

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:20-31

- Last week we looked at how it all started, “**in the beginning**” and for centuries every culture, every nation, contradicted what the bible said about the earth. From wrongly thinking it was flat to believing the world was held up by the Greek god Atlas and his bulging biceps, or the strong backs of Elephants in Asian culture, or Giant Sea Turtles according to the South Sea Islands. People from the most educated to the least educated would rather take the word of philosophers, astrologers, and science so falsely called, instead of trusting what scripture has already told us about the world and how it was created > **Is 40:21-22, Job 26:7.**
- Because if they can get you to doubt creation then everything else we read is up for debate, so its vitally important that we not only know what God and His Word says about how it all began but also why God said it and how it all affects us. Because if you listen to those in higher learning institutions the major problem we have on the earth is global warming and people destroying the earth with their ecological footprint, they don't take into effect that this world is on a course for destruction not because of our global footprint but because of our sinful nature.

V20-31

- **V20-23 The Fifth Day:** God had already created the sky and waters and now He is going to fill them abundantly with living creatures. Notice you see the great variety of birds and sea creatures created at the same time, not evolving slowly over millions of years as were taught. Also even though plant life was created before animal life, animal life was not created out of plant life as higher education teaches that out of the slime came life, no from God came life.
- In His wisdom God made the birds to fly in the sky and aquatic creatures to frolic in the Seas, it didn't just happen through evolution, it was in His design > **Ps 104:24-25.** Something to pay close attention to is God added a new element to His work on this day, for He not only called His work “**Good**” but He blessed the creatures He had made, this is the first time “**bles**” is used in the bible. Look what's it's used for as God's blessing allows the Sea creatures and the fowl to reproduce to fill the waters and the skies. God will also “bles” the first man and woman to do the same, this shows God has given his creation a conscience to do what they were created for.
- Only man has rebelled from doing what God created us for, no other of God's creation does the opposite of what God has said in His Word, only man has thought and acted like the Devil and his fallen Angels falsely believing that “**He will be like God knowing good and evil**” in other words he thinks he knows what's best for himself outside of God. **V24-25 The Six Day:** God has formed the sky and filled it with flying creatures, he's formed the Sea and filled it with Aquatic creatures and now He will fill the land with both animal and human life.

- What's interesting is like man God brings forth the land animals out of the dust of the ground, which explains why both the humans and animals go back to the dust after death > **Eccl 3:19**. Notice throughout creation scripture keeps saying that God created every living thing according to its **kind**, He allows tremendous variation within a **kind**, but one **kind** will never become another **kind**, so when He mentions **kind** He is speaking of the same species.
- **V26** now God creates man, man is the only place where God says "**let Us make anything in Our image**" and he uses plural words to describe Who He is. This is consistent with the idea that there is One God in three Persons, what we know as "**the Trinity**". Man is different from all other creation because in understanding that we are made in the image of God tells us we have a value to God that goes beyond everything else, which is why according to scripture everything else will be destroyed on this earth but the only thing that is being preserved is souls (people).
- Being made in the image of God we have personality "**minds to think with**" "**emotions to feel with**" "**wills for making decisions**". No other creation possesses this, not even the Angels are made in God's image, which explains that after the fall their amazed at God's redemption plan for us and seek to look into > **1Pet 1:10-12**. **V26** says were given dominion over the animals and everything on the earth, this won't go over with the environmentalist or animal rights people.
- **V27-31** we see three things here **1st** we are created by God, **2nd** we were created in His image, **3rd** we were created to have dominion over the earth. To reiterate this we see several things repeated again like **how were created** (male and female and by God), **what is expected** (be fruitful and multiply, subdue the earth and have dominion over all its creation) and after all of this God says after surveying all that He had done "**that it was very good**", meaning no mistakes.
- This means God knew what He was doing, oops is not in his vocabulary, but man thinks that he either can improve upon what God did, or simply do it better, this is why he continues to contradict what we see in scripture. Things like creation, it didn't happen like that, here is a better story "**evolution**", there's no such thing as sin we've been programmed to believe that by church institutions, were actually good by nature. Sexuality, there is no male or female, only love, and who you choose to be with is your personal decision that should be celebrated and not judged, well what about reproduction and how God made us, oh that's a myth, so sad!