as you worship your Creator.
- Turn an everyday event into an opportunity to tell someone about God.
- Pray for those who are ministering the message of Christ in other cultures.

## Daily Bible Readings

### Monday:

God's Sign to Israel.  
Exodus 31:12–17

**[Exo 31:12-17 KJV] 12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it [is] a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that [ye] may know that I [am] the LORD that doth sanctify you. 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it [is] holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth [any] work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh [is] the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth [any] work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, [for] a perpetual covenant. 17 It [is] a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.**

### Tuesday:

The Unfathomable Power of God.  
Isaiah 40:25–31

**[Isa 40:25-31 KJV] 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these [things], that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that [he is] strong in power; not one faileth. 27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, [that] the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? [there is] no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to [them that have] no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint.**

### Wednesday:

God's Everlasting Love.  
Jeremiah 31:3–9

**[Jer 31:3-9 KJV] 3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, [saying], Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. 5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of**

**Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat [them] as common things. 6 For there shall be a day, [that] the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. 7 For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, [and] with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. 9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim [is] my firstborn.**

**Thursday:**

The Lord, Our Righteous Judge.  
2 Timothy 4:6–8

**[2Ti 4:6-8 KJV] 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**

**Friday:**

Christ Took Our Judgment.  
Hebrews 9:24–28

**[Heb 9:24-28 KJV] 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

**Saturday:**

God Created Everything.  
Revelation 4:6–11

**[Rev 4:6-11 KJV] 6 And before the throne [there was] a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, [were] four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast [was] like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle. 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. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.