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The Whole Counsel of God – Genesis Introduction

Introduction

Tonight we are going to begin the book of Genesis. It is impossible to overstate the importance of the first book of the Bible as it sets up the rest of the story. The keys to understanding the rest of the Bible are found in the pages of this book. In Genesis, which means beginnings, we have the beginning of so many things, the beginning of the world, of sin, of salvation, family, government and specifically the nation of Israel from which will eventually come the Messiah.

Author: Moses

Location & Date of Writing: Egypt, around 1,500 BC, most likely during the first 40 years of Moses' life when he had access to the records and libraries of Egypt.

Reason for Writing: To give the Jews the history and hope of their people. God had made promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and even though they were currently slaves, God would one day keep His word and bring them into the promise land.

Overview of the Book

Genesis – The Book of Beginnings

The Beginning of all nations – Genesis 1-11

- The Creation – Genesis 1-2
- The Fall – Genesis 3-5
- The Flood – Genesis 6-9
- The Table of Nations – Genesis 10-11

The Beginning of the Jewish nation – Genesis 12-50

- Abraham – Genesis 12-23
 - Isaac – Genesis 24-27
 - Jacob – Genesis 28-36
 - Joseph – Genesis 37-50
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Calendar of Studies (subject to change due to leading of the Holy Spirit, unforeseen sickness,

Pastor Rob's wishes, my mood swings or congregational disobedience resulting in a "special study" ☺)

8/29 – Genesis 1	10/31 – Harvest Festival	1/2 – Prophecy Update
9/5 – Genesis 2	11/7 – Genesis 14-17	1/9 – Genesis 28-30
9/12 – Genesis 3-5	11/14 – Genesis 18-19	1/16 – Genesis 30-33
9/19 – Genesis 6-7	11/21 – Thanksgiving Eve	1/23 – Genesis 33-38
9/26 – TBA	11/28 – Genesis 20-21	1/30 – Genesis 37,39
10/3 – Genesis 7-8	12/5 – Genesis 22-23	2/6 – Genesis 40,41
10/10 – Genesis 9	12/12 – Genesis 24	2/13 – Genesis 42-47
10/17 – Genesis 10-11	12/19 – Genesis 25-27	2/20 – Genesis 48-50
10/24 – Genesis 12-13	12/26 – No Service	

Theme Verse – Genesis 1:1

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

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The Whole Counsel of God - Genesis 1

(Any questions? Email Pastor Jason at jasonduff7@gmail.com)

Introduction & Overview of the Section

Introduction

Tonight we will begin the foundational chapters of the book of Genesis and really the foundational chapters of the entire Bible.

Genesis 1-2

#1 – God Forms – Genesis 1:1-13

The first thing God does is form the places His creation will be and live. In the first three days of creation He forms the universe, and on planet earth, He forms our atmosphere, the seas and the dry land.

#2 – God Fills – Genesis 1:14-31

Once God has formed the places for His creation, He takes the next three days to fill those spheres with stars and planets in the universe, fish and birds in the sky and seas, and finally man and animals to inhabit the earth.

#3 – God Blesses – Genesis Chapter 2

Once God forms places for His creation to be, and then fills them, in chapter 2 we see specifically with Adam, God blesses His creation with rest, a home, and a helpmate.

Key Issues or Words

“bara” (1:1) means “created” – but different from another Hebrew word for create, “asa” which means to create out of existing materials which is what you and I do when we ‘create’. “Bara” means to create out of nothing. Only God can do that!

By the way.....

Genesis 1:1 – The name of God Moses was inspired to use in verse one is “Elohim” which is in the plural tense, but the word Moses was inspired to use for creation is “bara” which is in the singular tense, meaning from the very first verse of the Bible it is seen that there is a plurality to God but He acts in the unity of one. The concept of the trinity is seen from the very first verse of God’s Word.

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Genesis 1:10,12 – Do you know why most traditional Jewish weddings are on Tuesdays? The reason is because the third day of creation, which would be Tuesday on the calendar if you are following along, is the only day of creation God says twice, “It was good.” (Genesis 1:10,12) Because of this, traditional Jews consider Tuesday a day that is doubly blessed and a great day to tie the knot!

Homework 4 Next week – Genesis 2

Read Genesis 2. Begin to look for ways God blesses Adam and Eve and how those things should be a blessing in your life as well.

