

## The Creation of Man Genesis 1

### Introduction

Happy Mother's Day! I pray that you will be blessed today as you celebrate the privilege God has given to those of you who are mothers, and that those of you whose mother's are still alive, that you will be able to bless her in some way today as you fulfill the Scriptures command to honor her (Matthew 19:19).

Though I often craft a special message for Mother's Day, I will not be doing that today. Instead I will begin a special series of sermons dealing with marriage and what is related to it. Even though Marriage is the foundation of any society, it has been under attack in our own for a long time and it is only getting worse. It is vital to have a solid Biblical understanding of God's design and purpose for marriage in order to both protect and encourage your own marriage and those of other couples.

Over the next several months we will look at God's design and purpose of marriage, roles within the family, godly communication skills, protecting your relationships and overcoming the hurt that is normal in human relationships due to sin. It is easy to see from those topics that while there will be a focus on marriage, what will be presented will also be important to those of you who are single whether you desire to get married or not since gaining an understanding and the skills needed for a successful marriage are also the same vital skills needed in all human relationships. This morning we are going back to Gen. 1 to lay a strong foundation in God's creation upon which is built His design for marriage.

### **The Days of Creation - Genesis 1**

I am starting with the days of creation in Genesis 1 because the primary problem in marriage, and in of all life for that matter, is forgetting the origin of your existence and therefore also the purpose of it. Psalm 100:3 states, *"Know that Yahweh, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."* People tend to be both selfish and short sighted so the Psalmist reminds them that their origin is God and not themselves. Certainly people recognize that human babies come from human mothers and fathers (though there is a push among feminists that the actual man is not needed, only his gametes which can be collected and used by a woman he has never met). In 1 Corinthians 11:8-12 the Apostle Paul reminds them that the *"man does not originate from the woman, but the woman from man,"* which points to Eve being fashioned from the rib of Adam, and *"for as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God."* Every human traces their lineage back to Adam and Eve, but neither of them had a mother for their origin is from God. That is a critical truth which is too often ignored or forgotten in man's quest to think of himself as autonomous, and made worse by the efforts of the ungodly to eliminate or substitute God with something else. That is the purpose of evolutionary philosophy, and I call it philosophy on purpose because it is an untestable hypothesis and therefore neither a theory or science in which data is forced to fit into its philosophical presuppositions and claims.

Evolutionary philosophy seeks to reject God outright if possible (atheism) and if not, then make God questionable (agnosticism) or uninvolved (deism). Evolutionary philosophy is pervasive in our society with strong effects even on those that profess to be Christians. Far too many that claim to believe that God is the Creator fail to actively recognize even the following basic ramifications of that fact: The God that created you designed you for His own purposes; He has given plenty of instruction on how to fulfill those purposes; He will hold you accountable. Theistic evolution pushes God into the background resulting in a deistic view of God as distant and uninvolved with an agnostic attitude toward God's design for your life as if it was unknowable. Picking and choosing from the Bible what you want to

believe makes it uncertain because you become the arbitrator of truth without the necessary omniscience to do that.

The week of Creation is outlined as follows:

| <i>Day</i> | <i>Verses</i> | <i>Creation of / Action</i>                                                                                                                      |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | 1-5           | Heavens & Earth; Light; Divided light & darkness                                                                                                 |
| 2          | 6-8           | Expanse between waters;                                                                                                                          |
| 3          | 9-13          | Waters gathered, land appears;<br>Vegetation: seed plants, fruit trees                                                                           |
| 4          | 14-19         | Celestial bodies:<br>Sun to govern day; Moon to govern night; Stars                                                                              |
| 5          | 20-23         | Living creatures in the water; Every winged bird                                                                                                 |
| 6          | 24-31         | Living creatures on the earth:<br>Cattle, creeping things & beasts<br>Man created in God's image to rule the Earth.<br>Plants designated as food |
| 7          | 2:1-3         | God rested                                                                                                                                       |

Creation and evolution cannot be reconciled for even the order of each are contradictory. All efforts to do so destroys the validity of Genesis 1 and with it the integrity of the Scriptures. Consider this chart.

