

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
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Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Deuteronomy 32

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young,

He spread His wings to catch them; He carried them on His pinions.

Genesis 1

3 And **God said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

4 And seeing that the light was good, God separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.”

And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

John 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

9 The true Light who gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Genesis 1

6And **God said**, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, to separate the waters from the waters.”

7So God made the expanse and separated the waters beneath it from the waters above.

And it was so.

8God called the expanse “sky.”

And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

2 Peter 3

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Genesis 1

9 And **God said**, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered into one place, so that the dry land may appear.”

And it was so.

10 God called the dry land “earth,” and the collection of waters He called “seas.”

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1

11 Then **God said**, “Let the earth bring forth vegetation, seed-bearing plants and fruit trees, each bearing fruit with seed according to its kind.” And it was so.

12 The earth produced vegetation, seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

Genesis 1

14And **God said**, “Let there be lights in the
expanse of the sky to distinguish between day and
night and to mark the seasons and days and years,
15and let them serve as lights in the expanse of
the sky to shine upon the earth.”

And it was so.

16God made two great lights: the greater light to
rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night.
And He made the stars as well.

Genesis 1

17 God set these lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth, 18 to preside over the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Genesis 1

20 And **God said**, “Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.”

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters teemed according to their kinds, and every bird of flight after its kind.

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1

22 Then **God blessed them and said**, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

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Exodus 20: 8 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God, on which you must not do any work...

11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them, but on the seventh day He rested. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

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Hebrews 11

1 Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see.

2 This is why the ancients were commended.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed by God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

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Hebrews 4

3...it is just as God has said:

“So I swore on oath in my anger,

“They shall never enter My rest.””

And yet His works have been finished since the foundation of the world.

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Romans 1: 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

19 For what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 1

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts.

22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

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5. Death came as a result of the curse in Genesis 3 (not through the evolutionary process)

Romans 5

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, because all sinned.

1. As Creator, God Works Through His Spoken Word

Romans 4:17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Psalms 33: 6 By the word of the **LORD** the heavens were made,
and all the stars by the breath of His mouth.
9 For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

Psalms 148:5 Let them praise the name of the **LORD**, For He commanded and they were created.

2. As Creator, God Sovereignly Sustains All Things

Hebrews 1: 1 On many past occasions and in many different ways, God spoke to our fathers through the prophets. 2 But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by the word of His power.

Colossians 1

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Psalms 104

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and
return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are
created, and you renew the face of the ground.

3. As Creator, God Sovereignly Owns All Things

Psalms 95:5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Psalms 89:11 The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

Isa 45:9 "Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker—
An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will
the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?'

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are
the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work
of Your hand.

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who
answers back to God?

The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did
you make me like this," will it?

4. As Creator, God Creates for His Own Glory

Revelation 4: 11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things; by Your will they exist, and came to be.”

Isa 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

5. As Creator, God Will Create Again

Romans 8

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but because of the One who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

2 Peter 3: 5 But they deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water, **6** through which the world of that time perished in the flood.

7 And by that same word, the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Isaiah 65: 17 For behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for I will create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight.

... The sounds of weeping and crying will no longer be heard in her.

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