

## "The Six Days Of Creation"

### Day 1(Part 2)

#### Genesis 1:1-5

**Introduction:** Last week we began a study in Genesis 1 where we are looking at the 6 days of Creation. In our message last week we looked at the first 2 verses of chapter 1 of Genesis.

We considered the importance of the very 1<sup>st</sup> verse in the Bible last week.

1. Its location.
2. It's Truth.
  - a. It disproves evolution.
  - b. It affirms the existence of God.

We also consider the "Gap Theory" which is held by many people.

Now the "Gap Theory" says there is a huge gap of time between verse 1 and verse 2. It says the original Creation was ruined by sin and what we find in the remaining part of Genesis 1 is a "Re-Creation" by God. But as we said last week there are several problems with the "Gap Theory". First though let me tell you how the "Gap Theory" came to be. It was incorporated by Bible teachers in an attempt to fit the false teaching of scientists into the Bible. Scientists say the earth is millions or billions of years old but if you take Genesis 1-5 literally there is no place for billions of years. Therefore, the "Gap Theory" was brought in which says there was the original Creation which must have been billions of years ago and then there is the "Re-Creation" which we have in Genesis 1.

Let me remind you of the problem with that.

1. **The Bible tells us sin entered into the world by one man and that was Adam.**

#### **Romans 5:12**

*<sup>12</sup> 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 "Gap Theory" says that sin entered into the world before Adam.

2. **The Bible tells us there were 6 days of Creation.**

## **Exodus 20:11**

*<sup>11</sup> 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.*

Now, if there was a previous Creation millions of years ago and there are 6 days of Creation in Genesis 1 then that means there would have to be more than 6 days of Creation because you would need to count the "original" Creation and those days of Creation.

Let me give you 2 more problems with the "Gap Theory".

### **3. The Creation of the sun and the moon and the stars.**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Creation in Genesis 1 we are told that God created the sun, moon, and the stars as well as all the planets. Now think with me for a moment; if there was a previous Creation and the account in Genesis 1 is a Re-Creation then what happened to the previous sun, moon and stars?

Those who teach the "Gap Theory" say that the earth "became" without form and "became" void but there is no mention of any destruction of the heavenly bodies.

You see the more you think the "Gap Theory" through the more problems you can find.

### **4. The use of the word "and" in Genesis 1.**

This combined with "sin's entrance" and the "6 days of Creation" should take away any idea from your mind of any "truth" in the Gap Theory.

With the exception of verse 1 and 27 every verse in Genesis 1 starts with the word "and". This is very important for the word is a connective and it shows there are no "gaps" in the 6 days of Creation.

Listen to the words of Henry Morris:

*"This structure clearly means that each statement is sequentially and chronologically connected to the verses before and after. Each action follows directly upon the action described in the verse preceding it."*

All of this raises a question that may be in your minds;

"If the earth is not millions or billions of years old then how did the fossils form?"

You may be thinking the answer will cause a problem with Creation. No it will not. When I was in school we were taught that fossils took millions of years to form. We were so brainwashed back then and should have thought for ourselves.

Let me have your mind for a moment and with nothing but common sense I can prove to you that the fossils we find today did not form over millions of years but had to be formed rather quickly.

### Show fish fossil on the screen.

If you go to the river or a pond and catch a fish and you bring it home and pack it in mud and then bury it, wait 6 weeks and did it up what do you think you will find? Let me tell you. You will find a rotten, stinking fish. Do you know how fast fish start to rot? The process begins the moment they die. Have you ever lost a gold fish? Have you ever let him in the water for several days? He will begin to rot. Have you also noticed the dead fish float?

When the fossils were formed it had to happen very fast, otherwise the fish would have rotted and it had to be an event that covered the fish in mud instantly because dead fish float.

You see if the fossil takes millions of years then how will you keep the fish from rotting? Just place a fish in the elements for a couple of weeks and see what happens.

Listen to the words from "Answers in Genesis":

*"Jellyfish often wash ashore, but in a matter of hours they have turned into nondescript "blobs". To preserve the markings and detail of the Ediacara jellyfish, the organisms seem to have landed on wet sand that acted as a natural cement. The sand turned to sandstone before the jellyfish had time to rot, preserving the jellyfish's markings, somewhat as you can preserve your hand print if you push it into cement during that brief time when it's neither too wet nor too dry. Indeed, the evolutionist who discovered the Ediacara jellyfish said the fossils must have formed in less than 24 hours. He didn't mean one jellyfish in 24 hours; he meant millions of jellyfish and other forms had fossilized throughout the entire Ediacara formation, which stretches about 300 miles from South Australia into the Northern Territory, in less than 24 hours!"*

In order for a fossil to form the "mud" the animal was submerged in had to harden very rapidly.

