

Genesis Chapter 1:1-3

1. God as the Eternal Creator (v.1)

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

- This opening line introduces God as the **pre-existent, sovereign Creator**.
- “The heavens and the earth” are a Hebrew expression meaning **the entire universe**.
- The verse emphasizes **purposeful creation**, not randomness.

2. The Earth in Its Unformed State (v.2)

“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.”

- “Without form and void” (Hebrew: *tohu va-vohu*) describes a world that is **unshaped and unfilled**.
- “The deep” refers to **watery chaos**, a common ancient image for disorder.
- Darkness signals the absence of structure, life, and order.

Yet even here, God is not absent:

- “The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”
- The image is one of **active, attentive presence**—like a bird hovering over its nest—ready to bring order and life.

3. God Speaks Light into Existence (v.3)

“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

- God creates **by speaking**, showing His authority and power.
- Light is the first thing God brings into the chaotic darkness.
- This marks the beginning of **order, separation, and life**.
- It also introduces a pattern repeated throughout the chapter:
God speaks → creation responds → God evaluates → God names.