

Water, Earth, and Sky

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• All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
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A. Thoughts about the Creation from Others

Dr. Carl Sagan: The leading voice for "naturalism," the belief that "everything has a 'natural cause' and 'natural explanation.'"

Dr Herbert Spencer: An advocate of Darwin, who outlined five scientific ideas that he believed categorized everything that science could investigate. These were time, force, action, space, and matter.

- 1. In the **beginning**—time;
- 2. In the beginning, God—force;
- 3. In the beginning, God **created**—action;
- 4. In the beginning, God created the **heavens**—space;
- 5. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the **earth**—matter.

Nehemiah 9:6 NIV - "You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything."

Romans 1:21-25 (Paraphrased by JKT) - Paul warned that the unbeliever becomes futile in his speculations...with a dark heart, he suppresses the truth of a Creator and elevates 'creation without a Creator'—and becomes a fool.

B. Tough Questions Too Great to Answer (continued)

THE FIRST OF THREE QUESTIONS FROM GOD TO JOB:

"Can you explain the Creation?"

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? - v. 4

- 1. Have you set the time that the sun will rise?
- 2. Have you discovered how the oceans are kept full?
- 3. Have you walked in the depth of the seas?
- 4. Do you know what death is like?
- 5. Do you know what lies beyond death-have you seen it?
- 6. Have you comprehended the vastness of the earth?
- 7. Where does light live?
- 8. Where does darkness live?
- 9. Do you know the path to the homes of light and darkness?
- 10. Are you old enough to have seen these things—were you alive when this all began?
- 11. Do you know how many snowflakes are scheduled to fall on the earth?
- 12. Have you seen the storehouse of hail that is ready to fall?
- 13. How does light travel to the ends of the earth?

Earth - "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the <u>earth</u>?... set its measurements?... stretched the line on it? On what were its bases [foundations] sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone?" (Job 38:4–6).

Sea - "Or who enclosed the <u>sea</u> with doors when, bursting forth, it went out from the womb?" (Job 38:8).

Sky - "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, and caused the dawn to know its place?" (Job 38:12).

C. My Thoughts about The Lordship of the Creator God.

- 1. God will save no man/woman that He cannot command.
- 2. Salvation is putting God in His rightful place—as Creator God.
- 3. Salvation does not come to those who think they can save themselves.
- 4. Salvation comes to those who know they cannot save themselves.
- 5. We have never been in charge, we are not in charge, and we will never be in charge. We are <u>NOT</u> the Creator God.