### ORDER OF CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

| <i>EVOLUTION</i>                    | <i>CREATION</i>                             |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Matter Eternal                      | God Eternal (1:1)                           |
| Sun & Stars before Earth            | Earth before Sun & Stars (1:1,14)           |
| Sun: Earth's first light            | Light before Sun (1:3,16)                   |
| Sun before Land plants              | Land plants before Sun (1:11,16)            |
| Land before Oceans                  | Oceans before Land (1:1,10)                 |
| Contiguous Atmosphere & Hydrosphere | Atmosphere between two Hydrospheres (1:6,8) |
| First Life: Marine Cells            | First Life: Land Plants (1:11)              |
| Fish before fruit trees             | Fruit trees before fish (1:11,20)           |
| Insects & Reptiles before Birds     | Birds before Insects & Reptiles (1:20,24)   |
| Women before men                    | Man before woman (2:20-22)                  |
| Rain before man                     | Man before rain (2:7 & 7:12)                |

#### **Day One:** Genesis 1:1-5

There is a lot packed into the first five verses starting with verse 1, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*"

A) *In the **beginning***. This denies the eternity of time for there was a point at which time began.

B) *In the beginning **God***. This denies atheism's doctrine that there is no God. It also denies polytheism's doctrine of many gods.

C) *In the beginning God **created***. The word for created (*bara*) is used exclusively for the work of God for only He can call into existence what had no existence. Man can "form" or "make" something from what already exists, but only God can create *ex nihilo* - out of nothing. This denies fatalism's doctrine of chance for it was a direct and purposeful action of God. It also denies evolution's doctrine of either progressive or infinite becoming because God created at specific points of time and not over continuing lengths of time.

D) *In the beginning God created the **heavens and the earth***. This denies pantheism which makes God and the universe identical because God is the creator of the universe. It also denies the eternity of matter upon which evolution is based. God created matter at a point in time.

Verse 2, "*And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*" This is a simple statement that the earth was created and all the materials were present, but not yet shaped nor any life placed in it yet.

Some try to put a time gap between verse 1 and 2 for various reasons though there is nothing in the text suggesting it. In fact, the conjunction (and - *waw*) used at the start the verse connects it immediately to verse 1. Some say that Satan fell into sin in that time, however, Creation could not be "very good" on Day 6 if that had happened. He did fall prior to His temptation of Eve in Genesis 3. There is no Biblical or theological reason a long time is needed for Satan's fall. The only reason people look for a time gap in the passage is to reconcile Genesis with the claim the earth is old.

Rendering this verse as "*and the earth became ruined and desolate*" is a mistranslation by those that advocate either a re-creation or reconstructing hypothesis in which a previous world was destroyed and then either re-created or reconstructed as described in the rest of the chapter. These ideas fail for several reasons beginning with that it is contrary to the text and the meanings of the words used (cf. Isaiah 45:18). Second, Romans 5:12 states that death came into the world through Adam's sin, and these theories have a lot of death as recorded in the fossils even before Adam was formed. Third, both theories demand the destruction of the evidence of them since in their own terms it had become "ruined and desolate" with everything including oceans, land, Sun, moon, stars and all life being reformed after the supposed time gap. These ideas allow for the idea of an old earth, but they do not help reconcile the Bible with evolution.

The earth was created, but it was still without order and without the life for which it was created (Isaiah 45:18), but the Spirit of God was at work over it.

Verse 3-4, <sup>3</sup> *Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.* <sup>4</sup> *And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.* God commands for light to appear without indication of a source except for His command for the Sun, moon and stars were not yet created.

Verse 5. "*And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*" This verse defines what is meant by "day" throughout the rest of the text. The word translated here as "day" is the Hebrew word "yom." Yom can be used either figuratively or literally in the same way we use our English word "day" with context determining the meaning of its usage. Literal uses include a reference to the portion of time when sun light is shining on that portion of the earth or to the complete rotation of the earth so that there was a cycle of light and dark, a 24 hour period called a day. Figurative uses described an indefinite period of time marked by some characteristic as in saying "in my grandfather's day there were still people using horse and wagon in the area he lived." That is a figurative usage of "day" to refer to the years in which my grandfather was alive. The Hebrew word "yom" is used in the same manner. Context determines exact meaning.

