

We are but the creation!

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and **God divided** the light from the darkness. 5 And **God called** the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And the evening and the morning were the first day.** 6 And **God said**, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And **God made** the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And **God called** the firmament Heaven. **And the evening and the morning were the second day.** 9 And **God said**, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. 10

And **God called** the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good. 11 And **God said**, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. 13 **And the evening and the morning were the third day.** 14 And **God said**, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And **God made** two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: ***he made*** the stars also. 17 And **God set** them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. 19 **And the evening and the morning**

were the fourth day. 20 And **God said,** Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And **God created** great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his 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 fowl multiply in the earth. 23 **And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.** 24 And **God said,** Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And **God made** the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. 26 And **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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over

every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 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. 29 And **God said**, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. **And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**

1. God created the earth in six days

- a. He uses the same expression to define the time period **5**
And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And the evening and the morning were the first day.**
- b. Each time period had clearly defined boundaries
- c. He uses that same expression to describe every day including those before and after He made the Sun
- d. Every time the Bible uses the word day with a number any where else in the Bible it is referring to a solar day or 24 hours
- e. God created the heaven and the earth over a six day period and rested on the seventh
 - i. He didn't need a day to do any of it
 - ii. He could have done it all in a split second
 - iii. He certainly didn't need to rest
 - iv. He was giving us a pattern or cycle of work and rest
- f. Remember that God is eternal, day and night, time is simply something for us! He has always existed
 - i. **II Peter 3:8** **But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

1. Time with God is so far greater than with us that we can't understand it
 2. He was before it all began.
 3. He is eternal
 4. He is not limited to time and space
- ii. **Revelation 4:8** *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, **which was, and is, and is to come.***
1. He had no beginning
 2. He has no end
 3. He is the Almighty
- iii. **Hebrews 13:8** *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*
1. Easy to think that Jesus began at His birth but He didn't
 2. He has always been
 3. He is God
- g. When God stepped forward and made His first creation, He made something from nothing and marked time in eternity **Exodus 20:11** *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.

- i. You can't question the fact of the six days unless you want to doubt another passage of Scripture
- ii. Moses reaffirms it-6 days
- iii. He did it and He rested

2. The Holy Spirit was actively involved in the creation **2** *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.*

- a. **Job 26:13** **By his spirit** he hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent.
- b. **Psalm 104:30** Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: *And thou renewest the face of the earth.*
- c. God was intimately involved in the creation. This verse makes it clear that He was there and moving
- d. Clearly God doesn't wait until things have developed and then step in. He did it
- e. 5 times the word created is used in this chapter
- f. 8 times "God said" and it happened

- g. 5 times He uses make or made in this chapter
- h. God is actively involved in the creation. He is doing it!

3. God made everything good

- a. Six times in this chapter He says that He saw what He had done and called it good
- b. When He finished the creation He looked it all over and said it was very good **31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**
- c. The fact that He sees it all as good makes me doubt the "gap theory." Satan wasn't involved even in destroying what God had done

- 4. God makes man in His image **26 And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **27 So God created** man in his *own* image, in the

image of God **created he him**; male and female
created he them.

- a. The Trinity, the Godhead, creates 26 **And God said,**
Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
- b. He created us in His image
 - i. Doubtful that He is talking about physical
 - ii. But rather that we have a spirit
 - iii. That we can know right from wrong
 - iv. That we can communicate with each other and especially with Him
- c. Man was given responsibility
 - i. He was to be fruitful and multiply-have children 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.
 1. Today society frowns on children and having large families

2. When you reject how you got here you reject what you are supposed to do
3. When you reject that God has a purpose for you then you become very selfish, children are seen as a hindrance to money, material things, etc

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

1. God outlined what marriage was to be
2. He made a man and a woman
3. He told them to reproduce

iii. Man was to subdue the creation and have dominion over all of it

1. We are not equal to animals
2. They are to be under our stewardship

5. Things to remember

- a. It is all God. The word God is mentioned 32 times in 31 verses

- b. It was God that created, said, divided, called, made, and blessed all of His creation
- c. It was God that was before the beginning or He couldn't have told us about the beginning
- d. It was God that established the day, the week, the seasons. No where else do we have the idea that things should last 7 days and then start over
- e. If we have a Creator then we are but the created
- f. If we have a Creator then we are to do what we were made to do
 - i. Honor and serve Him
 - ii. Obey Him
 - iii. Fulfill His purpose for our lives
- g. If we have a Creator then He will decide what to do with us
 - i. How long we are to live
 - ii. What is to become of us
 - iii. What talents and abilities we will have
 - iv. He made us and we didn't make us
 - v. He will ultimately judge us
- h. Creation is not about us thinking highly about ourselves but about Him

- i. We arrogantly think too highly of ourselves
 - ii. We believe we are the superior, the height of His creation, which we are, but that was never about me thinking about how great I am but rather how great He is
 - iii. Creation brings the Word of God into focus
 - iv. Creation brings me into focus realizing how much I need Him
 - v. Creation is a cause for me to fall down and worship my Maker
- i. To reject the creation is to reject the Creator
 - i. That is what man wants to do
 - ii. If man made himself then he answers to no one
 - iii. If God made man then man will have to consider what His creator wants
 - iv. Man's rejection of the Creator is simply to put himself in the place of God