## I. The Creation of Light (1:3-5)

## Notice Genesis 1:3-5

Here in these verses God spoke light into existence. There are a lot of theories on what the light was which God spoke into existence but the truth is that we do not know. The sun was not created until the 4<sup>th</sup> day.

I used to think that maybe it was the glory of God but that theory does not work because God's glory existed in all of eternity past. God has radiated His glory forever.

Let me give to you an explanation of this light.

When God created light here on the first day and He separated the light from the darkness that tells us the earth began to rotate on its axis. Now I want you to listen to what I am about to say. The light which God created here is the very light which exists in our day today. Now some would disagree and say the light that exists today comes from the sun and the sun was not created until the 4<sup>th</sup> day. The sun does NOT create light. God created light on the 1<sup>st</sup> day and on the 4<sup>th</sup> day He made the sun to show forth the light that was created on the 1<sup>st</sup> day. The sun is an object to show forth the light which God created.

Ryrie tells us in his study Bible that the light source which existed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day was replaced by the sun on the 4<sup>th</sup> day. That is wrong because God is the source of light. The sun was created to hold the light which God created on the 1<sup>st</sup> day.

Some would want to resist this I know so therefore let me show you something that I believe will solidify what I am saying.

**Light was created on the first day and on the fourth day God created the sun to show forth the light which He created. The sun is not the Creator of light for that is God. Sure it existed and was evident on the 1<sup>st</sup> day but God made the heavenly bodies on the 4<sup>th</sup> day to give us views of His awesome power through sunrises and sunsets, through full moons and meteor showers in the night sky.**

**Now please allow me to show a picture seen within this part of Creation. In the same way God's glory existed in eternity past and throughout the Old Testament. Then as we come to the New**

**Testament He chose to show forth His glory in one body and that was through Jesus Christ His Son.**

Now let us go back to the text again.

**Notice Genesis 1:4-5**

God divided the light from the darkness.

Now let me give to you some information that you need to keep in your mind about the Creation account. The Creation account that Moses gives to us here is not very detailed about how God did what He did. We are really just given the high points of Creation and there is a reason for this.

The focus in Genesis 1 is not so much about what God Created or about how He created it. The focus is upon God and the fact that He and He alone created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. He is the only One Who can create light and separate it from the darkness. He is the only One Who can create light and place the created light in the sun to give to us spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

People spend too much time on interrogating God about how He did this or that in the creation account. It is not about the details of how He did it. It is about the fact that He did it and no one else can.

This is very important because of what I am going to explain to you next.

## **II. The Creation of Angels.**

I want you to consider a couple of verses for a moment.

**Job 38:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> *Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.*

<sup>5</sup> *Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?*

<sup>6</sup> *Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;*

<sup>7</sup> *When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

The "sons of God" is a reference to the angels and God tells Job they were there when the foundations of the earth were laid. That is probably a reference to the gathering together of the dry land which took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

But when were the angels created? Did they always exist?

The angels did not always exist for that would make the eternal as God. Some people believe that the angels were created before these 6 days of creation here in Genesis 1. But that cannot be true for then we would have to say there were 7 days of creation.

I believe there is a verse in Hebrews that will show us the angels did not exist before the creation account in Genesis 1.

#### **Hebrews 1:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

<sup>14</sup> *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

Angels were created to minister to us who are heirs of salvation. If they existed before the creation account in Genesis 1 then we must ask what they did before man was created.

#### **Nehemiah 9:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.*

Nehemiah makes a reference to the 6 days of creation and says that in those days all the host of heaven was created.

#### **Conclusion:**

Why are we not given more details about the angels and all of creation? Remember, the focus is upon God and not on how it was done.

Listen, we don't need to know how it was all done. All we need to know is that the God Who spoke all of this into existence is the very God that is in control over the circumstances of our lives. We can trust Him with all we face.

**Isaiah 45:6**

*<sup>6</sup> That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.*

Therefore we can hold tight to these verses:

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

*<sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*