

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *Genesis*

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:9-13 – Creation Day 3: Water Gathering, Seas, Earth, Plant Life

Today's Message: ***“EARTH DAY SCANDAL EXPOSED!”***

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw Day 2 of God's glorious creation week. He divided the waters from the waters and made a firmament (*Heaven*) in their midst. It is the structure for the heavens and the earth, which are now. Today, we will see how God gathered the waters and made the earth **APPEAR!** And, in a move that confounds the false science of our day, God will make plant life on the earth **BEFORE** the sun! The Bible's account of creation stands **ALONE** here. Heathens have always worshipped the sun as the “*source*” of all life. God calls out to all the world to **WORSHIP** Him instead of His creation!

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Gen 1:9-13

➤ ***“Let the waters... be gathered together unto one place... let the dry land appear”***

- ✓ The phrase “*gathered together*” is used 82 times in the KJV – it is always a group or assembly.
- ✓ The phrase “*one place*” is used 6 times in the KJV – it is always 1 place – e.g. church meetings.
- ✓ **1 Corinth 5:4** speaks of God's church and says, “*When ye are gathered together...*”
- ✓ **Job 26:10** says, “*He hath compassed the waters with bounds...*”
- ✓ **Psalms 33:7** says, “*He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap...*”

NOTE The Bible says God gathered all the waters unto 1 place. So, we believe it! All the waters have a single connecting point. Note, the dry land “*appeared*” meaning it was there – without form and void and under the waters! God named *Earth*.

➤ ***“Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit”***

- ✓ **Gen 1:29** says, “*Behold, I have given you every herb... and every tree... it shall be for meat.”*
- ✓ **Gen 1:30** says, “*And to every beast... every fowl... every thing that creepeth... herb for meat.”*
- ✓ **Psalms 104:14-17** says the **grass** is for the cattle, **herbs** for man, and **trees** for birds to nest.
- ✓ This is the *First Mention* of all these words God uses to teach many lessons through the Bible!

“*Grass*” is often used to illustrate God's blessing or curse and the frailty of life (**1 Pet 1:24**).

- ✓ **Psalms 37:2** says, “*For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.”*
- ✓ **Isa 40:8** says, “***Grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever*.”**

“*Seed*” shows God's plan for reproduction of all things! Life is in the seed; the seed is the Word!

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- ✓ **Gen 3:15** says, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman... **thy seed** and her seed...”
- ✓ **Luke 8:11** says, “Now the parable is this: **The seed** is the word of God.”

“Fruit” illustrates the reproductive destiny of the seed! It proves what sort the plant or tree is.

- ✓ **Ex 21:22** says, “If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her **fruit** depart from her...”
- ✓ **Mt 7:20** says, “Wherefore **by their fruits** ye shall know them.”

NOTE Each blade of grass, herb yielding seed, and tree yielding fruit (whose seed was in itself) was commanded to reproduce “*after his kind*” EVERY SINGLE TIME until God said not to. God made plants PURE from adulteration; ready to fulfil God’s plan!

➤ **Why is there so much contention over verses 11 and 12?**

- ✓ **Gen 1:14** says, “And God said, Let there be LIGHTS in the firmament...” ...the **sun** and the **moon**.
- ✓ Now, that is a PROBLEM for heathens! “How could God make plant life before the sun???”
- ✓ They SAY it proves the Bible wrong. **NOT SO!** The truth of God is the light was already shining!

NOTE Every man-made theory on origins has the sun (*or stars*) BEFORE any life. Clearly, God knew how wicked man’s heart would be and CHOSE to fill the earth with plants BEFORE the sun to TEACH us and the world how He is the ultimate source of all life!

2. The Lesson

Genesis Lesson 8: **God is the ultimate source of all life!**

➡ Although God’s creation has unique capabilities, He is the ultimate source of ALL life!

So, how can you apply Creation Day 3 to your life today?

1. God is not a daily **OPTION!** He is the source of life; Those plants needed His light!
Job 23:12 says, “I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.”
 - If you do not need God every day, you are living in sin! *Do you need God?*
2. God is not a backup **PLAN!** God and His Word will produce perfect generations!
1 Pet 1:23 says, “Being born again, **not of corruptible seed**, but of incorruptible.”
 - If you are not doing God’s will, you are living in sin! What are you producing?
3. God is not just a **CRUTCH!** God is our Provider! He takes care of future needs!
Lk 12:28 says, “If then God so clothe **the grass...** how much more will he clothe you?”
 - If you are worrying, you are sinning! What do you need to trust God for today?