

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Glimpses of God – Part 2

#### In the Beginning

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Glimpses of God. Our topic today: In the Beginning.

New Scripture Song:

Prayer

- 1) Why are view of origins matters
  - a) Are we here by accident or design?
  - b) Is there any ultimate meaning to life or is it simply survival of the fittest?
  - c) If we were created in the image of God what are the implications for how we should live?
- 2) Biblical view of the origin of the human family
  - a) Genesis 1:1
  - b) Genesis 1:2
  - c) Genesis 1:3a "And God said..."; Psalm 33:6,9
  - d) Genesis 1:3-2:3
  - e) Job 38:4-7
  - f) Exodus 20:8-11, 1-2
  - g) Isaiah 40:26; 45:18
  - h) Matt 19:14
  - i) 1 Timothy 2:13
- 3) The witness of nature

- a) Psalm 19:1-6
  - b) Psalm 8
  - c) Where have you seen the evidence of a great Creator in nature?
  - d) Why do so many sincere people embrace an atheistic evolutionary view?
- 4) Creation and Redemption
    - a) John 1:1-18, 29-34
    - b) Romans 5:1-11
    - c) What is the relationship between the story of creation and the story of redemption?
  - 5) The promise of Recreation
    - a) Isaiah 65:17
    - b) Isaiah 66:22
    - c) 2 Peter 3:13
    - d) Rev 21:1-4
    - e) Imagine a new heavens and new earth. What aspect of that recreation appeals to you the most?
  - 6) Discussion questions
    - a) What do you know about the theory of theistic evolution? What are the weaknesses in this theory of origins?
    - b) What has been most helpful for you in confirming the teachings of the Bible about the creation of the heavens and the earth?
    - c) How can you encourage someone who is struggling to lay aside atheistic evolutionary views and believe the teaching of the Bible regarding the creation of the heavens and the earth?