

The 1689 Confession
Worship/Study Guide

Chapter 4
Creation

Day 1 – God created the world for his glory.

Read 4.1

Scripture: Gen. 1:1-25, 31, Rom. 1:20

Questions:

Where did the material for the world come from?

What was God's assessment of his handiwork?

What can we learn about God from creation?

Catechism:

Q. Who made you?

A. God.

Q. What else did God make?

A. God made all things.

Hymn: "Creation Sings" (Getty & Townsend)

Day 2 – God created man in his image as the crown of creation.

Read 4.2

Scripture: Gen. 1:26-31

Questions:

How is man's soul described in the confession?

What does it mean to be made in God's image?

Catechism:

Q. Why did God make you and all things?

A. For his own glory.

Hymn: "Creation Sings" (Getty & Townsend)

Day 3 – God made man male and female.

Read 4.2

Scripture: Gen. 1:27, 2:21-25

Questions:

Why did God make man as male and female?

What privileges and responsibilities come with these roles?

Q. Of what were our first parents made?

A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Q. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A. He made them holy and happy.

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

Day 4 – God made man with a conscience that testifies to his law.

Read 4.2

Scripture: Rom. 2:12-15

Questions:

Did mankind have a knowledge of God's law before the fall?

What role does conscience play?

Catechism:

Q. What relationship did Adam have with God?

A. A relationship of sonship.

Q. What did God command Adam to do?

A. To obey him perfectly.

Hymn: "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" (tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

Day 5 – Man was upright but capable of falling. God tested them with a specific test.

Read 4.3

Scripture: Gen. 2:9-17

Questions:

From what tree were Adam and Eve forbidden to eat?

Why did God place this restriction on them?

How do we know God wasn't withholding good things from them?

How do we know that they were in a temporary state that could lead either to confirmation in righteousness or to the fall?

Catechism:

Q. What did God promise Adam?

A. To reward Adam with life if he obeyed him.

Q. What did God threaten Adam?

A. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed him.

Hymn: "All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!"