Additional Notes

(unless you want to stay 'til 10, we won't get to this)

Genesis 1:24 – “After its kind” – Different from the theory of evolution that teaches that over time one species produced a totally different kind of species, the Bible teaches that God put within all living things the ability to reproduce after its own kind. Now what exactly a “kind” is we do not know for sure but many biblical scientist believe God gave each “kind” of animal the ability to adapt and produce the different varieties of the same kind of animal. In other words, God gave the dog kind all the genetic ability to produce all the types of dogs we see in the world today through small adaptive changes within the one “kind” of animal, but no dog kind ever produces a cat. We reproduce after our own kind as the Bible says.

Genesis 1:29 – “Vegetarian diet” – The original diet of Adam and Eve and all living things for that matter was a vegetarian diet. Of course still to this day so much of what our bodies need for health and strength is found in the natural food that comes from the ground. However, lest you think this means Pastor Jason will never be at IN-N-OUT ever again, eating meat is perfectly acceptable biblically as well. After the fall and after the flood, Noah is told that now animals, (some of them) were now acceptable to eat. (Gen 9:3) But yes it is true you veggie lovers; at one time the whole world was vegetarian.

Going Deeper

(think it over yourself or discuss with the family)

#1 – In the first verse of the Bible we are told that God created, “Bara”, the heavens and the earth. “Bara” means He can create out of nothing. Can you think of something in your life that seems hopeless, that seems like there is no answer to? Take that issue to the one who can create out of nothing, who (Romans 4:17), “calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”

#2 – Like the great lights of Genesis 1, the sun and the moon who reflects the sun's light, in what ways have you allowed the world to get between you and God, dimming His light in your life? In what ways have you allowed you to get between God and the world He loves and wants to save? Talk to Him about that!

Further study....

There is a great free online documentary called “Privilege planet” that I would highly recommend you or family watch sometime this week. Another great creation science resource is “Answers in Genesis” also found online.

Questions & Clarifications

(from last week)

There were a few questions from last week's study concerning Romans 16:13 – “Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.” Were Rufus and Paul the Apostle brothers? Does that mean Paul's dad was Simon the Cyrene who carried the cross for Christ? The answer to that question is simply no. We know the Paul was from Tarsus, (Acts 9:11) an area of the Roman Empire a long way from Cyrene where Simon and his sons Alexander and Rufus where from. Paul probably refers to Rufus' mother as his own because somewhere in Paul's travels Rufus' mom took him in and mothered him like her own son. I only have one mom and dad but many in the church family have played the roll in my life over the years and I consider them as such.

Genesis 1

“He Forms, He Fills, He Blesses – part one”

Introduction

- Tonight we are going to begin our study of the Old Testament and we begin where it begins, with the Book of Genesis

The word Genesis means “beginnings”

- And truly so many things in Scripture have their beginning in the book of Genesis
 - The universe
 - Life in general
 - Man, marriage
 - Sin and evil
 - Language, government, nations
 - Specifically we will see the nation of Israel
- In fact understanding that this book means and is about beginnings really is a good way to divide up our look at this book as you can see in your book intro sheet

Outline for the Book of Genesis

Chapters 1-11 – The Beginning of all nations

- Chapters 1-2 – The Creation
- Chapter 3 - 5 – The Fall
- Chapter 6-9 – The Flood
- Chapters 10-11 – The Tables of Nations

Chapters 12-50 – The Beginning of the Jewish nation

- Chapters 12-23 – Abraham
- Chapters 24-27 – Isaac
- Chapters 28-36 – Jacob
- Chapters 37-50 – Joseph

The author of Genesis is Moses

- now to be honest, there is some debate over this issue
 - scholars who are a lot smarter than I pretend to be have broken down the entire law, the first five books of the Bible and assigned them different authors
- basically this theory known as the document hypothesis was developed by German theologians and what they speculated is anytime a different name for God was used in Genesis – Deuteronomy that indicated it was a different author, you know, because each author would have his favorite name for God
 - of course they don't know who the authors are, so they give them letters, author J (used Jehovah) author A (used Adonai)
 - the first problem with the theory is, there are many examples of verses where multiple names of God are used in a single verse

Another problem is the Jewish scholars who have been studying the Old Testament much longer than us Christians, have always pointed to a Mosaic authorship

- He really was the only one living at the time these books were written with the education, access to historical writings and first hand knowledge to write the books

