

“In The Beginning”

Introduction. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He planned it, sustains it, but God will end it one day (Jeremiah 10:10-12; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 3:10). In Genesis 1:26-27, man was the crowning act of God’s creation.

Regrettably, when man chooses to reject God’s will for his own, he corrupts himself, and practices sins worthy of death (Romans 1:18-32). God sent Jesus Christ to die so that mankind could be saved from His wrath (Romans 5:6-11). There are five phrases in Genesis 1 that God wants us to know.

I. “And God Said”

- A. Every day in the story of creation begins this manner. God spoke through words which His Son communicated to mankind to save the world (John 1:14-18; Hebrews 1:1-2).
- B. Since Jesus spoke exactly as He was told by His Father (John 12:49-50; 14:10), every person who speaks about God’s will should say what the scriptures say and not change it (Deuteronomy 4:2; 5:32; 12:32; Joshua 1:7; 23:6; 1 Peter 4:11; Revelation 22:18-19).

II. “God Saw That It Was Good”

- A. Everything God created is good and everything that proceeds from Him is good (1 Timothy 4:3-4; James 1:17).
- B. A person is not born evil or depraved, but chooses to become evil (Genesis 8:21; James 1:13-16; Romans 3:12; Ephesians 2:2-3).
- C. The devil is responsible for evil in this world and the only way we can overcome evil is through Christ (Hebrews 2:14-15).
- D. All things work together for the spiritual good of those who love God and do His will (Romans 8:28).

III. “And The Evening And The Morning”

- A. Does God want us to know the difference between millions or billions of years and a 24 hour day? The day is defined by the evening and the morning in Genesis 1 after each day of creation. (1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31).
- B. In the Law of Moses, God reaffirms that He created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11).
- C. Christ was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-4). However, He did not teach that millions or billions of years have passed since creation (Mark 10:6; cf. Genesis 5:5). Men pervert 2 Peter 3:8 when they claim that it could allow this interpretation.

IV. **"After Their Kind"**

- A. God wants us to understand that everything reproduces after its own kind, and that it will not produce another kind!
- B. An apple tree will only produce apples, not oranges (Genesis 1:11-12); birds will only produce birds, not fish (1:20-21); humans will only produce humans, apes will never produce humans or become humans (1:26-27).
- C. Jesus believed and taught these principles in Matthew 7:16-20. He furthermore taught that the seed sown in a good and honest heart will bear fruit (Luke 8:11-15).
- D. The word of God will produce only Christians (Acts 11:26), not a certain "kind" of Christian or a hyphenated Christian.

V. **"And It Was So"**

- A. Whatever God has said, whatever He has promised, He will fulfill. Consider some of important promises of God.
 - 1. God's word has promised that we will all die (Hebrews 9:27).
 - 2. God's word has promised that Christ will come back again (Hebrews 9:28).
 - 3. God's word has promised that we will all be judged by the words of Jesus (John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - 4. God's word has promised that all who obey Jesus will have eternal life (Hebrews 5:8-9).
 - 5. God's word has promised that those who believe will be saved (John 8:24).
 - 6. God's word has promised that those who repent and are baptized will have the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38)
 - 7. God's word has promised that if you are faithful until death you will receive a crown of life (Revelation 2:10)
 - 8. God's word has promised that after you die, you will either suffer eternal punishment or enjoy eternal life (Matthew 25:46).
- B. Since God cannot lie, these promises give hope to the people who decide to do what is right (Hebrews 6:13-20; Titus 1:2). Will you be one of them?

Conclusion. There were five phrases repeated in Genesis 1 during creation. You can become a new creation in Christ through the power of His word (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 1:16). We have been created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10). Do not be deceived by the false theories of men but submit to God's plan and you can go to heaven!