

Colossians 1; Lord's Day 9

MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

- I. His work.
 - A. Creation is the work of the Triune God calling into existence the things which were not as if they were (cf. Rom. 4:17).
 - 1. Faith, not science, is the only possible means of knowing about and understanding God's work of creating (Heb. 11:3).
 - 2. Faith (resting on Scripture) believes that God created by speaking, calling all things into existence (Ps. 33:6,9).
 - B. Faith believes that the Bible teaches that God created all things in one week of 7 days of 24 hours.
- II. Creation reveals God, its Maker (Acts 17:23,24), even though it does not really prove God.
 - A. First, creation reveals that God has a will.
 - B. Second, creation reveals God's omnipotence (cf. Rom. 1:20,21; Rev. 4:11).
 - C. Third, creation reveals God's perfect wisdom.
 - D. Resulting obligations.
- III. God, as the Father of Jesus (our Savior and Lord), created.
 - A. In His perfect wisdom God arranges (and controls) all things so they reveal Christ and the salvation of all that are in Him.
 - 1. The end and purpose of creation was that all things would be united and reconciled in Christ (Eph. 1:10; Col. 1:16-20).
 - 2. Even at its beginning this world was adapted in perfect wisdom to serve as the "stage" for the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - B. He is the spiritual Father of all the elect and of only the elect (those in Christ).
 - C. Three implications.
 - 1. The earthly was created after the pattern of the heavenly so His children might know abstract and heavenly things.
 - 2. Faith sees our creating Father as both able and willing to work all for our good!