Beyond that Jesus attributes each of the first five books to Moses, an example of this is Mark 7:10 where Jesus says, “For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’” – Mark 7:10

Now I don't know about you, but I don't want to have an opinion that Jesus did not have

- so no matter what a few modern scholars might say
 - I will side with Jesus and the ancient Jews, whose book this has been from the start

Some hard core holders of the Document hypothesis say “well Jesus either wasn't aware that there were multiple authors of Genesis – Deuteronomy or He was just accommodating the current thought so not to make waves”

- so ridiculous – Jesus didn't know? – what a low view of the Son of God
 - Jesus accommodated – yeah, that is what He did all the time – He was always so accommodating to the wrong understandings of the scribes and the Pharisees – just ridiculous

The majority of conservative Christian scholars agree and say Moses is the author

- Moses is the author of Genesis as well as the other first five book of the Bible – Duet 1:8 – is a self claim

But that does bring up an interesting question of how did Moses get this information

- I mean with most of the books of the Bible, they are first hand witnesses who are writing about things that they had seen, lessons they needed to share, our visions God had given them - But with Moses, until we get to his birth in the book of Exodus, where did he get this information

There are really two schools of thought

- One is that Moses received direct revelation from God
 - The Apostle John was given a vision of the future when he wrote the book of Revelation, God could obviously give His servant a vision of history
 - This is very possible
- An another idea is we know history at this time was largely oral traditions, story passed down from Fathers to their children
 - So often what we miss in just reading the Bible is because of the large lifespans, the story of creation didn't have to pass through too many people in route to Moses

Consider when you put the dates together

- **Adam would have been alive to talk to Noah's Dad**
- **Noah's sons lived until the time of Abraham**
- **Joseph was Abraham's great grandson and could have filled the libraries of Egypt of which Moses was a prince for many years and had access**
 - You put this together and you realize that it is only about 5 or 6 people that were needed to pass on the story of Adam and Eve
 - That is equivalent today of trusting the accounts of America's Civil War which of course we do
- So it is entirely possible that these men that we are going to study about, Adam, Noah, Abraham – recorded some of what happened to them, and these were passed down, brought to Egypt when Jacob and his family moved there, began to multiply and become the nation of Israel
 - And then years later, Moses, **again, I must stress, under the direction of the Holy Spirit**, took these written records and wrote them again as one book

The Apostle Peter sums up how every book of the Bible came to pass when he writes in his second epistle, “holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” – 1st Peter 1:21

- the reality is, no matter how we received this book practically, it was the Holy Spirit inspiring the authors to give us a message from God

- and all of the Bible is obviously worth our attention

But specifically Genesis, because this book is the foundation for the rest

- so many biblical pictures, illustrations used by Jesus, and the apostle Paul come from the book of Genesis
 - many of the mysteries of the book of Revelation, keys to understanding them are found in the book of Genesis

This is key, foundational book

- And if this is the key foundational book of the Bible, then verse one is the key verse

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

- if you can accept this verse, everything else will fall into place

If God created this world, and He sets things in motion, then He is free to intervene at any moment He chooses

- the miracles in the Bible are no longer a problem
 - God created the heavens and the earth
- The fact that God tells us how life should be lived is no problem
 - He created you and me and therefore knows what is best!!!!

In the beginning God...

- Genesis records the beginnings of many things, except one
 - It does not record the beginning of God, for He has always been

The Bible calls Him the ‘First and the Last, the beginning and the end’

- **The Word God in Genesis 1:1 is “Elohim” in the Hebrew**
 - And interesting, **it is a plural name, but used in a singular context. “bara” is singular**
 - We will see this work out later as we go through chapter one as God says, **“Let Us make man in our image...”** – who is the we

This, even here in the first verse, is a hint at the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 3 but one

In the beginning God created...

