How does the truth of God as Creator matter?

As the Creator of all things…

- He is the only One like Himself—nothing compares to Him (Isaiah 44:6-8)
- He exists eternally—He has no beginning and no ending (Psalm 90:2-4)
- He never gets tired nor does He ever sleep (Psalm 121:2-4)
- He doesn't need food nor does He need anything (Acts 17:24-25)
- He can do anything He pleases (Jeremiah 32:17-19)
- He purposes and always accomplishes His purposes (Isaiah 46:8-10)
- He is the owner and operator of all things (Job 41:11)
- He is ruler over all things (Psalm 47:2-7)
- He knows everything about everything (Isaiah 40:14-28)
- He keeps everything going (Nehemiah 9:6)
- He made all things and nothing exists apart from Him (John 1:1-3)
- He made all things for His glory and everything is for Him (Romans 11:36)

How should we respond to the truth of God as Creator?

ESV **Psalm 29:1** A PSALM OF DAVID.Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

ESV **Psalm 33:8** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! 9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

ESV **Psalm 96:9** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

ESV **Revelation 4:11** "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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Genesis 2:1-3

Review

A Few Reminders in Approaching Genesis 1

- We are told some things, but aren't told everything.

  -- We are told what took place (i.e. the creation of "the heavens and the earth").
  -- We are told when it took place (i.e. "In the beginning").
  -- We are told by whom it all took place (i.e. "God").

  -- We *aren't* told (at least not yet) how it all took place.
  -- We *aren't* told (at least not yet) why it all took place.
  -- We *aren't* told (at least not yet) how we can know for sure it all took place.

- What we are told is true (or accurate).
- What we are told is often phenomenal (or as it appears).
- What we are told is at times sparse (or even, enigmatic).

Creation—Days 1-3

Day 1 | "Let there be LIGHT"—God separated the light from the darkness

Day 2 | "Let there be an EXPANSE"—God separated the waters from the waters

Day 3 | "Let the WATERS be gathered and let the DRY LAND appear"
"Let the earth sprout VEGETATION"

Day 4 | "Let there be LIGHTS"—God made the sun, moon, and stars

Day 5 | "Let the waters swarm with LIVING CREATURES"
"Let the BIRDS fly above the earth"

Day 6 | "Let the earth bring forth LIVING CREATURES according to their kinds"
"**Let us make man in our image, after our likness**"

Creation—Day 7 **Genesis 2:1-3**

2:1-3 | Day Seven

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished (*kalah*)
and all the host of them.

And God finished (*kalah*)…

…on the seventh day
…His work (*melakah*)
…that He had done (*asah*)

and He rested (*shabath*)…

…on the seventh day
…from all his work (*melakah*)
…that He had done (*asah*).

And God blessed the seventh day
and made it holy (*qadash*)…

…because on it God rested (*shabath*)
…from all His work (*melakah*)
…that He had done (*asah*) in creation (*bara*)

He **finished** His work on the seventh day.

He **rested** on the seventh day.

He **blessed** the seventh.

He **made** the seventh day **holy**.

How should we understand the seventh day?

What did God do on the seventh day?

He "rests" =

- *shabath* (Hebrew), "cease, eliminate, remove, still, put an end to, etc." "rest"
- God "finished" His work of making all of creation

What did God do with the seventh day?

He "blessed" it and "made it holy" =

- God endows it with His enabling and sets it apart as different than the previous six days
- God late uses it as the foundation for the fourth commandment, along with many other statutes in the law (see also, Exodus 16:23-30)

ESV **Exodus 20:8** "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11] For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

ESV **Exodus 23:12** "Six days you shall do your work (*maaseh*), but on the seventh day you shall rest (*shabath*); that your ox and your donkey may have rest (*nuach*), and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed (*naphash*).

ESV **Exodus 31:12** And the LORD said to Moses, [13] "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths (*shabath*, pl.), for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify (*qadash*) you. [14] You shall keep the Sabbath (*shabbath*), because it is holy (*qodesh*) for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. [15] Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. [16] Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. [17] It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested (*shabbath*) and was refreshed (*naphash*).'"

ESV **Leviticus 16:30** For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. [31] It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.

ESV **Deuteronomy 5:12** "'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. [13] Six days you shall labor and do all your work, [14] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. [15] You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

What did Jesus do with the seventh day (and sabbath laws)?

He follows the (actual) sabbath laws, but ultimately is over the sabbath and is Himself the end of the law…

ESV **Mark 2:27** And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. [28] So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

ESV **Romans 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

What should we do with the seventh day (and sabbath laws)?

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are not under the law and do not need to follow sabbath laws, but ultimately we still await a rest that is yet to come…

ESV **Colossians 2:16** Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. [17] These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

ESV **Hebrews 4:9** So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, [10] for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. [11] Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

But, what about Sunday, then?!