

**For Note-Takers: Underline any words or phrases which stand out to you. Circle words or phrases that you have a question about.**

1. After speaking physical light into existence on the first day of Creation, God spoke again to create an expanse which would divide the waters that were without form so that some would be under the expanse and some would be above. God named the waters above the expanse “Heaven” We can identify this expanse as the “sky” and the area above “space.” But other than this expanse the universe was still without any form.
2. Can anyone, like God, spread out the skies as He did in Creation? We cannot. He Created the Heavens and Earth by His power and established the world by His wisdom. Can we with our understanding stretch out the Heavens like God did? We cannot. God parades His awesome power, infinite wisdom, and great understanding before every being in the universe in His Creation.
3. And how did God spread out the skies and stretch out the Heavens? All He had to do is utter His voice. When He speaks, physical reality is immediately created. How is it possible that He created the whole universe in just six days? Because He had the power to create the universe in an instant. God has no limitations in His power to do as He pleases, and no limitations

can be placed on Him in how He does what He pleases. When God speaks there is nothing that can oppose Him in His will.

4. God is the greatest person, the greatest reality, that exists. He is above all other beings. God does whatever He wants to whenever He wants to wherever He wants to. He controls the clouds, and the lightning, and the rain. He brings forth the wind. The lives of Kings are in His hands to do with what He wishes and all the signs and wonders against Pharaoh belonged to God Almighty, ruler of the universe. Nations rise or fall because of the desires of God.
5. God, who stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth, who grants each breath to each living person and keeps us alive every moment, offers His Son Jesus as a light to the nations who will open the eyes of the blind and set free the prisoners who sit in spiritual darkness. Salvation is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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6. God is the one who forms our bodies in the womb just like He makes all things. Just like he stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth. He also frustrates liars who contradict His Word and makes fools of those who use methods to try to prove Him wrong. Men who claim to be wiser than God are turned back, and their knowledge is shown to be foolish. God also confirms the word of those who speak His Word and proves the counsel of those who are His messengers.

7. God spoke again during the third day of the universe, commanding the waters of the Earth to gather together in one place and for the first dry land to appear. He named the dry land Earth and called the waters Seas. God noted the goodness of His Creation because of His masterful work as Creator. We can note again that there was no sin or death present during His Creation. It was a perfect work from a perfect God.

8. God, who is the Supreme Ruler of His universe, with a Word He shut in the Sea with the doors of the dry land. He ordered them to burst from the womb where He had created them. He dressed the Sea with clouds as its clothing and thick darkness

as a belt. He told the crashing waves what their limits would be. He instructed the proud waves that they would submit to His orders about how far they would come, and not even a bit farther.

9. God asks us whether or not we should fear Him. We should and we will. He asks us whether or not we should tremble before Him. We should and we will. He made the sand as the boundary for the Sea, a barrier that it cannot pass. The waves will not prevail over the will of God, though they toss and roar. Like the Sea, no one will pass the boundaries that God will set for them, as hard as they may try.

### **Application #1**

Bow before the great majesty and wisdom and knowledge of God! His ways are not our ways. Who are we to question His ways? Humble yourself before Him as Creator of the universe.

10. God spoke a second time on the third day and commanded the Earth to bring forth vegetation, seed bearing plants, and fruit bearing trees. And it happened just as He commanded. There were immediately many different types of vegetation, many different types of plants, many different types of trees, and many different types of fruits. These all bore seed which would naturally multiply. And there was no sin or death because God saw that it was good.

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11. God causes the grass to grow so that the animals can have food and the plants to grow as men cultivate them so that they can have food. The grapes grow that men might have wine to enjoy, though never with drunkenness. Oil comes forth to bless us and grain so that we might have bread. God created trees to bless His people and water to irrigate them. He planted the cedars of Lebanon so that they might reflect His majesty.
12. God created lilies and other flowers in the field so that we might see His care and His beauty in them. Though they are temporary, He takes great care of them. Just as the flowers and the plants exist to point us to Christ’s Kingdom and His righteousness, so all creation, including us, exists to seek Jesus Christ and His Kingdom first before all other pursuits.

### **Application #2**

As you go about your way, eating and drinking, living in your houses made of wood and stone, driving in your cars made of metal and expensive paints, know that everything you enjoy was created by God, in six days, at the beginning of the universe. Be in awe of Him!

**Genesis 1:6-13**

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

### **Job 37:18**

<sup>18</sup> Can you, like him, spread out the skies, hard as a cast metal mirror?

### **Jeremiah 10:12**

<sup>12</sup> It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

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prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.

### **Jeremiah 10:13**

<sup>13</sup> When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

### **Psalms 135:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. <sup>6</sup> Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. <sup>7</sup> He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses. <sup>8</sup> He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and of beast; <sup>9</sup> who in your midst, O Egypt, sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants; <sup>10</sup> who struck down many nations and killed mighty kings...

### **Isaiah 42:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the

### **Isaiah 44:24-26**

<sup>24</sup> Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, <sup>25</sup> who frustrates the signs of liars and makes fools of diviners, who turns wise men back and makes their knowledge foolish, <sup>26</sup> who confirms the word of his servant and fulfills the counsel of his messengers...

### **Job 38:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> “... Who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

### **Jeremiah 5:22**

<sup>22</sup> Do you not fear me? declares the Lord. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the

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waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it.

them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

### **Romans 11:33**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

### **Psalms 104:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth <sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. <sup>16</sup> The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

### **Matthew 6:28-33**

<sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need