- God created – but understand there are two words in Scripture that are translated ‘created’

Words in the Bible translated created

- **#1 – “Asa” – which means to create with existing materials**

In High School my friends and I would go hiking in Yosemite National Park. And we had a little club, called the Camp Fire Brothers. Now there were two requirements to get into this club. One you had to be a dork, obviously because anyone who would join a club called the camp fire brothers had to be a nerd. But the other requirement was you had to be able to build a camp fire. This too wasn't hard because you could use matches, a lighter, you just had to gather wood and pine needles and build this fire. And I will never forget when I was initiated into this club. I gathered all the materials, stacked them just as I had seen my grandfather do, and then light the match. The pine needles caught, which light the small twigs, which lit the bigger logs of wood and bam. I had created fire... But in reality I had just made something out of existing materials. - asa

- Now the other word in Scripture translated created, the one used here is

#2 - “Bara” - It means to create out of nothing, to bring something into existence for the first time

- This is the Word used here in Genesis 1:1

This is what God did – He created the world out of nothing

- He did not work with some primeval ooze

- He started with nothing... and “in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”
- Let that minister to your hearts – you don’t know how things are going to work out, you don’t know how it is all going to come together
- Precious church, you serve the God who can create things out of nothing – He doesn’t need anything to work with
 - Amazing God we serve

Now understand even that last phrase there in verse one, it is not God at this moment created the earth (as in the land mass as we know it, or the heavens (as in the stars or the moon) that will come later

- What God does first is to create the building blocks of life
 - In the Beginning God created the heavens or it would be a better translation = space (not outer) and the earth (or matter) – God began by creating these raw materials – space and matter

And what we have in the rest of chapter one is the detailed account of God putting space and matter together into a wonderful ordered creation

- the process, the division if you can understand it, that happened in the six days of creation is for you note takers

He Forms and then He fills, then He blesses

- **He forms 3 places of activity –**
 - **the heavens (the sky, the universe)**
 - **the waters**
 - **and the land masses**
- **And then after He forms, He fills**
 - **He creates the things which are to inhabit these three places of activity**
- **Then in chapter 2 He blesses His creation**
 - So that is our outline for tonight’s study

Outline for Genesis 1-2

- **#1 - God Forms – Genesis 1:1-13**
- **#2 – God Fills – Genesis 1:14-31**
- **#3 – God Blesses – Genesis 2:1-25**

Notice #1 – God Forms – He forms these 3 spaces in the first 3 days

#1 – Day One – Genesis 1:2-5 – Day and Night

- God in verse one created the building blocks of life, but as we see in verse two, there is no order, things are without form and void
 - But then the Spirit of God begins to move
- And on day one there is a separation of light and darkness
 - Now realize the light givers of today, the sun for instance is not created until day four
 - So the light is coming directly from the Lord, which for those of you who have studied the book of Revelation this is how one day it will be again

“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.” – Revelation 21:23-24

- one day in the future God shall be our light
 - and this is how it was in the beginning

Also notice the distinction that God is making with the light

- He calls the light “day”
 - And the darkness he calls “night”
- In verse 5 God says, “So was the evening and morning of the first day”
 - God is making it as clear as possible that these are six literal days of creation

Much is being talked about today of the Day-Age theory

- that somehow each of these days represent an age of time rather than a literal 24 hour day
 - This idea comes again from Christians who want to reconcile the Bible with the current beliefs of science
 - Now many wonderful believers believe this and if you are one of them, again it doesn't bother me that you want to be wrong – we can still fellowship, we are both going to heaven, but I just want to share with those who are always trying to accommodate science

You don't have to do that – the Bible is not a scientific textbook, but when it speaks on matter of science, you can count on the fact that it is right, no matter what the current worldly scientific belief is

- At one time the scientist believed the world was flat – Isaiah 40:22 says God sits above the circle that is the earth – no way
 - At one time scientist believed the world was on the back of huge elephant or turtle – Job 26:7 says, He hangs the earth upon nothing

My point is don't be ashamed of this book if it disagrees with the current scientific ideas, they will change as more information is gathered, and they will line up with the Word of God

- God created this world in six literal days
 - The Day age creation theory has some serious problems
 - If the days were thousands or millions or billions of years
 - Then you have plants existing for millions of years, created on day three before God formed the sun on day four
 - Well, like you said – it's God's light
- Okay God created Adam on day six and if day seven is millions of years, then you have the history of chapter 2 – Adam would be really, really old when he got married
 - That is not how it happened – God created the world in six literal days
 - And by the way – we are told this not just in Genesis but in Exodus as well

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.” – Exodus 20:11

God Forms...

