

Short & Sweet: The Creation Remix



“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

Creating is a very godlike thing to do.

I like **creating** many different things such as scarves, hats, home decor, watercolors, blogs, skits and memes. I am also legendary for **creating** my delicious secret-recipe Fresh Strawberry Cream Cake—made from scratch. Despite my many creative endeavors, God is the master creator. In fact, we can say, creating is His specialty.

In the first book of the Bible, front and center, we learn of God’s penchant for **creating** ... *God created the heavens and the earth. Bara’*, the Hebrew word used for *create* in verse 1 means “to shape, fashion or create, *always with God as the subject.*” Only God has the power of creation.

And every time God creates, man is the beneficiary.



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What does He create?

Planets, galaxies, flowers, mountains, animals and oceans. He also creates relationships, opportunities, legacies, covenants, circumstances, dreams, hope, love, joy, peace and faith ... the list is as endless as He is eternal.

From what does God create?

I like to **create** with the freshest ingredients, the finest fabrics, and the most vibrant watercolors. But God can create from ***nothing***; the Great I AM simply speaks and something *is*. His Words drip with life and overflow with the breath of the Spirit. At other times God gets His hands dirty and creates beautiful valuable things from common ingredients like dust, dirt and clay ... things such as man. This is good news for those of who've *felt like dirt*, or have been *treated like dirt* or who've been the *dirt beneath someone's feet*. God **creates** beautiful things from dirt.

***Bara'* also means to create by cutting away.**

At first glance *creating* and *cutting* seem to be inharmonious. Can these two concepts possibly complement each other? Think for a moment. We can *cut* away activities from our schedule to *create* room for God. God *creates* in us a clean heart by *cutting* away sin and sickness. God *cuts* covenant with us and *creates* a way for us to be with Him forever in eternity.

The Creation Remix



God speaks His Word and scatters seeds of life into the dirt and clay of our hearts and souls. Damaged marriages, broken relationships, forgotten dreams, and tired ambitions receive new life from a fresh sowing of God's Word. Will we nurture the seeds with Living Water?

God speaks and dead things spring forth with new life.

Nothing becomes something. Ugly becomes beautiful. Useless becomes useful.

Shadows to substance. Death to life ... a Lazarus awakening.

He is the potter and we are the clay. He forms, shapes, smooths, and fires us in the furnace of adversity until we emerge, covered with the fingerprints of God. Pure. Beautiful. Useful.

Action Points:

1. **Speak His Word.** God has instilled His Word with life and power and has given us the privilege of speaking His Word into our situations and challenges. What area of your life needs a redo? Your relationships? Your career? Find a Bible verse that applies to your current situation and pray it forward.
2. **Create some margin.** OK, you need this one ... we ALL do. Stop saying you'll be there in 10 minutes when you know it'll take 20. Stop adding more stuff to your already

too long to-do list. Everything takes longer than you think. Add ten minutes to every task on your list for today. If you have children add 20 extra minutes – for each child ;).

3. **Create something.** Take some time today to create something. Create a poem, sketch a picture, write a blog post, try a new recipe, or create some time to take a nap, a walk or an afternoon off. And after you have created something, step back and say, “It is very good!”

Life is sweet. Create!

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