

"The Six Days Of Creation"

Day 4

Genesis 1:14-19

Introduction: This morning we have come back to our study of the 6 days of Creation. We need to do a quick review before we come to our study this morning.

Day 1 – On this first day of Creation God created the earth which was covered completely with water. He also created light on this day and started the rotation of the earth.

Day 2 – On day 2 God separated the waters and in so doing He suspended a canopy of water over the entire earth. He also made the heavens.

Notice Genesis 1:7-8

Now I told you before there are 3 heavens.

1. The air around us is the 1st heaven.
2. The area beyond the atmosphere which we know as outer space is the 2nd heaven.
3. The place of God's abode is the 3rd heaven.

The first two were made on the 2nd day. Now what God was doing was preparing the heavens to be filled. He prepared the 2nd heaven to be filled with the stars and planets and He prepared the 1st to be filled with animal life.

Day 3 – On day 3 God began to prepare the face of the earth for life and He began by gathering together the dry land into one place and the waters into seas. He then created all vegetation, trees, grass, and herbs. Again I remind you that all of this was preparation for the earth to be inhabited.

Theories – Now along with each of these days we considered some different theories that have been proposed in an attempt to incorporate the teaching of evolution into the Biblical record of Creation.

1. **The Gap Theory** – This teaching says there is a gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. Students of the Gap Theory say this is where sin entered the world and the first creation was sent into chaos because of sin. They go on to teach that what we

find recorded in Genesis 1 is a recreation as God started over. This theory is completely contrary to Scripture.

- a. Sin does not enter into the world until Genesis 3.

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:

- b. The use of the word "and" defeats the Gap theory also.

Notice 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."

2. **The Day Age Theory** – This theory teaches that the 6 days of creation were not 24 hour days but they were long periods of time in which evolution took place. This teaching is also contrary to the Bible for several reasons.
 - a. Each account tells us the evenings and the mornings were the beginning and end of each day.
 - b. In Exodus we are told that God created everything in 6 days.

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:

- c. To take away the literal teaching of 6 twenty four hour days is to take away the pattern for our lives which God established. The pattern is 6 days of work and 1 day of rest.

Exodus 20:9-10

⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

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.

All of this now brings us to our message today.

I. Our Awesome God!

Today we have come to Day 4 of Creation and in the study of Day 4 we will get a picture of the mighty awesome power of our God.

Now let me remind you of something we considered the last couple of times we were in Genesis 1.

The Purpose of the Creation Account - There are things which we could never understand on this side of eternity about Creation. So therefore, 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. We must keep this in mind as we go through this account.

A. Day 4

Notice Genesis 1:14-19

On Day 4 God filled the 2nd heaven with the sun and the moon and the stars. There is a statement here that I want to draw your attention to and I want to do our best to absorb what is being said.

Notice Genesis 1:16

"he made the stars also" - In one day God made the sun and the moon and all the stars. I want to borrow from another Bible teacher a thought which he put together to help you to grasp just how powerful our God is. When the Bible tells us **"he made the stars also"** there is so much behind that verse. That means that God created every star that exists and He placed them all right where they were to be.

That thought still does not open your mind to the size of our universe and the power of our God.

Listen to this very closely:

"As you learned once as a school child light travels at a 186 thousand miles a second. Now that computes to six trillion miles in a year. That's how far light goes in a year, six trillion miles. Now let's just stop and think about the power of God if He created all of the stellar

bodies, all of the stars, by considering a beam of light moving at a 186 thousand miles a second, or six trillion miles a year, and let's begin this morning, Sunday morning, when your alarm clock went off at 7 a.m. By the time you really got out of bed, let's give you the benefit of the doubt and say 7:08 a.m., that light beam was passing the earth and heading out toward the edge of the solar system.

As you sat down to your morning coffee at 7:41 a.m., the light beam passed Jupiter. And at about 12:12 a.m. our little light beam will be passing Pluto.

Now let's look ahead at the end of the week. As you leave work on Friday afternoon, that little beam of light will be leaving our solar system. Now let's go ahead to the year 2017 and after all this waiting, our beam of light has only reached the nearest star to our sun, which is actually a conflux of several stars. Go on to the year 2023 and our little light beam has only twenty stars behind it and our sun appears as a rather bland, yellowish star disappearing into galactic darkness.

Imagine this little beam of light has been heading now into the constellation Sagittarius. On this path it will be headed for the center of our Milky Way Galaxy. It has to travel 32 thousand years before it will reach the center of our galaxy, that's at six trillion miles a year. But wait, it still has another 50 thousand years to get to the other side of the Milky Way, which is our galaxy, and when it does it will leave behind about one hundred billion stars.