#1 – Day One – Genesis 1:2-5 – Day and Night

#2 – Day Two – Genesis 1:6-8 – The Waters, Atmosphere

- on the second day God creates water and atmosphere, and outer space
 - but notice the language in verse 7...you have waters above and below the atmosphere

Now we understand the water below the atmosphere, that water He will gather together and make the seas on day 3, but what of this water above the atmosphere, above the air we are breathing

Many biblical scholars believe the world God created was much different than the world today

- and many of the differences were because there was a sort of water canopy surrounding the earth
 - It would have been in a vapor form and therefore invisible but none the less effective

- If earth's outer atmosphere was a layer of water it would change things here incredibly
 - It would make life longer – People wonder how can I believe the book of Genesis if people are living 700 years – well this is how
 - Our aging process is tied into ultra violet rays that bombard our skin every day – our skin regenerates itself every seven years – so why do we age so fast, its these ultra violet rays and McDonalds –
 - But the original creation had this water canopy would have blocked them, giving the human lifespan many more years
- It would have also increased the pressure of the oxygen on the earth creating this highly oxygenated green house effect
 - We find so many fossils of huge plant life, and animal life – most likely caused by this water canopy

It would also explain where much of the water came from for the flood. Critics have said even if it rained for 40 days, the flood wouldn't cover mountain – the water didn't just come from rain

- We will read in Genesis 6-8 that the water came out of the ground and I believe also from above
 - Not just in rain, but from this water canopy
- At that point the water canopy removed, and as you notice after Noah, people started living shorter lives

So God is forming these places of activity

- We have the water, the atmosphere or the sky
 - And then on day 3 we have the oceans and the land

God Forms...

#1 – Day One – Genesis 1:2-5 – Day and Night

#2 – Day Two – Genesis 1:6-8 – The Waters, atmosphere

#3 – Day Three – Genesis 1:9-13 – The Dry Land

- God separates the ocean from the land
 - Notice it is the Word seas – not sea – the Mediterranean was all they knew about in that day – but God's Word knew better
- God creates the seas, the land
 - And He brings forth grass and fruit, and seeds

Seeds are some amazing things

- Some type of pine seeds can't grow at the base of the parent tree – so God gave them a little wing and as they fall they propel themselves away from the mother tree – how long did it take evolution to figure that one out
 - Some seeds have little stickers – and they attach to your sock, you say ouch, pull it out and you have helped that seed propagate – how long did it take evolution to figure that out
 - Some seeds have tasty fruit around them – so the bear eats the fruit and then later – he helps propagate the seed – sorry about that – how long did it take evolution to figure that one out?

All this to say – I am simply amazed at God's creation

- As He forms these places His creation would live, and now He is going to fill
 - But before move on I need to point out that even in the story of creation there is great application to our lives

God looks at His creation and says, "This is good"

- remember that at first it was without form and void
 - Yet God is one who loves to take things from disorder and bring them to order

- Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel has an eye to restore old things like this – the Bible College in Murrieta was a mess before. But Chuck saw something and today it is wonderful

Our God is the same way

- He takes families, lives that are broken, that are without form and void
 - And He makes them into something that is good, something that is useful, something with purpose

And all this scientific stuff aside, that is what God wants to do with your lives

- submit your brokenness to Him and let Him have all your life
 - He wants to take the broken things, the things which are void, and make them into things which are good

The first three days God is forming

- **He is forming spheres of activity**
 - **The Heavens – what we would call space**
 - **The Atmosphere – both the sky and above**
 - **The Oceans**
 - **The Land masses we have today**
- God creates in verse one the building blocks of life
 - Heavens and the earth or space and matter
 - And then from these raw materials, He gives them order and usefulness in the heavens, the atmosphere, the oceans and the land

Now as we get to the second set of 3 days, God is going to fill what He has formed

God Fills...

#4 - Day Four – Genesis 1:14-19 – Sun, Moon & Stars

- On day four God fills the heavens with givers of light
 - The sun, the moon and the stars

And God tells us why He created these things

- they are a divider of time and seasons for our planet.
 - No one truly understands what is hurling our planet through the solar system at 1,100 miles per second, nor do we really understand what makes the earth spin on its axis

But we do know that the Moon is involved in regulating the earth rotation, giving us 24 hour days – the exact need for man kind

- The Sun's gravity keeps the earth on a 365 1/4th day trip around it
 - Giving us the perfect year for seasons and harvests
- The Sun is placed out exactly far enough so the world doesn't freeze or burn up
 - (though I think Texas might be a little too close)

