

GENESIS 1:1-13

LESSON: THE FIRST DAYS OF CREATION — September 2, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

Genesis is the first book of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible). Genesis means beginning. Moses, who lived 120yrs. was the one called by God to write this book:

1. To teach Israel that there was only one living and true God, the One who had created and purposed all.
2. To teach Israel its roots that they had actually been chosen by God Himself through Abraham appointed to be the chosen line of God's people.
3. To teach Israel that the promised seed, the Savior was to be sent into the world through them. Salvation—the Promised Seed—was to come through Israel.
4. To teach Israel that they were to receive the Promised Land, the land of Canaan, and that God would be faithful to His Word and give them the Promised Land.

Hebrews 11:3 *"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*

LESSON: I. DAY ONE OF CREATION GENESIS 1:1-5

1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. This is the first thing God wants us to know is that He is the Creator of heaven and earth. God was there in the beginning; already existing. And in the beginning the heaven and the earth (the universe) came into existence because God created them. He is the power who actually existed before the universe. He is Creator! Man did not even exist; however, he was in the mind of God. And God wants man to know where he and his world came from. He knew man would be inquisitive. Some versions of bible translations speak of the heavens and the earth. However, right now I will stick with the KJV. He, God (Elohim) is the subject, the Sovereign Person who stands behind all things. And we will find out that the whole universe was created as He spoke it into existence in six days by God.

1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. When the creation of the earth first began, it was without form and it was void of anything. This meant that the earth was not in its shape as it is now. There was nothing existing: no material to build from, no substance, no element, no matter, no energy, no atom, no proton-neutron- electron, or gas; no habitation or substance, just barrenness. Therefore nothing was there except absolute total darkness; thick and heavy; the deepest blackness of darkness on the face of the deep. This meant that there was no light. *'The face of the deep'*, can mean the surface of the waters. Nothing could be seen, but there was the Spirit of God's power moving upon or hovering over the face of the waters. I know you're asking where did the waters come from? - Well in Isaiah 45:7 says *"I form the light and create darkness...I the Lord do all these things."* Here in Genesis 1 the verse didn't explain darkness nor

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water, but there it was. And knowing that God is the Creator of all things, just says it all. He created them. There are many other theories I won't get into or debate at this time.

1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. God is ready to move to the next stage of creation. From His mouth He speaks what is needed. AT GOD'S SPOKEN WORD He commanded, *"Let there be light and light appeared."* We will find out in verse 14 that God will speak the lights in the firmament into existence. But, for now, where does this light come from? It has to come from His command. It has to be bright, just like the glory of His presence; His eternal existence just beams forth the most brilliant light imaginable, so brilliant and glorious that it can't be put out. I believe the Trinity is totally involved in Creation. The Father speaks it. The Son becomes it. And the Spirit brings it. God speaks the Word. The Word becomes what's spoken. And the Spirit has the power to manifest what the Father speaks and the Word became.

"Jesus is the Light of the world" (Jh.8:12). He was there from the beginning.

John 1:1-3 says In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

We know that Jesus is called the "Word."

And Ps.104:2a says *"[You are the One] who covers Yourself with light as with a garment..."* (AMP).

John 12:46 says *"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."* This verse refers to salvation.

That light broke forth and pierced through commencing the light needed!

- **GOD'S WORD COMMANDED LIGHT.**

1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. God saw this light and said it was good! When light comes darkness has to disappear. God had a purpose for both light and darkness, for we will need both. God dividing the light from the darkness means it can never again be joined or reunited, not within nature or spiritually. Their functions are used differently. God said that it was good. The "*good*" refers to the value, the purpose, and the function of something. You can tell when you do something good that you tend to stand back and take notice of it. But you really know that it was God through you that done it, and you begin to say that's pretty good or thank you Lord. It's God's Spirit that swells up inside giving joy. Can you imagine the pleasure God felt when He saw the light He had spoken into existence? He couldn't help but say **it was good**. It pleased Him!

1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. God is the first to name anything. We have light and darkness divided into morning and evening becoming the **first day**. And we know we have a 24hr day because of the speed of the earth's rotation on its axis, giving a canvas of day to do what's needed.