The word "yom" is translated in the Old Testament in a figurative sense about 65 times while it is translated in a literal sense over 1,200 times with the plural form additionally translated literally over

700 times. This means that yom is normally used in the literal sense and any figurative usage would have to be clearly indicated by the context of the passage. What does the context of Genesis 1 tell us?

In Genesis 1:5 yom is used specifically to describe both the period of light and the sequence of “*evening and morning.*” This sequence of dark followed by light is then used throughout the rest of the chapter to describe each day. The formula is “*and there was evening and there was morning, a X day*” (verses 5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). There is nothing in either this chapter or any reference to it throughout the rest of the Bible to even suggest any sort of figurative meaning so all claims that it is figurative in Genesis 1 are without support. Such claims are made only on the basis of what is desired to be believed instead of what the text of Genesis actually states.

But some might argue that the length of time of this sequence of “evening and morning” is not defined. Perhaps that can be argued for the first two days, but as we shall see, Day 3 cannot be a long period of time and from Day 4 on it is equated with a solar day.

### **Day Two - verses 6-8**

*Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.*

An expanse (firmament - KJV) is made between the waters. The expanse is then called “sky” or “heaven.” There are waters above it and waters below it. There has been a lot of discussion of this verse in the last several decades about this expanse and its stretching out (Isa. 40:22, etc.) and what that may indicate. For example, Christian scientist Dr. D.R. Humphreys discusses the relationship of this stretching out of the expanse to Einstein’s theory of relativity,  $E=MC^2$ . Since the speed of light (C in the formula) has a time element in it, Dr Humphreys uses it to explain why stars can have such apparent immense distances from the earth even though they were created less than 8,000 years ago.

This verse also prods great discussion about the nature of the water that is or was above the expanse. Among the many interesting things that Dr. Humphreys points out is the fact that water molecules are found out in space could be physical evidence of water being above the expanse as well as below it. On the second day of creation the waters are separated by an expanse which is then called “heaven.”

### **Day Three - Verses 9-13**

*<sup>9</sup> Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. <sup>10</sup> And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, [and] fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.*

To summarize, the waters under the heavens are gathered into seas which allows the dry land to appear which is called earth. God saw it was good and He then created various kinds of plants including vegetation, seed bearing plants and fruit trees. God saw all this was good and so ended the third day.

The actions of Day Three must now put a limit on the length of time for the period of dark and light that make up a day because plants cannot live for extensive periods of time in darkness. You can prove this on your own by putting one of your potted plants in a dark, windowless room and then seeing how long it takes for it to die.

### **Day Four - Verses 14-19**

*Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; <sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the*

*expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth ";and it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; [He made] the stars also. <sup>17</sup> And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> and to rule the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.*

On Day Four God created the Sun, moon and stars and set them in order in the expanse of the heavens. The Sun would govern and separate the period of light, the day, from the period of dark, the night, which is governed by the moon. These heavenly bodies would be used for signs for seasons, days and years because of their regular and precise movements.

From Day 4 on the length of the time period for a day is governed by the rotational speed of the earth relative to its light source. There is no reason within the text to believe otherwise from the first day forward, but after the fourth day there can be no question about it. When I am asked if I believe the days of creation were only 24 hour periods I respond that depends on the rotational speed of the earth at Creation. The rotational speed is known to be slowing down, so with a faster speed in the past, the length of a day would have been slightly less than the present 24 hours. However, since the ancient calendars were based on a 360 day year, perhaps something such as the ejection of material when the fountains of the deep burst open (Genesis 7:11) caused the rotational speed to increase slightly to get the current 365 1/4 days in a year. Either way, slightly faster or slower than present, this debunks the day-age theory as nonsense. Those that advocate that based on the phrase in 2 Peter 3:8 expressing the Lord's patience with men, "*that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*" (2 Peter 3:8), can gain at most only seven thousand years (see also Psalm 90:4). But ignoring the definition of time in Genesis 1 would mean they would also ignore it in 2 Peter 3. Each day of the week of creation was a normal day of about 24 hours.

