



SIX DAYS

God Said It

- Let there be a firmament

Genesis 1:6-8

Introduction: God is the grand _____ of all things. Without design, life as we know it would not exist. Without light (Genesis 1:3–5) and without the firmament (Genesis 1:6–8) that we are going to consider today, this planet we call earth — and everything on it — would not be possible.

_____ is vital for all life. Complexity is only possible with a designer — God is the cause of all things — He spoke and it exists!

In this fourth message...

I. God Creates the _____ — Genesis 1:6

"Then God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.'"

What is the _____? The Hebrew word for "firmament" is *raqia* (raw-kee'-ah), and it refers to an expanse, a stretched-out space, the sky, or the atmosphere.

Do you have an understanding for what the firmament is, or what the expanse is?

The Design Behind the Firmament

What we must not miss in this verse is what stands behind it. Behind this verse we see God designing the earth with _____ and order. The firmament above would become exactly what earth would need for long-term survival.

The firmament also functions as a _____ control mechanism — God's thermostat for the proper heating and cooling of the earth. _____ is sustained through the firmament.

Think about this:

In Acts 17:25 we read, *“He Himself gives to all life, breath, and all things.”*

II. God Divides the _____ — Genesis 1:7

“Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.”

God divided the waters which were _____ the firmament from the waters which were _____ the firmament. Do not miss the four words at the end of this verse,

“and it was so.”

In this verse we have two areas where God _____ water. There is water on earth, and there is water above the earth.

I have read that a typical...

In Job 37:16 we read, *“Do you know how the clouds are balanced, Those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?”*

Atmospheric Rivers

The Story of the Big Lost River

The Staggering Volume of Earth's Water

In Psalm 33:7 we read, *"He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses."*

We need to recognize that God created all those quintillion gallons of water. **God said it** and it happened!

Now, I don't want you to miss the concluding words of Genesis 1:7, *"and it was so."*

Creation _____ the voice of God.

III. God Names the Firmament " _____ " — Genesis 1:8a

"And God called the firmament Heaven."

God named the firmament *"Heaven"* — and we still call it that today. When you and I look up into the sky, we are looking up into heaven.

The Hebrew word for heaven is Shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim), and it was used in three distinct ways by the Hebrews — and by God in His inspired Word:

The typical interpretation of *raqia* (raw-kee'-ah) and "heaven" in Genesis 1:6, is that God created the sky on day two, separating water vapor in the sky (clouds) from liquid water below. Most commentators and translators support this interpretation.

IV. God Brings Day _____ to a Close — Genesis 1:8b

"So the evening and the morning were the second day."

Day Two is _____. God accomplished exactly what He set out to do. And as we might expect — it was not difficult for God. After all, He is God, and nothing is too hard for Him.

In Jeremiah 32:17 we read, *'Ah, Lord God Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.'*

But here is a question worth asking: do you notice something missing? Where are the words "*it was _____*"?

Well, Dr. David Jeremiah offers two possible explanations:

Here is what we do know: God's creative work is good, for it accomplishes exactly what He intended it to accomplish.

Conclusion: Before God filled the world with life, He _____ the world for life. God will first form the world, and then He will _____ the world.

Psalm 19:1 - *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."*

Every _____ you take is a gift from the firmament God designed. Every drop of _____ that falls began as water that God placed above the earth. Every _____ that runs to the sea, every _____ beneath your feet, every _____ that floats overhead — all of it bears witness to a God who _____, ordered, and sustains this world with breathtaking precision.

- Life needs _____ – Day 1
- Life needs the _____ – Day 2

What a God, what a design. Let us _____ in it all