- As the light came, God named it Day. We can do what we've never tried before and even better than before. The light of day is morning which points us toward the beginning of a

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new life. We can hope; we can push; we can strive, learn; we can be born again and be spiritually renewed. We can become a new creature, a new man in Christ.

- And as the darkness came, God named it Night. As the day moved way for the filter of darkness, it becomes evening, giving us a time to stop and end one's activity to rest; to rejuvenate the body.

However, a day for the Jews begins and ends at nightfall or evening to evening. Therefore, the first day started in the evening. The light came afterwards to embrace the full day— darkness to light or evening then morning as written. And this became the first day.

II. DAY TWO OF CREATION GENESIS 1:6-8

1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. AT GOD'S SPOKEN WORD He commanded, *"Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters."* The *"firmament"* is an expanse of space surrounding the earth. It is the atmosphere, the air, sky, expanse; the space that encircles the earth, and the universe beyond. It's compared to a tent spread out above the earth; a solid arch stretching in the midst of the waters, parting the waters from the waters. Ps.104:2b says *"...Who stretches out the Heavens like a curtain."* This is the water that the Spirit had moved upon; hovered over (1:1). Water has a place in the world just as water has a place in our bodies. At this point, the purpose for this water needed dividing. 2 Peter 3:5 says *"For by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in water."*

- **GOD'S WORD COMMANDED THE FIRMAMENT** (ATMOSPHERE AND AIR SPACE). IT DIDN'T HAPPEN ANY OTHER WAY.

1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. God *"made"* means He caused it to exist; created and formed it. Unlike this verse, verses 1-5 never said He made light because the Light of Jesus was never made or created. And since Jesus is the Light, He was never made or created. What God spoke and what He commanded happened. What God said took place. This means that the *"Word"* (Christ) began to operate and carry out what God had said. And the power (Holy Spirit) of God's Word operated all day long until the whole earth was completely encircled with an atmosphere and air space — the firmament. He divided the waters under the firmament and above the firmament. He separated the waters to form the oceans below and the rain clouds above which was to come down on the earth.

- The firmament will enable man to breath and survive upon earth.
- The firmament will also water the earth and make things grow.
- The firmament will hold the snow and hail.
- The firmament will reveal the glory and power and knowledge of God.

And at the end it was so, or so be it! His Word does not come back void. What God began, He completed. What God said, He did. And He went about finishing what He caused to exist; created!

1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. This firmament God named and called, **Heaven**. It is the atmosphere immediately above

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the earth and the outer reaches of space. "*Heaven*" literally means the heights, the upper regions, the far reaches of outer space; the whole universe; all the heavens above. This really sounds spectacular and beyond our comprehension! We have been taught that there are three heavens:

1. **The first heaven** is the atmosphere and air space encircling the earth—the heaven or sky where birds fly.
2. **The second heaven** is out in space where the heavenly bodies/light bearers are—the sun/moon/stars, and planets operate.
3. **The third heaven** is the place where God is—the place where He and all believers will live eternally in the future. It is the spiritual world; the spiritual dimension of being.

God is Sovereign Lord of the heavens, both the atmosphere of the earth and the distances of outer space. This, therefore, would be the evening and the morning of God completing His **second day**.

- **GOD NAMED THE FIRMAMENT HEAVEN** (ATMOSPHERE AND AIR SPACE; THE LOWER HEAVEN). HE COMPLETED IT.

III. DAY THREE OF CREATION GENESIS 1:9-13

1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. As we get to this point, no land had been seen or mentioned and we're still dealing with water. **AT GOD'S SPOKEN WORD** He commanded, "*Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place... let the dry land appear*" Christ becomes what's spoken and the Holy Spirit manifests what's spoken. God was now commanding the physical laws that would cause the waters to gather together in one place to allow the dry land to appear. Imagine the scene.

- What power, gigantic force could possibly strike the earth and completely reshape its surface?
- What energy could possibly cause all the continents with their massive and towering mountains to thrust up out of the water? What power could fire and lift up all the continents and mountains for thousands and thousands of feet and cause them to remain there? What titanic energy could possibly cause such a reshaping of the earth's crust?
- What power could cause all the islands and their elevations to erupt and fire up out of the waters?
- What awesome force could cause all the ravines, crevices, forges, depressions, hollows, and caverns—all the beds for the rivers, lakes, and oceans—to form and receive and hold all the water that covered the earth's surface?