God does all these things through the sun and moon, and the stars

- dividing up our time, our days, our months, our years

But there are spiritual lessons from the activity of the light givers as well

- Some have taken exception at verse 16 where it says God made two great lights
 - Now look the Bible is making a serious error, everyone knows the moon is not a light

Now in reference to this we must first understand the words God inspires Moses to use

- **the word here translated "lights" is actually as I have been using "light givers"**

But not only in the sense of something that produces light as the sun and stars do

- But also as in something that gives light, brings light as a reflection
 - And the moon of course fits in that category

- It has no light of its own, but it brings light to many a dark night as it reflects that light of the sun

But this interesting, or lack there of point brings up a great spiritual principal

- In John chapter 9 Jesus says, “I am the Light of the World”
 - He declares to all that would hear, that is the truth, He is the light that mankind truly needs
- Now in Matthew Chapter 5, we will get there in a few weeks JK – Jesus also says to His disciples, “You are the light of the world.”

Now I have heard new age thinkers use these Bibles verse to teach, “hey the Bible says we are all gods”

- Because Jesus says “I am the light of world”
 - And He tells His disciples, “You are the Light of the world” - So we are all lights to the world, we are all gods
- NO – wrong
 - That understanding misses the principal of Genesis chapter 1 verse 16

Just as the Moon has no light of its own, but can still light up the night as it reflects the light of the sun

- so too you and I as disciples of Jesus Christ
 - we have no light of our own
 - **Paul wrote in Romans 7:18, “in me that is in my flesh dwells no good thing”** – no light in here
- However Jesus taught His disciples that as they would be with Him, abide in Him, reflect Him to a lost and dying world
 - That they too would become lights to this world
 - Not because they were producing it themselves, but because they were reflecting Jesus Christ in their lives

Now before we move on, the illustration here becomes greater when we realize not just how the moon becomes a light giver in reflecting the light of sun

- but there is much to be learned as we understand what hinders the light to be properly reflected

When there is a lack of reflection we call those times Eclipses

- and as I’m sure you know there are two types of Eclipses–
 - Lunar and Solar

A Lunar Eclipse happens when the earth passes in between the Sun and the Moon

- As the world comes in between the sun and the moon, the moon’s ability to reflect and give light to the world is diminished

So too with you and me

- as we allow the world to come between us and the Lord
 - and we who are to be citizens of heaven, come to live for the same values and priorities of the world
 - There is a diminishing of our ability to reflect God’s love and truth to a dark world
- We need to constantly be doing what King David did, saying, **“Search me, oh God, see if there be any unclean thing within me” – Psalm 139:23-24**
 - God, am I compromising?, am I allowing the world to come between You and me?

Another type of Eclipse is a Solar Eclipse

- and that as you know is not when the world gets between the sun and the moon, but when the moon gets in the way of the sun and the world
 - and this is something we need to guard against as well

Our light to this world can be diminished as we allow the world to come between us and the Lord

- but His light can be hindered as we come between the Lord and the world

How could that happen

- Well, we have tendency as believers sometimes to become so focused on our religion, on our kingdom we are building that we block out the simple love that God has for the lost
 - Do I like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, in my religiousness, in my focus on me, block out the true and living God from the people He is wanting to save – May this not be so

God Fills...

#4 - Day Four – Genesis 1:14-19 – Sun, Moon & Stars

#5 - Day Five – Genesis 1:20-23 – Sky & Sea Life

- Here on the fifth day God fills the skies and ocean with life
 - Now a note on one of these verses, some of your translations may say something I want to point out because they lead to misunderstanding in this passage

Verse 20 reads, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of life...”

- if your translations reads “Let the waters spring forth” this is mistranslation
 - it makes it sound like the waters are having something to do with the creation
 - Some theistic evolutionist use these type of verses to prove their point
- But the problem is, that is simply not what it says
 - The waters simply abounded with life
 - There was a sudden creation by the living God, not a gradual change of the elements
 - Which again by the way is what science is coming around to – for years we would hear about how evolution was slow changes over millions of years, but the simple lack of evidence in this area is leading some scientists to say, well what really happened is there were quick changes over a short period of time, and then long time of inaction – or in other words – new life forms just suddenly appeared – well I would agree with them on that one – they appeared suddenly when God spoke them into existence
- But of course this is all leading up to the pinnacle of God's creation.. Day six...

God Fills...

