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"The Six Days Of Creation"

Day 1(Part 1)

Genesis 1:1-2

Introduction: Today we shall start a new study for Sunday mornings that will take us several weeks to get through. Today we will start a study focused upon Creation as recorded in *Genesis* 1 but we will not stop in chapter 1. We will work our way through the first 3 or 4 chapters of *Genesis* in the weeks to come.

As we step into the account of *Creation* some people may wonder if it is really that important. They may respond by asking several questions:

1. Does it really matter if the earth is thousands of years old or millions of years old?
2. Does it really matter what order this world was created?
3. Some say that *God* actually used evolution in the *Creation* process so is the teaching of evolution really that bad?

The answer to those questions would be, "Yes, it is that important." Let me explain to you how we can know the *Creation* account is so important.

Satan has spent more time and ways attacking *Creation* than he has any other doctrine of *God's* Word. All the teaching of evolution, all the different theories that attempt to explain away the *Genesis* record are all straight from the pit of hell. They have been formulated in the minds of people by Satan himself.

Now someone may ask, "Why would Satan spend so much time on the *Genesis* record of *Creation*?"

Let me explain why. If what we read in *Genesis* 1 and 2 is not accurate then how can we believe anything else that is recorded in the Bible? Do you understand what I just said? If *Genesis* 1 and 2 cannot be taken literally and seen as the absolute Truth then how can I believe *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John* when they tell me that *Jesus* died for my sins, was buried, and rose from the dead on the 3rd day?

Let me give you something to consider about the importance of *Genesis* 1 and 2. These 2 chapters tell of the origin of man that we were created by *God* and because we are created by *God* we are therefore accountable to *God*. If you throw away the absolute Truth of the *Creation* of man as found in these 2 chapters then you take away man's

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accountability to God and therefore we are no different than the animal world and we may just as well eat, drink and be merry because when we die there is nothing else.

I. The Opening Statement (1:1)

Notice Genesis 1:1

This first statement that we find upon our entrance into the Bible is absolutely loaded with spiritual riches.

Let me start by defining some things here:

1. The word "beginning" here does not refer to the beginning of God. It refers to the beginning of the world as we know it. It speaks of the beginning of time. It does not speak of the beginning of eternity because God and eternity have no beginning. God has always existed in eternity past and will forever exist in eternity future. God had no beginning He has existed forever.

A. The Location and Truth within the verse.

1. The Location

I find the location of this verse to be very interesting. Some times in the Bible events are not listed in chronological order. An example of that would be the suffering of Jesus Christ on the cross. The Gospels all tell us that He was crucified but there are no details recorded in the Gospels. The details of the suffering of Jesus Christ are found in Isaiah 53:4-6 and God does that so that we will search out the Scriptures.

But here in Genesis 1 we are told right away that God created the heavens and the earth. This could have been placed elsewhere but instead God chose to place it right at the beginning of the Bible. Why? Because when someone picks up a book they almost always start at the beginning and so when someone picks up the Bible the first thing they read about is the fact that there is a God and since there is a God that has created man then man is accountable to Him

So when someone picks up the Bible they are immediately brought face to face with God on the pages of His Word.

Application:

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Let me just say this because I don't know your hearts, everyone here is also accountable to God.

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

If there is a God and there is then everyone in this room will one day stand before Him and be held accountable. Unbelievers will be judged for their sins and believers will be judged for how they used that which was entrusted to them from the day we were saved until the day we leave this world.

2. This verse affirms the existence of God.

I love the fact that there is no detail explanation by Moses attempting to prove the existence of God. The verse simply states that God created the heavens and the earth. Now some may wonder as to why there is not an argument for the existence of God in the beginning of Genesis. Let me tell you why. Proof of God already exists and we are told that in the book of Romans. There is not one person that can claim there is no God because God has revealed Himself to everyone.

Romans 1:19-20

¹⁹ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

²⁰ For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

This is exactly why there is no argument for the existence of God because everyone has been made aware of His existence.

