Confident in God the Creator

Bible Study for October 2025 By Major Beth Desplancke

Opening Questions:

- When you look at nature, what do you think is the most beautiful thing?
- What is something in nature that you just can't get enough of?

Read Hebrews 11:1-3.

- How is faith defined (v. 1)?
- According to verse 3, what do we have to take by faith?

The fact that God is the Creator is the very first thing we learn when we begin to read the Bible. **Read Genesis 1:1-2:3**.

- What do we learn about God in Genesis 1:1-2?
- What did the world look like at the time of creation?
- How did God create the world? **Read also Psalm 33:6.**
- What did God create on each day?
- How did God describe His creation?
- How was the creation of humankind different from all the rest of creation?
- What does it mean to you that you are created in the image of God?
- What are some of the attributes of God that you see in yourself?
- What charge did God give to humankind?
- What did God do on the seventh day?

Throughout Scripture God has several names that tell of His character. The first name we read of God is *Elohim* (pronounced *el-o-heem*). In our English Bible we see the word God, but in the Hebrew language (what the Old Testament was originally written in), the word is Elohim. Elohim occurs more than 2500 times in the Bible, and 35 times in Genesis 1:1-2:3.

Elohim means supreme one or mighty one. The name Elohim stresses God's might, unlimited power, His majesty and His ability to do anything. Author Wendy Blight writes, "Though the exact meaning of Elohim is not known, the name incorporates the idea of strength and power and speaks

to the supremacy of God as He reveals Himself through His creation." (I Know His Name: A Study on the Names of God, p. 4).

- How does creation point us to the Creator? **Read Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-20.**
- How does **Acts 17:24-28** confirm God is the Creator?
- What do the following verses say about Elohim, God our Creator? Read Job 38:4-14, Psalm 8:3-9, Isaiah 40:26-28, John 1:1-3, Colossians 2:15-17.
- What do you learn about God's character from Him being the Creator?

"Genesis 1 makes it quite clear that we live in a world created by a loving God, who brought forth something from nothing... who brought life from death... who made full from empty. And the best news of all is our God wants to do the very same for each one of us" (*I Know His Name*, p. 10).

Life Connections:

• What significance do you find in the fact that you are created in the image of God? **Read Psalm 139:13-16**, **Ephesians 2:10**.

Wendy Blight writes, "God has imprinted His image on us in a unique way, handcrafted and gifted each of us with spiritual gifts and distinct talents. Never forget that <u>you</u> are the <u>only</u> you there has ever been or ever will be. God has a special plan for your life, and it's one that only you can fulfill" (*I Know His Name*, p. 26).

• What situation in your life do you need Elohim to work?

Catherine Martin writes, "Imagine God flinging the stars out in the universe and speaking planets into existence. Think about Him forming a human being from the dust of the earth, breathing life into His creation. Then contemplate His ability to breathe life into your impossible circumstances, whatever they may be. God, the uncreated, eternal, all-powerful, mighty, and majestic Creator, is greater than any obstacle you face today. You can rely on Him, the Designer of the universe and the human body, to weave a design into your life even when your circumstances may seem to be as formless and empty as the earth was prior to the completion of Elohim's work" (*Trusting in the Names of God: Drawing Strength from Knowing Who He Is*, p. 111).

In closing, mediate on the song, *So Will I (100 Billion X)*, by Hillsong United. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec.

Close in Prayer.