

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Origins - Part 13

#### Creation Again

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: Creation Again

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

Prayer

- 1) The Bad News and the Good News
  - a) "I have some bad news and some good news"
    - i) Bad news: your family member is sick. Good news: a doctor has offered to bring the needed medicine as a gift.
    - ii) Bad news: "I lost my job because I refused to be dishonest at work." Good news: "another employer offered me a job because he heard that I was an honest worker."
  - b) 2 Peter 3:10-13 – bad news and good news
- 2) Good news: a new creation - Revelation 21:1-5
  - a) Recreation of human beings
    - i) Isaiah 26:19
    - ii) Daniel 12:2
    - iii) John 5:24-29
    - iv) 1 Corinthians 15:52-58
    - v) John 11:20-25
    - vi) John 11:41-44

- vii) How is it possible for God to create us anew? Are we not simply replicas of the original?
  - viii) What are your thoughts and feelings about the resurrection to eternal life of all those who have trusted in God's plan of redemption?
  - ix) Will some be raised to eternal life who have never heard the name of Jesus?
- b) Recreation of the environment
    - i) How did the environment change after the entrance of sin?
      - (1) Genesis 6:11-13
      - (2) Isaiah 65:25
      - (3) Isaiah 11:6-9
    - ii) What are your thoughts about an environment that is no longer filled with violence and death?
  - c) Restoration of harmony with God
    - i) Genesis 3:9 – unhindered communion in Eden
    - ii) Exodus 34:29-35; Deut 34:10 – unhindered communion with Moses
    - iii) Mark 12:37b – some enjoyed unhindered communion with Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.
      - (1) Can you imagine what it would have been like to spend time one-on-one with Jesus? What questions would you have asked?
    - iv) Revelation 22:3-5 – the promise of unhindered communion with God in the earth made new.
      - (1) There is a contemporary Christian song entitled "I can only imagine." What will it be like to be in the presence of God? How do you think you will react?