#4 - Day Four – Genesis 1:14-19 – Sun, Moon & Stars

#5 - Day Five – Genesis 1:20-23 – Sky & Sea Life

#6 - Day Six – Genesis 1:24-31 – Animals & Man

- Day six God fills the land with land animals and even more importantly the creation of man
 - The creation of Man was something special

Sorry to those in Green Peacers and those organizations that paint man as just simply a higher evolved animal – I love animals but when are we going to stop the madness and realize man is special

- **I received this email a few months back...**

The Governor of California is jogging with his dog along a nature trail. A coyote jumps out and attacks the Governor's dog, then bites the Governor. 1. The Governor starts to intervene, but reflects upon the movie "Bambi" and then realizes he should stop because the coyote is only doing what is natural. 2. He calls animal control . Animal Control captures the coyote and bills the State \$200 for testing it for diseases and \$500 for relocating it. 3. He calls a veterinarian. The vet collects the dead dog and bills the State \$200 testing it for diseases. 4. The

Governor goes to a hospital and spends \$3,500 getting checked for diseases from the coyote and getting his bite wound bandaged. 5. The running trail gets shut down for 6 months while the Fish & Game Commission conducts a \$100,000 survey to make sure the area is now free of dangerous animals. 6. The Governor spends \$50,000 in state funds implementing a "coyote awareness program" for residents of the area. 7. The State Legislature spends \$2 million to study how to better treat rabies and how to permanently eradicate the disease throughout the world. 8. The Governor's security agent is fired for not stopping the attack. The State spends \$150,000 to hire and train a new agent with additional special training re: the nature of coyotes. 9. PETA protests the coyote's relocation and files a \$5 million suit against the State.

- The Governor of Texas is jogging with his dog along a nature trail. A Coyote jumps out and attacks his dog. 1. The Governor shoots the coyote with his State-issued pistol and keeps jogging. The Governor has spent \$0.50 on a .45 ACP hollow point cartridge. 2. The Buzzards eat the dead coyote.
- And that, my friends, is why California is broke and Texas is not.

Now no matter your political views – to see the part of creation that Jesus died for, man kind as less than the animals is not okay – when you look at creation, a story told in one chapter – then you look at the rest of book is about God’s love and work in you – it shows what God is into – oh creation great – mankind - special

- It is wrong when the world sees the value of human life below that of the animal kingdom
 - It is wrong when the life of unborn whales are more valuable than human life

It is amazing to me the increase in violent crimes since the teaching of evolution has become standard in school

- But it serves to reason – if you teach the kids that they are animals and then they act like animals – why are we surprised
 - The Bible holds a very different view
 - One you need to share with your kids

Verse 26, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”

Most Jewish writings say that God was talking to Angels – so they say this is God talking to angels

- one Jewish group writes...

“one possible reason for the use of the plural on the part of the God is to manifest His humility, it is not that He invites their help, but as matter of modesty and courteously God associates them with the creation of man, this teaches us that a great man should act humble and consult with those lower than Him”

- that is none sense
 - that is not what is being said – angels are not made in the image of God – God is not talking to angels, He is talking to Himself
 - this is an illusion to the Trinity
 - Father/Son/Holy Spirit
- God created man - not just body and soul
 - But now He added spirit
 - And eternal nature of man like God

Man has the ability to connect with God through the Spirit, our spirit connecting with His Holy Spirit

- God created us for fellowship, fellowship through that Spirit

When He created man, he created Him – Spirit/Soul/Body

- The Spirit and the fellowship with God dominating who Adam was
 - The problem was, man fell and he inverted that tri-unity
 - We became Body-Soul-Spirit

But through salvation that Spirit, Paul tells us, is made alive

- and that communion again is established with His Spirit through our own

God made man like Him

- that meaning with Spirit, eternal
 - and that is either the greatest blessing or the greatest problem

Maybe tonight your Spirit is dead

- you need to surrender to Jesus
 - and have that tri-unity inverted
 - and connect with God

Maybe tonight you are a believer

- but as we talked about earlier, you have allowed the world to come between you and the Lord
 - and tonight God is calling you to repent
 - To repent and surrender a new and a fresh
 - And reconnect your Spirit with His
 - And be as God always intended you to be – made in His image, made for His purpose

Well, in the interest of time we are going to stop right there and pick up next week, God will amplify and focus in on the creation of man

- important study next week, especially now, listen closely for singles and married people – as we look at Adam & Eve, important word for singles and for married – hope you can be with us