



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

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**The world was created with a moral purpose that set
the course for humanity.**

The book of Genesis is often thought of as a book about origins. But actually, it's about far more. It tells us who God is, his grand plan for humanity, and the specific purpose he has given us to help bring about in partnership with Himself. Here we find our calling, our need for redemption, and our path to maturity. The book of Genesis tells the story of the world.

READ GENESIS 1.

1. What do you imagine the primary message of Genesis 1 being to the book's first recipients (the Old Testament people of God)? (see Exodus 18:10-11; Isaiah 45:18)
2. How might this differ, if at all, from how many read it today?
3. What is the specific agent of creation in this account? (see Isaiah 55:10-11; John 1:1-5)
4. What is the primary spiritual truth that arises from the idea that God is your creator? (see Psalm 139:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
5. What does it mean, in terms of your daily life, that you are made in God's image (Genesis 1:27)? (see Ephesians 2:10)
6. How can seeing God as creator be the basis for cultivating greater gratitude in our daily life?

**GOD AND FATHER, THANK YOU FOR CREATING ME AND THE WORLD. MAY YOUR WORD
CONTINUE TO CREATE A NEWNESS AND GREATER GRATITUDE IN ME.**