

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

3. God's Blessing and Charge

Genesis 1:28-31

... “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over ... every living thing that moves on the earth.”

²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed ..., and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth ... I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

V. Day 7: God Rests (2:1-3)

Genesis 2:2-3

² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So **God blessed the seventh day and made it holy**, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

VI. Gospel Thinking & Living

- A. Creation Speaks of God's Glory!
 - 1. Wisdom (e.g. DNA)
 - 2. Power (e.g. Stars...)
 - 3. Character (Man)
- B. Immanence & Transcendence
- C. Creation Speaks of God's Authority
 - 1. We owe God everything
 - 2. We exist for God
 - 3. Miracles bear witness to our Creator (e.g. 1st Law of Thermodynamics)
 - a. Bread
 - b. Waves
 - c. Resurrection

Genesis 1:1-2:3
Origins of the World
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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction

- A. Why should we study the Old Testament?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Luke 24:25-27

... ⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] interpreted to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning himself.

- B. What is the book of Genesis about?
“The origins of the **world, humanity, and Israel.**”
- C. What is the Relationship between Science & Theology? (e.g. Are these literal days?)
- D. What is Genesis 1:1-2:3 about?

Key Idea

Only the triune God is eternal and all things that exist were created by him and for him.

II. Before Days: Origin of Space, Time & Matter

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, **God created** (vs. 21 & 27) the **heavens and the earth.**

- A. Only God is Eternal
- B. Hints of the Triune God

Genesis 1:2

² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

Colossians 1:16-17

¹⁶ For by him [Jesus] all things were **created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were **created through him and for him**. ¹⁷ And *he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

III. Days 1-3: Giving Boundaries (Forming; 1:3-13)

A. Day 1: Light/Energy from Darkness

Genesis 1:3-5

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God **separated the light from the darkness.** ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, *the first day.*

B. Day 2: Expanse between the Waters

Genesis 1:6-8a

⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it **separate the waters from the waters.**” ⁷ And God **made** the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse *Heaven.* ...

C. Day 3:

1. Separating Dry Land from the Seas

Genesis 1:9-10

⁹ And God said, “**Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.**” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land *Earth*, and the waters that were gathered together he called *Seas.* And God saw that it was good.

2. Vegetation

Genesis 1:11-12

¹¹ And God said, “**Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind,** on

the earth.” And it was so. ¹² ... And God saw that it was good.

IV. Days 4-6: Populating Creation (Filling; 1:14-27)

A. Day 4: Sun, Moon & Stars (14-19)

The **first law of thermodynamics** states that energy can be transformed (changed from one form to another), but cannot be created or destroyed. (*Natural & Supernatural*)

B. Day 5: Living Creatures in Sky & Sea (20-23)

Genesis 1:20-22

²⁰ And God said, “Let the *waters* swarm with swarms of **living creatures**, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the *heavens.*” ²¹ So God **created** the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²² And **God blessed them**, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

C. Day 6: Land Creatures & Man (24-27)

1. Land creatures (24-25)

Genesis 1:24-25

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth **living creatures** according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God **made** the beasts of the earth according to their kinds ... And God saw that it was good.

2. Man

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.** And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”