

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *Genesis*

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:14-19 – Creation Day 4: Sun, moon and stars are made and set

Today's Message: ***“How Great Thou Art!”***

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw Day 3 of God's creation week. He gathered the waters, and the earth appeared. And, God covered the earth with plants and trees before He even made the sun! Today, God will do something that is so glorious that man should _____ truly get over it. The Bible says that when we look up to the heavens, they declare to us the glory of God and His handiwork! David said that when he considered the work of God's hands and the heavens, he could not help but _____ himself and think, *“What is man, that thou are mindful of him?”* That is right _____! From this day forward, the Bible says that days and nights have never stopped preaching! Their voice is heard by all people...

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Gen 1:14-19

- ***“Let there be lights... to divide the day from the night... for signs... seasons... days... years”***
 - ✓ Ps 136:7-9 says the “great lights” are **the sun** and **the moon** and **the stars**.
 - ✓ Ps 19:4-6 says, *“In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun...”* It has center stage!
 - ✓ Ps 74:16-17 says, *“Day is thine, the night also is thine... thou hast made **summer** and **winter.**”*
 - ✓ Ps 104:19-20 says, *“He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down...”*
 - ✓ Job 25:5 says, *“Behold even to **the moon**, and it shineth not...”*
 - ✓ Mal 4:2 says, *“But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun** of righteousness arise...”*
 - ✓ Jer 31:35 says, *“...and the ordinances of the moon and of **the stars** for a light by night...”*
 - ✓ Jer 33:20-21 says, *“Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break **my covenant of the day...**”*

NOTE God made the sun, moon and stars to divide the day from the night, to give light, and to rule the day and night. When God set them in the firmament, He gave our world signs, seasons, days, and years! In 1 breath, God set all we know in motion!

- ***“He made the stars also”***
 - ✓ Jer 33:22 says, *“As **the host of heaven** cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea...”*
 - ✓ Ps 147:4 says, *“He telleth **the number** of the **stars**; he calleth them all by their names.”*
 - ✓ Isa 40:26 says, *“**Lift up your eyes on high**, and **behold...** he calleth them all by names...”*

NOTE What power and truth! When man looks up, he is in awe of what he sees! He keeps looking and finding **more** stars, **more** nebulas, **more** galaxies, **more** of everything!

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➤ **During the Tribulation Period, God will shake the heavens for signs!**

- ✓ **Gen 8:22** says, "***While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.***"
- ✓ **Ezek 32:7-8, Joel 2:10, Amos 8:9** preach of the heavens trembling, the lights going out, more!
- ✓ **Mt 24:29** says, "***Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers... shaken***"

NOTE Today, the heavens declare the glory of God and His glorious handiwork. What will it be like when God shakes the heavens? When His wrath is kindled but a little...

2. The Lesson

Genesis Lesson 9: ***The heavens declare the glory of God every day and night!***

➡ The firmament of the heavens is a glorious canvas to show forth God's handiwork!

So, how can you apply Creation Day 4 to your life today?

1. _____ ! When you see God's greatness, you should be greatly *humbled*.

Ps 19:1 says, "***The heavens **declare the glory of God**... sheweth his handiwork.***"

Ps 8:3-4 says, "***When I consider **thy heavens**, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?***"

- The problem in our world is that nobody is looking up! People are so focused on themselves and earthly pleasures that they have forgotten about God! The awesome majesty of Almighty God should remind you of ***your smallness***.

2. _____ ! When you see God's greatness, you should desire to *worship* Him.

Deut 4:19 says, "***And lest thou **lift up thine eyes unto heaven**... be **driven to worship THEM**, and serve THEM...***"

- The problem with man is he still thinks he does not need God! Throughout history, heathens have worshipped creation instead of the Creator! The wonder of God displayed in the heavens should overwhelm us with ***God's greatness!***

3. _____ ! When you see God's greatness, you should be driven to *trust* Him.

Mt 10:30 says, "***But **the very hairs of your head** are all numbered.***"

- Your Creator... the Creator of the universe cares about you and paid the highest price to redeem your soul – the blood of His dear Son! What more must He do?