3. This verse completely discredits the theory of evolution.

If God's Word is the absolute Truth and it is then this verse leaves no room at all for evolution. Moses simply wrote that God created the heavens and the earth.

Now on this very thought I would like to raise a question.

How? How did God create the heavens and the earth? What did He use?

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God created the heavens and the earth from absolutely nothing.

Psalm 33:6-9

⁶ *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

⁷ *He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.*

⁸ *Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.*

⁹ *For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

God simply spoke the entire creation into existence.

Psalm 148:1-5

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

² *Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.*

³ *Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.*

⁴ *Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.*

⁵ *Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.*

Now some would object and say that God had to have something to work with because you cannot make something from nothing. That is true we cannot make something from nothing but God did and the Bible confirms this very thought.

John 1:3

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

Colossians 1:16-17

¹⁶ *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

¹⁷ *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

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The Bible is very clear that God spoke everything that we see and even things we cannot see into existence.

Application:

There is an application here that we must not miss. The creation account shows to us the power of God's Word. God's Word is so powerful that when He speaks it happens. Now we have in our possession a written copy of God's Word known to us as the Bible.

I am sure there are some people here that have loved ones or friends they desire to see saved or maybe they are saved and you desire to see them get back to where they used to be in their Christian lives. But you never know what to say to them when you have an opportunity. Let me point you to the most powerful tool that you possess and that is the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We are told 10 times in Genesis 1 these words, "And God said". The earth and the universe were created with only His spoken Word and His Word is just as powerful today as it was then.

II. The Preparation (1:2)

Notice Genesis 1:2

This is a description of what the earth was like prior to the creation of life. This is not a description of what happened to earth because of the entrance of sin.

Now I say this for a very important reason. The teaching of evolution has poisoned not only the world in which we live in but also it has poisoned the minds of many believers. Over the years many Bible scholars have heard the evolutionists and the scientists say that the earth is millions of years old. So as time when on and that lie was told over and over people began to believe it even teachers of God's Word and so they did not know exactly what to do with the scientific theory of millions of years until someone thought they found an answer that solved everything.

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Here is what they did; they point to the verse that is in front of us and they even point to the little word "was" and they say that word is not properly translated. They go on to say the word should be translated "became". So the verse would then read like this, "The earth became without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep..."

That is known as the "gap theory". They say the entire creation took place in verse 1 that is all life and then when Satan fell it turned into chaos and the darkness and the emptiness are the results of sin and as we now continue on in Genesis we find a new creation. These people will even use another verse in Genesis.

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The word "**replenish**

" is not the best translation here. The word actually means "fill".

Back to the point; very well known scholars have jumped on this "gap theory" teaching and have actually incorporated the teaching of millions of years into the Bible.

Now you may sit there and think that all sounds good and you see no problem with the "gap theory". Well let me show to you a few major problems with the "gap theory".

If there was a creation in verse 1 and then an entirely new creation on the same planet millions of years later then we have a few verses that become a problem.

Exodus 20:11

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Moses tells us in Exodus 20 that all of creation was done in 6 days so if there was an earlier creation in Genesis 1:1 and another 6 days of creation in the rest of Genesis 1 then there would be more than 6 days of creation. The gap theory is contrary to Exodus 20.

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Let me show you something else.

Romans 5:12

¹² *Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

The "one man" spoken of in Romans 5:12 is Adam. Now think about something with me. If Genesis 1:1 was the first creation and then Genesis 1:2 is the result of sin coming in the world then how did sin get in the world and what are you going to do with Romans 5:12?

You can clearly see what I am saying. There is no way there is a gap in these verses. God created the heavens and the earth in 6 literal 24 hour days. We will see this as we go on but I am telling you there were not millions of years involved in creation.

Conclusion:

So what does all of this mean to me? It means many things:

- 1. We are not here by chance.**
- 2. There is a God.**
- 3. God's Word is 100% accurate.**
- 4. You will one day stand before God and give an account of your life.**

Right now you have a chance to repent and be forgiven of all your sin but the age of grace will not last much longer.