

## **In The Beginning: Session 03 – The Days of Creation**

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### **Review**

- The creation of the heavens and the earth.
- The three heavens discussed in Scripture
- The Earth is the privileged, “Goldilocks” planet
- Your interpretation of the creation event must acknowledge that there was no death before the Fall of Man
- The different interpretations of God creating the world in six days
- The activity of the Holy Spirit

### **Day One**

*3 Then 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 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.*

- God’s creative activity is released by the exercise of His Will, as He speaks it
- Luke 1:37: *“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”* Literally: *“For no word shall be lacking in power for God.”*
- God’s first saying: *let there be light.*
- The creative process begins with light (think of photosynthesis).

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- God makes a light which is not the sun or moon.
- God saw that this was good, a repeated line in Genesis 1.
- Evening and morning were the first day. Hebrew thinking begins the day at sundown. What are the implications of this?

**Day Two**

*6 Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” 7 Thus 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. So the evening and the morning were the second day.*

- It seems that the atmosphere was different at this time.
- God created a firmament, or an *expanse*.
- There was now an ocean below, and then a space above, with more water above.
- What were the “floodgates of heaven?”

**Day Three**

*9 Then 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 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.*

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- God orders that the waters below separate, forming the Seas and the Earth.
- God then made all plants according to their own **kinds**. This is the genetic category, in God’s mind.
- These are God’s established genetic boundaries, now in danger.
  - New technique out of China to alter the genes of a human embryo.
  - Another news story out of Britain: making embryos from the DNA of three people. We could see the first-ever three-parent babies born in 2016.

**Day Four**

*14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. 16 Then 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 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on 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 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*

- The sun and moon appear even though we already have light. From this time forward, the sun and the moon would divide the light from the darkness.
- It could be that God appointed or prepared the lights.

**Day Five**

*20 Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters*

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abounded, according to their kind, 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.” 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

- God now fills the sky and the seas with living creatures.

### **Day Six And Man**

24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

29 And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Genesis 1:1-31 NKJV)

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- Man was forever marked with six as his number.
- Man was made in the image of God, the most Godlike creature.
- Man has a unique ability to transform his environment and to transform himself, to become something which he was not before. In this, we are different from every other creature.

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