

Lesson I.

GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

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Genesis 1 : 1 to ch. 2 : 3—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Gen. 1 : 1.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness : and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it : and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed ; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every

green herb for meat : and it was so. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made ; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it : because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once there was no earth nor sky nor sea. Neither were there any plants nor animals nor people. There was but God the Father, the Everlasting Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.

After a time God made the world out of nothing for His own praise and glory, but He did not make it all at once.

The first thing that God made was light. He spoke saying, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God called the light day and the darkness night, and for the evening and the morning He marked off the first day.

And God spoke again, and this time He set a store-house for the rain and the snow

above the waters. And between them He spread a curtain called the sky. This was the work of the second day.

On the third day He made the dry land and in the hollow places He made seas and lakes and marked out how far their waves should come. And He spread a soft carpet of grass upon the earth and planted blossoming fruit trees and all kinds of beautiful vines and flowers and vegetables.

On the fourth day God hung His great lights in the heavens, and He made the sun to shine by day and the moon by night, and He called the stars every one by its own name and gave them their work. And God