The Sun, Moon and stars are made on Day Four which is after light was created on Day One and after land plants were made on Day Three.

#### **Day Five - Verses 20-23**

*Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.*

On the fifth day all the marine creatures are created along with all the birds and they were commanded to be fruitful and multiply after their kind. This defines a "kind" as those animals that can reproduce viable offspring. That puts a limit on what is called "speciation," which by the way is not evidence of evolution. It is evidence of inherent genetic design to adapt to a specific environment or loss of genetic information in an isolated population which affects the phenotype of the animals there. Evolution requires a gain of beneficial genetic information by random mutation which is against the second law of thermodynamics - entropy.

God saw that what He had done was good, and there was evening and morning, the fifth day.

#### **Day Six - Verses 24-31**

*<sup>24</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing of the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, so that they will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> And God created man in*

*His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that creeps on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has the fruit of the tree yielding seed; it shall be food for you;<sup>30</sup> and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that creeps on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so.<sup>31</sup> And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

God created the cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth and saw that it was good. God then created man, male & female, in His image. They were given dominion (rule) over the earth and all the animals. The plants were given to man and the animals for food. God saw it was very good and there was evening and morning, the sixth day. We will come back to the creation of man in a minute.

### **Day Seven - Genesis 2:1-3**

We are told about the final day of Creation week at the beginning of chapter 2. <sup>1</sup> *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.* <sup>2</sup> *And on the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.* <sup>3</sup> *Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created in making it.*

The week of creation set the pattern for mankind to follow. God worked to create everything in six days and then rested on the seventh day, blessing it and sanctifying it. This is why mankind all over the world, whether a particular society recognizes the God of the Bible or not, set a seven day work week with at least one day of rest in that week. Efforts to change this pattern have never worked.

### **The Creation & Purpose of Man - Genesis 1:26-31**

I want to now go back and point out few important details about the creation and purpose of man in Genesis 1:26-31. This will be important for our study of Genesis 2 and the establishment and purpose of marriage next week.

1. The origin of man is being made by God - verses 26-27. There is nothing in this text or any other part of the Bible to suggest a pre-adamic race. Man and apes were both were created on the same day so man has no ancestry in apes of any kind. The popular illustrations of an apish creature evolving through many stages to modern man is a figment of the artists imagination as are missing links imagined by evolutionary philosophers as seen in the slide. There are no links.

2. Unlike the animals, man is made in the likeness and image of God - verses 26-27. The double description here and repetition emphasizes that man reflects certain characteristics of God. This includes having an immaterial aspect that reflects God being a spirit and which separates him from the mere material world. It was only into Adam that God breathed into the breath of life so that he became a living being (Gen. 2:7). At God’s command the earth brought forth the animals as living creatures (Gen. 1:24). The Scriptures clearly declare that man has an eternal soul (Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 2:5-9), but no Scripture indicates that of animals.

It also includes having the three qualities that make up personhood which reflects God and which also separates him from animals. Man is a being that is rational, emotional and volitional. He can think rationally in terms of reality and also in abstract terms of the theoretical or imagined. He can feel psychologically due to the thoughts of his mind, and he can make conscious decisions based on the information he has gathered and his values and desires. Even highly intelligent animals that can be trained to respond in specific ways to stimuli or able to solve simple problems in accessing food or restrictions to movement lack in these areas and do not have personhood.

3. God created mankind with two and only two sexes - male & female (verse 27) - and they are not transitional. Deuteronomy 22:5 even prohibits cross dressing declaring it to be an abomination to God. Those that claim otherwise exhibit depraved minds and have a serious problem with their Creator.

4. The plants and their fruit were given to man and animals for food (verses 29-30). Man would not be allowed to eat animals until after the flood (Genesis 9:3).

5. Man was given three related responsibilities in verses 26-28. The first command was to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. This could not be done without there being both male and female.

Second was to bring the earth into subjection. This could only be done as man reproduced and spread out over the earth. The idea of subjection was to bring the earth under the control of man so that he might gain its benefits. This would be similar to the way that a nation that conquers and subdues another will gain benefits from it (2 Sam. 8:11), or that a master gains benefits from those he has subdued to be his slaves (Jer. 34:16).

