

# CHRIST

IN THE

# OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Gen 1 & 2

Lesson: The humble, persistent Creator

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- Introduction

- “I thought this was a series about Christ in the OLD TESTAMENT...”
- Not only is Christ in the OT, but the full Gospel is there, sufficient to save!
  - Jesus spent 40 days in post-resurrection, pre-ascension Old Testament Bible studies!
- Seeing Christ in the OT will strengthen our faith!

**Theme:** Christ Himself is the direct means of, the goal of, and the pinnacle of creation, and as we contemplate the truths of His humility and work on our behalf, it should lead to deeper worship.

# I. The sight of Christ in creation

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## A. A comparison of beginnings

GENESIS 1		JOHN 1	
1:1a	"In the beginning God..."	1:1-2	"In the beginning was the Word...He was in the beginning with God"
1:1b	"...created the heavens and the earth."	1:3	"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being..."
1:2-3	"...and darkness was over the surface of the deep... Then God said 'Let there be light'; and there was light."	1:4	"In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men."
1:4	"God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness."	1:5	"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."
2:7	"Then the Lord God...breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."	1:14	"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us..."

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  - 3. Christ as the sustainer of creation

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He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Col 1:17

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[God] made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. Eph 1:9-10

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- D. Christ is the pinnacle of creation

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

For God, who said “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Cor 4:6

## II. The Significance of Christ in creation

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### A. Gives weight to His condescension

#### Application:

- We should contemplate the enormity of Christ's humility – exhibited in His humanity
- This staggering reality should drive us to worship!

### B. Displays loving persistence in His work

#### Application:

- We should stand in awe of Christ's persistent work on our behalf
- This comforting reality should drive us to worship!