

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Origins - Part 7

#### Through a glass darkly: The need for a divine perspective

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Origins. Our topic today: Through a glass darkly: the need for a divine perspective.

New Scripture Song: "Behold, Bless the LORD" Psalm 134

#### Prayer

- 1) Discussion questions
  - a) If we only had nature to learn about the Creator, what conclusions might we come to?
    - i) Our Creator is an artist, loves diversity
    - ii) Our Creator made a troubled environment filled with violence, sickness, and death.
  - b) What truths about our Creator must come to us through special revelation?
- 2) The earth is the Lord's.
  - a) Psalm 24:1-2
  - b) Job 41:11
  - c) Psalm 50:10
  - d) Isaiah 43:1-2
  - e) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- 3) The world is not in its original condition
  - a) Genesis 3:17

- b) Genesis 4:11-12
  - c) Genesis 5:29
  - d) Romans 8:19-22
  - e) How would you respond to someone who said, "It's not fair that I should have to live in a cursed environment just because of the sin of my ancestor"?
- 4) Satan claims dominion over planet earth
  - a) Job 1:7
  - b) 1 Peter 5:8
  - c) Matthew 4:9
  - d) Does planet earth belong to Satan?
  - e) On what grounds does he claim dominion over this planet?
    - i) John 12:31; John 14:30
    - ii) John 16:11
    - iii) Ephesians 2:2
  - f) Where have you seen Satan's destructive influence on planet earth?
  - g) How can we find protection from Satan's tyranny? Ephesians 6:10-18
- 5) We need wisdom beyond ourselves
  - a) 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
  - b) Psalm 8
  - c) Psalm 19
  - d) Romans 11:33-36
- 6) Discussion questions
  - a) What promises in the Bible help you when you have to live with unanswered questions?
  - b) Share a time when you learned to trust God even when you didn't have all of the answers.