Third was to rule over all the animals. This word is limited to human rather than divine dominion. In a manner similar to a king having dominion over those in his kingdom (1 Kings 4:24) or of an officer ruling over those under him in organizing and directing their work (1 King. 5:16), man was have dominion over the animals. That encompasses not only setting boundaries of what would be allowed and what should be done, but also in protecting and making provision for them. Man is to do that with the animals. Man can direct and use the animals, but he is not to exploit them.

All of these together describe man as God's regent over the earth and animals, and it is to God that he will give an account.

## **Conclusions**

Why a sermon on the Creation account? Because the starting point of understanding the purpose of your existence and how to properly live your life is remembering that you are a creature made by God for His purposes. People do not like that, but no human is autonomous. You are not here for your own pleasures and pursuits whatever you think those may be. God created you to fulfill His will both in the general aspects of His commands for all mankind, and in the specific aspects of His will for you according to the specific ways in which He has gifted you, specific place He has put you, and specific circumstances of your life.

You can either accept or reject God's revelation of Creation in Genesis 1, but you must bear the consequences. If you reject what God has said, then you favor the thoughts of the fools described in Romans 1:18-23 who suppress the truth in unrighteousness and will find themselves under the wrath of God. You also join in with the ungodly mockers described in 2 Peter 3:3-7 who follow their own desires and reject the evidence of God's hand of judgment in favor of their own limited experiences. If you reject the creation account in Genesis 1, your god is small and impotent.

Today is Mothers' Day, a special time to give special recognition to those of you whom God has given both the privilege and responsibility of having one or more children. It is God's command for children to honor their father and mothers, and it is appropriate for society to celebrate as well those whom by God's grace have taken part in one of God's original commands to mankind to be fruitful and multiply. However, you are to carry out all of God's commands to you to be a godly mother and not just a mother by virtue of giving birth.

Every single one of us in all of our actions and attitudes in all of our roles should live according to the commands and purposes of our Creator. That can only be done as you learn the will of God and set yourself on the path to follow it. In the coming months we will be examining what God says about His will for men, women, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, children, singles and friends.

May each of us learn and grow to know and follow the will of our merciful and gracious Creator that we may glorify His name and rejoice in His blessings and avoid His chastening of those He loves and just judgment of those that continue in rebellion against Him.

**Sermon Notes - 5/12/2024**  
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**Introduction**

A Biblical understanding of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ in a society in which the family is under constant attack  
While there will be a focus on marriage, the principles and skills apply to \_\_\_\_\_ human relationships

**The Days of Creation - Genesis 1**

The primary problem in all of life is forgetting your \_\_\_\_\_ & therefore your purpose in life (Ps 100:3)  
1 Cor. 11:8-12 - woman originates from Adam & man's birth is through the woman. \_\_\_\_\_ originates in God  
Evolutionary \_\_\_\_\_ rejects God (atheism) or questions Him (agnosticism) or He is uninvolved (deism)  
Creation and evolution \_\_\_\_\_ be reconciled for even the order of each are contradictory

**Day One: Genesis 1:1-5**

A) *In the **beginning**.* Denies the eternity of \_\_\_\_\_ for time had a beginning  
B) *In the beginning **God**.* Denies \_\_\_\_\_ & polytheism. There is one God  
C) *In the beginning God **created**.* Denies \_\_\_\_\_ and evolutionary idea of progressive or infinite becoming  
D) *In the beginning God created the **heavens and the earth**.* Denies pantheism & eternity of \_\_\_\_\_  
Verse 2 - time gap between verse 1 & 2 advocated by those that want to reconcile Genesis with an \_\_\_\_\_ earth  
Verses 3-4 - Light appears and separates the darkness - without any \_\_\_\_\_ bodies existing  
Verse 5 - Day (yom) is defined as the time period of \_\_\_\_\_ and the sequence of dark and light  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Creation ends with the formula "and there was evening and there was morning, a X day"

**Day Two - Genesis 1:6-8**

The expanse (firmament) is \_\_\_\_\_ out (Isa. 40:22) - which gives possible explanation of starlight & time  
Water molecules in \_\_\_\_\_ could be physical evidence of water being above as well as below the expanse