The answer to this power is that **God spoke**. He commanded the waters to gather together unto one place, and the dry land to appear. And note what happened. It was so! There are so many graphic and vivid illustrations all over the bible of the astounding depths of God's creation especially in the Book of Psalms.

5 You laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever.

6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which You appointed for them. Psalm 104:5-8 AMPC.

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22 Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? Jeremiah 5:22 KJV

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. Ecclesiastes 1:7 KJV

- **GOD'S WORD COMMANDED THE WATERS (SEAS, LAKES, AND RIVERS IN PLACE) AND THE DRY LAND OF THE EARTH.**

1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. So in verse 8 God called the firmament Heaven (the *atmosphere* immediately above the earth), and now we have God calling the dry land **Earth**. He gathered the waters and called forth Seas. So, now we have Heaven (the first heaven where birds, etc. will fly), Earth (where man and animals, etc. will live), and Seas (where marine mammals, etc. will live). God continued to say it was so except for commanding Light. He said it was good! And God says it again, it was good as He called the dry land Earth and the gathering together of the waters, Seas.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land,

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Psalm 95:5-6 KJV.

- **GOD NAMED DRY LAND EARTH AND THE GATHERED WATERS SEAS.**

1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. AT GOD'S SPOKEN WORD He commanded, *"Let the earth bring forth grass...etc.* This is saying God commanded the earth to produce the vegetation. God created the laws of nature that caused the earth to produce grass, seed producing herbs, and fruit bearing trees—vegetation/fruit. The earth in obedience to God's Word brought forth vegetation. *"After his kind"* meant that it has the capacity to carry on its own species, its own kind of life. Some reproduce when their seeds fall to the ground, and others reproduce through spores. The point is that each plant is interrelated to all others because each comes from a single source—the earth. All plant life has some common element, and some similarity, but each has an independent existence. Each seed produced after its kind—the earth yielding grass, herbs yielding seed after their kind, and trees yielding fruit with its seed in it after their kind.

- Grass — does not bear seed. The root word means green or damp including all damp and all green plants — mosses, lichens, algae, fungi, ferns—plants which reproduce by spores which lie upon and under the surface of the earth.
- herb yielding seed — seed-producing herbs such as grains, vegetables, bushes, shrubs, flowers, weeds and...
- fruit tree yielding fruit — fruit-bearing trees, in which there is a seed.

From the land and the water vegetation would be able to sustain life upon planet earth.

- **GOD'S WORD COMMANDED THE GRASS, THE HERB YIELDING SEED, AND THE FRUIT TREE YIELDING FRUIT AFTER ITS KIND.**

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1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. What God had spoken into existence; the grass, herbs, trees, all came into existence and filled the earth. God's word commanded plant life or vegetation upon earth from the earth —each after its kind. It was fulfilled and the earth became fruitful, and again He said that **it was good!**

1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day. This, therefore, would be the evening and the morning of God completing His third day. To recap the work of this day:

- The waters under the heaven gathered together unto one place, to allow the dry land to appear. The dry land is called Earth, and the gathering together of the waters is called Seas. And then can you imagine, in the twinkling of a moment, from the earth came vegetation and plant life.

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" 2nd Peter 3:8 (NIV).

SUMMARY:

LIGHT
DAY / NIGHT

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. This is the first thing God wants us to know, He is the Creator of heaven and earth. God was there in the beginning; already existing. It was without form, and void; darkness was upon the face of the deep. Then the Spirit of God's power moved upon the face of the waters. And *"God spoke, Let there be Light and He divided the light from the darkness."* The light He called Day and the darkness He called Night. And this was the first day as the evening and the morning passed (1:1-5).

HEAVEN

Then *"God said Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters."* He made the firmament and He divided the waters under the firmament and above the firmament. **It was so.** And He called the firmament Heaven. This would be the second day as the evening and the morning passed (1:6-8).

EARTH

Again, *"God spoke Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear."* God called the dry land Earth. And the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. God **saw that it was good.** God spoke *"Let the earth bring forth grass, ...herb yielding seed, and ...fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth."* **It was so.** The earth brought forth after its kind. God saw that **it was good.** And this was the third day as the evening and the morning passed (1:9-13).