

PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE STUDY #12
THE ILLUSTRATIVE TEACHING OF CREATION

Romans 1:20

How is it that the INVISIBLE can be “CLEARLY SEEN”?

- By understanding the things that God _____, His _____.
- God uses His creation to teach us _____ truth.

Psalm 19:1-11

- Verses 1-6 - God's _____
- Verses 7-11 - God's _____

The creation is God's _____ . The Bible is God's _____ .

I. PATTERNS IN GOD'S CREATION TEACH SPIRITUAL TRUTH

God has stamped His identity all over His creation. Have you ever observed how so many things are divided into _____? This is no accident!

See 1 John 5:7

Illustrations of the _____ are seen all over God's creation!

- _____ is spirit, soul, and body (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- _____ has 3 states - liquid, solid, gas
- An _____ has 3 parts - proton, neutron, electron
- A _____ has 3 main parts - cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus
- An _____ has 3 parts - head, thorax, abdomen
- _____ has 3 aspects - past, present, future
- _____ contains 3 formed elements - erythrocytes, leukocytes, and thrombocytes

II. NON-LIVING THINGS IN GOD'S CREATION TEACH SPIRITUAL TRUTH

_____ and _____ are used by God to teach His truth

- Rainstorm - picture of God's _____ (Genesis 7:4, 19:24)

- Whirlwind - picture of the _____ of God (Job 38:1, 40:6) and the _____ of Jesus Christ (Proverbs 1:27, 10:25; Jeremiah 23:19)
- Snow - the _____ of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 1:18, Revelation 1:14)

Physical _____ of people are wonderful teaching aids (Luke 7:22)

- Infinite _____ - blind, lame, lepers, deaf, dead, poor
- Physical conditions represent _____ conditions.
- Miracles of _____ are always a picture of what God wants to do to those who are spiritually impaired.

III. LIVING THINGS IN GOD'S CREATION TEACH SPIRITUAL TRUTH

Biblical _____ - the plant kingdom teaches us spiritual truth

- Trees illustrate _____ (Psalm 1:1-3, Matthew 7:15-20)
 - Both men and trees have a _____, a _____, and _____.
 - Some trees (like some men) bear _____ while others (like some men) do not.

Biblical _____ - animals teach us spiritual truth

- Birds often illustrate the _____ world
 - Unclean birds are types of _____ (Isaiah 34:11,15)
 - The _____ is a type of the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10)
- Fish are pictures of _____ men (Matthew 4:19)
 - Fishing and _____ have many parallels.
- Oxen - picture a ministry _____ (1 Corinthians 9:9) working two by two (see Mark 6:7) yoked to a _____. In steep and rough places, they move on their _____.
- The wild ass - picture of a _____ (Job 11:12)
 - Knowing this makes Deuteronomy 22:10 make sense!