**Day Three - Genesis 1:9-13**

Waters under heaven are gathered into seas letting dry land appear. The various \_\_\_\_\_ come into being  
The length of the cycle for a day - darkness then light - cannot be long because plants need \_\_\_\_\_ to live

**Day Four - Genesis 1:14-19**

God created the \_\_\_\_\_, moon and stars and set them in order in the expanse of the heavens  
The period of a day is governed by the rotational \_\_\_\_\_ of earth relative to its light source - now the Sun  
Whether rotational speed of earth was slightly faster or slower, each day of creation was about \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**Day Five - Genesis 1:20-23**

All \_\_\_\_\_ creatures and \_\_\_\_\_ of the sky are created.  
"\_\_\_\_\_" defined as those animals that can reproduce viable offspring - which limits speciation  
Evolution requires a \_\_\_\_\_ of beneficial genetic information by random mutation contrary to law of entropy



## Day Six - Genesis 1:24-31

All the \_\_\_\_\_ creatures are created

## Day Seven - Genesis 2:1-3

The week of creation set the pattern for mankind to follow - a \_\_\_\_\_ work week that includes a day of rest

## The Creation & Purpose of Man - Genesis 1:26-31

1. The origin of man is being made by \_\_\_\_\_ - verses 26-27.
2. Unlike the animals, man is made in the likeness and \_\_\_\_\_ of God - verses 26-27.  
Man reflects God in having an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ aspect - a soul  
Man reflects God in being a \_\_\_\_\_ - rational, emotional, volitional
3. God created mankind with \_\_\_\_\_ and only two non-transmutable sexes - male & female (verse 27)
4. The plants and their fruit were given to man and animals for \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 29-30)
5. Man was given three related \_\_\_\_\_ in verses 26-28.

Be fruitful and multiply and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth

Bring the earth into \_\_\_\_\_ - bring under control so that man might gain its benefits

\_\_\_\_\_ (have dominion) over all the animals - organize, direct, protect, provide (as a king over a kingdom)

## Conclusions

Understanding the purpose of your existence requires remembering you are a \_\_\_\_\_ made by & for God

Every person in all actions, attitudes and roles should live according to \_\_\_\_\_ commands & will

## KIDS KORNER

Parents, you are responsible to apply God's Word to your children's lives. Here is some help. **Young Children** - draw a picture about something you hear during the sermon. Explain your picture(s) to your parents at lunch.

**Older Children** - Do one or more of the following: 1) Write down all the verses mentioned in the sermon and look them up later. 2) Count how many times something about creation is mentioned. Talk with your parents about what it means in your own life that God created you.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

Questions to consider in discussing the sermon with others. Why do people tend to forget / ignore the fact that they are made by God? Why is evolution properly a philosophy with a hypothesis and not a scientific theory? In what three ways can evolutionary philosophy distort a person's understanding of God? Outline the events of the Creation week in Gen. 1. How does Gen. 1:1 deny eternity of time and matter, atheism, polytheism, pantheism, fatalism and evolution? Is there textual or Biblical support for the idea of a time gap between Gen. 1:1 & 2? Explain. What is the source of light in Gen. 1:3? What two definitions of day (yom) are given in Gen. 1:5? Give an example of a figurative use of day (yom). Is there any textual or Biblical support for a figurative use of day (yom) in Genesis 1? Explain. What does the expanse on second Day do? What happens on Day 3 and Day 4? How does each place a limit the possible length of a day? Why do people seek to interpret Gen. 1 in ways contrary to its obvious meaning? What happened on Day 5? How is a "kind" defined biologically? Why is speciation not evidence of evolution? What happened on Day 6? How does the pattern given on Day 7 still affect mankind? What is the origin of man? What is man's relationship to apes? What are the similarities and differences between man and animals? What are the qualities of personhood? How many sexes did God create? Are they transmutable? Explain. In light of Gen. 1:29-30, why can man now eat animals? Why was it important for man to *be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth*? Why was man told to subdue the earth? What responsibilities belong to man in being given dominion over the animals? What is the purpose of your life?