



Sabbath FOR STUDY

- » **Memory Text:** "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" (Psalm 33:6, NKJV).
- » **Our Beliefs, no. 6, Creation:** "God has revealed in Scripture the authentic and historical account of His creative activity. He created the universe, and in a recent six-day creation the Lord made 'the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them' and rested on the seventh day. . . . When the world was finished it was 'very good,' declaring the glory of God."
- » Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 48

DISCOVERING OUR ROOTS

"Alex Haley spent more than a decade tracing his roots on three continents. He patched together bits and pieces of his family history as passed down through the centuries by word of mouth, census records, and family wills.

"In time he discovered that in the year 1767 his ancestor had been kidnapped on the Gambia River in Africa, transported on a British slave ship to Annapolis, Maryland, and in 1768 sold to John Waller, of Richmond, Virginia. . . .

"Our identity has its roots in the origin of life. Revelation reveals an amazing heavenly scene. Heavenly beings are praising God in the throne room of the universe. Their song of praise echoes throughout the heavens: 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created' (**Revelation 4:11**).

"We are not some genetic accident. We are not some freak of nature. We are children of God, fashioned by a loving Creator. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being' (**Acts 17:28**).

"Life is a gift from God. Every breath, every heartbeat, every second of life flows from the heart of a gracious Father. We did not create ourselves. We did not will ourselves into existence. We exist by the will of God, who has a plan for our lives.

"Today we can praise Him for the gift of life. We can praise Him as our loving Creator and kind Father. We are not homeless orphans or shackled slaves. We are children of God, and no one in this world can take that away from us."—Mark Finley, *Solid Ground*, p. 316.

Sunday RESPONDING

- » Read Genesis 2:4.
- » From time to time people will sit down and debate in a formal setting. To begin the debate, each opponent has a long opening argument in which they outline their position and give support to their argument. Suppose that you were asked to defend the position on the Bible's teaching about the literal six-day Creation at a debate in your school. You want to show both the logical necessity of Creation and the beauty of God's love. What ideas would you use to promote God's truth regarding Creation? How would you combine God's love with the facts described in the Bible account of Creation.

Monday BIBLE ANSWERS ON CREATION

- » Read Genesis chapters 1 and 2; Revelation 14:7.
- » God is the Creator of the universe, of our world, and of humanity. Every other suggestion of how the world began is man's way of denying and rejecting God. We must be careful to honor and worship God as our Creator. Beginning in Genesis, through the Scriptures, to Revelation, He calls us to be faithful to Him.
- » How do you recognize, honor, and worship God, our Creator?

- » Separate the following two verses and write them on the lines below. Both are from the New King James Version.

and in Him all things consist/ "For thus says the Lord/ And He is before all things/ who created the heavens/ Colossians /through Him and for Him/ who is God/ who formed the earth and made it/1:16, 17/All things were created/who has established it/whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers/Isaiah/visible and invisible/who did not create it in vain/that are in heaven and that are on earth/who formed it to be inhabited/45:18/For by Him all things were created/I am the Lord, and there is no other



