

4. Read this portion of Proverbs 8, a meditation on “Wisdom,” and note the links to Genesis 1 (use underlining and other markings, margin notes, etc.).

Proverbs 8: ²² “The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;

²³ I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.

²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;

²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,

²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.

²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,

³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

5. Watch the BibleProject “Proverbs 8” Video (go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3AHA57K) and search “bibleproject proverbs 8” to find the video). How do the links to Genesis 1 help you better understand the meaning of this Proverb, and what do you learn about God’s plan for your flourishing?

6. (Not for discussion in your group. Personal.) What is your Bible reading or study plan for the next few weeks?

The First Page (A Series on Genesis 1)

“Masterpiece” (Part 2)

Genesis 1 (Overview)

The first page of the Bible introduces almost every major _____ of the Bible, and it does so in such incredible and breathtaking detail that it deserves an immersive and expansive study.

Recap - Genesis 1 as a Literary Masterpiece

“Genesis 1” BibleProject Video: <https://bit.ly/3AHA57K>:

“...God, after ordering the cosmos, comes to rest and dwell in his sacred space. It’s like the whole world is a holy temple where God lives with his people.” (Tim Mackie)

More Literary Features

3 Symmetrical Features:

▶ The introduction and _____ of the first six days

▶ Each of the first six days starts and ends with the same _____.

▶ Three days of forming realms and three days of _____ those realms

Easter Eggs (Cross-references...Links...Hyperlinks)

BibleProject "Links" Video:

How to Get More Out of Your Bible Reading

1. Read it with "the _____."
2. Read it _____ and repeatedly.

"I'm going to read, and God, my wise and patient mentor, will shape and form me in ways I don't even understand." (Jon Collins)

3. Read it with _____.

The artistry of Genesis 1 can be equally admired by someone who believes the Scripture is God-breathed and an _____.

4. Follow a reading/study _____.
For some of the options covered in the sermon and links to the resources, go to www.henry-hwilliams.net

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What's a book, movie, song, or article that had a big impact on your life, and how did it impact you?
3. Read Genesis 1:1-2:4. Pay special attention to all the symmetrical features. You may want to mark them up in your Bible. What do you think might be at least part of the purpose of all the symmetrical features in the creation narrative?