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**"Creation"**

**Day 6**

**Part 5**

**Introduction:** Today we come back to our study of the 6 days of Creation after being away for several weeks.

Now the first thing which we need to do is a review to refresh our memories about where we have been in our study so far.

## **1. The Importance of the Creation Account**

The Creation account found in *Genesis 1* has been attacked more than any of the other doctrines of the Bible. The enemy has caused many to rise up against what is recorded in *Genesis 1* because he knows that if he can cause people to doubt the account of 6 literal days of Creation as recorded here then that will cast a huge cloud of doubt over the entire Bible. You see if the Creation account is not true then the entire Bible is a lie.

To deny the *Genesis* account of Creation is a serious offense. To deny this account of Creation is to suppress the Truth of God's Word.

### **Romans 1:18-22**

<sup>18</sup> *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

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

<sup>20</sup> *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:*

<sup>21</sup> *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

<sup>22</sup> *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

## **2. The Order of Creation**

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Day 1 - The earth and all light.

Day 2 - The heavens and the canopy of water.

Day 3 - Dry land and all vegetation.

Day 4 - All the heavenly bodies. Sun, moon, planets and stars.

Day 5 - All aquatic life and all fowls.

Day 6 - All land animals and man.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Important phrases from the Creation Account

**"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 4<sup>th</sup> day all the stars and the moons were finished and there was no room for improvement. It was all complete.

**"God created every living creature that moveth"** - This statement leaves absolutely no room for evolution. Every creature that is in the water and every bird that has ever existed on this earth has come from His original creation. There is not one animal that somehow evolved from something else.

**"and"** - This word is used to begin 29 of the 31 verses of Genesis 1 and it is a very important connective.

**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."*

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The use of the word "and" leaves no room for gaps between any of the verses which pertain to Creation.

**"and the morning and the evening"** - Here is another important phrase for it shows the everything was created in 6 twenty four hour days.

Now the last time we were in *Genesis* we looked at the creation of man and what it meant that man was created in the image of God.

### **Notice Genesis 1:26-27**

We are told 4 times in these 2 verses that man has been created in the image of God. The fact that it is repeated 4 times speaks of the importance of that statement. To be created in the image of God means that man is not like the animal world. When God created man He placed into him some of His very own attributes:

1. Communication skills. (Praise God)
2. Freedom to think and choose. (Free moral agents)
3. Ability to love.
4. Immortality. (We will live forever)

The list would go on and on but you get the picture of what it means that we were created in the image of God.

Now today we continue on the sixth day of creation and we shall see the blessings which God has given to man.

## **I. The Blessing on Man**

### **Notice Genesis 1:28a**

At the beginning of this verse we are told that God blessed them and then as we continue we will see 3 blessings which God gave to mankind.

#### **1. Procreation**

### **Notice Genesis 1:28**

The "replenish" here should be the word "fill". Many have used this in an attempt to show that the first creation was ruined by sin and here God is starting over. They have used it in an attempt to support the "Gap Theory". But there are other verses that show us that cannot be the case.

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**Exodus 20:11a**

<sup>11</sup> *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is...*

This verse in Exodus eliminates that very teaching along with Romans.

**Romans 5:12a**

<sup>12</sup> *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,*

Now let us get back to our text. The first blessing given to man was the blessing of "procreation".

God created man in His own image and now every baby that is conceived is procreated in the image of God. Therefore we have been given the blessing of filling the world with children who are born with the image of God.

Let me gather some thoughts from this.

## **1. This is one of the reasons why abortion is so wrong.**

Every time conception happens there is a baby that is made in the image of God. To abort that baby is to disobey the command which is given here in this text. To abort the baby is a flat out attack against God since that baby is made in the image of God.

**Psalm 127:3**

<sup>3</sup> *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

This verse means that children are a gift from God and one that is to be greatly treasured. When Genesis 1:28 was spoken there was no sin in the world and therefore there were no complications with conception. But today one of the effects of sin is problems in conception. That is not personal sin but sin in general.

Therefore when God blesses a man and a woman with a child they need to consider how great a blessing it is to be entrusted with such a valuable blessing as a baby who carries in his or her being the image of God.

**Since children are a gift from God then to have them is a very serious responsibility.**

### **a. To teach them about God.**

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The greatest thing you will ever teach your children is twofold:

- a. **God's Word.**
- b. **Obedience to God's Word.**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-10**

*Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:*

*<sup>2</sup> That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.*

*<sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.*

*<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*

*<sup>5</sup> And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

*<sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

*<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

*<sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

*<sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*

Someday as parents we will be held accountable for what we taught our children and our grandchildren.

Now just a reminder we teach in 2 ways:

- a. **Actions**
- b. **Words**

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**Mark 9:36, 37, 42**

<sup>36</sup> *And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,*

<sup>37</sup> *Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.*

<sup>42</sup> *And **whosoever shall offend** one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.*

Now let us go back to Genesis 1:28 and the blessing again.

Can you imagine how different our world would be if God's people had large families and taught their children in the Word of God and then they would do the same with their children?

## **2. Rule Over the Earth**

**Notice Genesis 1:28c**

Man was given the blessing of ruling over all of God's creation. But man lost the ability to do this in the fall. Eve was deceived by the serpent which she was to rule over and now man does not rule over God's creation but instead is ruled over by the things which God created.

Let me take you to the Book of Revelation.

**Revelation 18:1-3**

*And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

<sup>2</sup> *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

<sup>3</sup> *For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

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This is the fall of commercial Babylon. But let us notice what was used to make the inhabitants drunk.

**Revelation 18:11-14**

*<sup>11</sup> And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:*

*<sup>12</sup> The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,*

*<sup>13</sup> And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.*

It is nothing like God had intended now. But someday all will be restored in the Kingdom Age.

**3. Enjoyment**

**Notice Genesis 1:29-31**

The point here is that the 3<sup>rd</sup> blessing given to man was to live in and enjoy the beautiful creation of God.

**Application:**

This is something which we can do today but the problem today is that people are so busy they have very little time to slow down and take in the beautiful creation which God has made.

David was a man who had time to enjoy the creation of God.

**Psalms 19:1-6**

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

*<sup>2</sup> Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*

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<sup>3</sup> *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

<sup>4</sup> *Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,*

<sup>5</sup> *Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*

<sup>6</sup> *His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

### **Conclusion:**

God has done all of this for us, what are you doing for Him?

### **Ephesians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup> *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*