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Our Bible study today concerns God as the Creator of this universe. One marvels at the fact that God has given mankind a Book – and that wonderful Book is God’s Word, the Bible. Man can study the Bible and learn, not only about Creation – who we are, and how we got here – but, more importantly, we can learn about our need for salvation, and how God has provided a way of escape from eternal damnation.

However, we must come to the Bible like a little child, realizing that we know nothing and praying that God would indeed teach us Truth. As we approach the Bible in this fashion, we will find that the Bible maintains that God has provided a Savior, or Redeemer – that is, One Who is able to deliver us from our slavery to sin, and the subsequent punishment in Hell, which we so richly deserve. I want to cover three points in our discussion:

- 1. Jesus Christ Created All Things.**
- 2. God Developed a Plan, the Gospel.**
- 3. God will Destroy this Present Universe by Fire and Create New Heavens and a New Earth.**

Jesus Christ Created All Things

Let’s consider our first point: The Lord Jesus Christ created all things; and then man rebelled and fell into sin. Isa 45:7 declares, *“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.”* And to avoid any misunderstanding about God’s nature, the word “evil” is referring to a calamity – it does not imply that God is the author of sin.

Col 1:16 describes the creation of all things by God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ: *“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.”* John 1:1-5 also describes how Jesus Christ created all things. However, God’s greatest creation is man, who was made in the “likeness” of God Himself. The full meaning of that fact is, of course, incomprehensible to us. Yet that is what the Bible teaches.

Gen 5:1-2 tells us that fact, *“This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam [man], in the day when they were created.”*

Rom 1:18-20 and 25 uncover the hideous fact that man fell into sin and rebelled against the very God Who had created man in His own likeness: *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 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... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”*

The sin of man is derived from pride and manifests itself as doubting, twisting, perverting, and denying God’s Word. Hence, disobeying God’s express commands, which He has revealed to man through the Bible, results in man’s placement under the wrath of God – as we see from hundreds of verses, such as Zec 7:12, *“Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.”*

God Developed a Plan, the Gospel

In spite of man’s sin and the resulting curse upon all mankind and the universe that He brought into existence by His Word, God had conceived and executed an incredible plan to redeem, or reconcile, man to Himself through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. This plan is called a “mystery” because God chose to reveal it to man in stages. It is also called the “Gospel”. Eph 3:9 informs us, *“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.”*

The individuals who are recipients of this Gospel of God’s grace are spoken about in Isa 43:1, *“But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.”* Psa 51:10 is a prayer for God to have mercy because only God can create eternal life in a person’s dead soul (or “heart”) by giving him the Holy Spirit: *“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”* Those who have received the gift of salvation have actually been given a new heart, or soul, and only God is capable of performing such a Divine operation. Eze 36:26 describes what has to take place: *“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”*

God will Destroy this Present Universe by Fire and Create New Heavens and a New Earth

Our last point is that one day God will destroy this present universe by fire and create New Heavens and a New Earth where only God and His people will live forever in righteousness. He will likewise create a place of eternal judgment called Hell. God will also give all men, the saved and the damned, some unknown kinds of new eternal bodies.

We read about this in 2 Pet 3:7,10,13: *“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up... Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”*

Do you know this Creator and Judge as your God? Are you one of His people? Are you part of this Bride that is to be married to the Lord Jesus Christ? If not, may God use His Word to create in you a new heart and a right spirit.