Now remember that the Milky Way Galaxy is only an average sized galaxy. And that as far as we know, there are at least 50 billion galaxies in the known universe. Much of this has been determined by the use of the Hubbel telescopic cameras.

Now our little light beam has to travel another 80 thousand years at its six trillion miles per year pace to reach the next closest galaxy or series of galaxies to our Milky Way. We're now, having left this morning, 160 thousand years into the future and our light beam, still moving at the same speed of 186 thousand miles a second, faces 1.8 million years of empty space before it reaches the end of the Andromeda galaxy which is close enough to earth to be seen with the naked eye.

Looking back from there at the Milky Way you would see a fuzzy elliptical patch similar to what Andromeda looks like to us on a fall evening.

Now if our little light beam travels a couple more millions of years it will encounter really open space. Our little friend will now travel another 20 billion years before it reaches the edge of the known universe that we know about after over 20 billion years of travel with about 50 billion galaxies behind it with about a hundred billion stars in those 50 billion galaxies."

Psalm 8:3

³ *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*

This verse tells us that the universe is only the work of God's fingers.

Now allow me to address something which we discussed earlier.

Light Speed and Star Distance – Some people deny that the earth is young (6-7 thousand years old) because of light speed and the distance of some of the stars. If some of the stars are billions of light years away then how has the light reached the earth in just 6-7 thousand years? They say it should have taken millions of years for the light to reach the earth from the stars. Well the light was already on the earth.

The answer is very easy. The light was created on the first day and God attached the light to the stars the moment they were created. If we look at everything which God created it was all created in full maturity. The light was already on the earth and God simply attached it to the heavenly bodies instantly.

1. The Purpose of the Heavenly Bodies

Notice Genesis 1:14

Here we see that the heavenly bodies were created for signs. The signs are also listed here. They would determine the seasons, days, and years.

Notice Genesis 1:15

We also see they were created for the purpose of casting light on the earth.

Let us remember that the sun and the moon and the stars do not produce light. God created the light the heavenly bodies only radiate the light which God created. The light was here before the sun and the moon and the stars were here (3 days before).

Notice Genesis 1:16-19

Here again there is so much more to this than we can see on the surface. Let us remember that the sun and the moon were placed right where God desired them to be and then they were started in their proper orbits.

Now let me give you something else to prove that the earth is not millions of years old. The sun is getting smaller because it is burning and the moon is getting further away each year from the earth.

If we reverse this process and back up about 7000 years we have no problem but if we were to rewind millions of years that presents a major problem. The sun would be so large it would touch the earth and the moon would be so close the ocean tides would completely flood the earth twice a day. It is not possible for the earth to be millions of years old. It was all created in six 24 hour days.

Notice Genesis 1:15

"and it was so" - Here is a very important phrase. It means "to be made permanent". To keep it in the proper context it means that when God created the heavenly bodies they were complete. With this statement there is no room for evolution. At the end of the 4th day all the stars and the moons were finished and there was no room for improvement. It was all complete.

Now let us consider that there is a day coming when all of this will be destroyed.

2 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Revelation 21:1

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 22:5

⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Why no need of the heavenly bodies on the new earth? There will be no time there. There will be no deadlines there will be no darkness to be separated from the light. It will be the perfect environment. There will be no sin.

Conclusion:

There is one more purpose of the heavenly bodies.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

The heavenly bodies declare the glory of God. Now listen to what I am about to say. If you deny that God created all the moons, stars, and planets and you want to somehow insert evolution in there then you are guilty of taking away from the glory of God. To say that it has evolved from a big bang or to believe in Theistic Evolution is to rob God of His glory.

He created all the heavenly bodies in 24 hours just by speaking them into existence.

Psalm 33:6

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

There was no big bang!

C.S. Lewis took the discussion of the solar system, evolution, to its logical end, I quote from C.S. Lewis, "If the solar system was brought about an accidental collision, then the appearance of organic life on this planet was also an accident and the whole evolution of man was also an accident. If so, then all our present thoughts are accidents. The accidental byproduct of the movement of atoms, this holds for the thoughts of the materialists and astronomers as well as for everybody else. But if their thoughts are merely accidents, why should we believe any of them? I see no reason...says C.S. Lewis...for believing that one accident should be able to give me a correct account of all the other accidents."

What does this mean to me personally?

1 Peter 5:6-7

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.