

**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!