



SIX DAYS

God Said It

Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens

Genesis 1:14-19

INTRODUCTION: Day Three was about _____, dry land, and trees. Day Four is about signs, seasons, _____, and years.

We are considering the organization, assignment, and purpose of the _____, moon, and _____ -- God places order, rhythm, and time into creation.

Get this down: God _____ it – and these heavenly bodies appear!

I. GOD CREATED _____ IN THE FIRMAMENT -- Genesis 1:14-15

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

God is the _____ of lights - Psalm 136:7,

⁷ To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever— ⁸ The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; ⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.

See Psalm 74:16

Lights for Time

They will be used to tell _____. God made it possible.

Lights for Signs

The Hebrew word is “oth” and it means _____ markers of divine activity)

The _____ bodies declare God's glory: "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1-2)

The star of _____ signified Christ's birth (Matthew 2:2)

Celestial _____ indicate God's judgment -- sun darkened, moon to blood (Joel 2:31)

Lights for Seasons

The Hebrew word “mo'adim” means divinely _____ times.

Passover, Feast of Tabernacles, Yom Kippur -- all based on _____ cycles
God's covenant with Noah: "Seedtime and _____...day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22)

Lights for Days

We tell time by the _____ and the moon. We know when a new morning has arrived when the sun comes up, and we know a day is done when the sun goes down.

Lights for Years

_____ are determined by the sun and the moon. Time is not an accident; it is a design feature.

II. GOD MADE _____ GREAT LIGHTS AND THE STARS -- Genesis 1:16

¹⁶ *Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.*

A. God Made the _____ Light -- The Sun – Genesis 1:16

Information about the Sun:

Ancient cultures worshipped the _____ (Egypt: Ra; Canaan: Shemesh).

Moses avoids naming it -- it is not divine; it is a _____. The greater light points to the _____. (See Deuteronomy 4:19).

B. God Made the _____ Light -- The Moon

Amazing facts about the Moon:

The moon may be a lesser light, but it plays an important role for life here on _____.

C. God Made the _____ Also – Genesis 1:16

Amazing facts about the Stars:

- **Psalm 147:4** *"He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name."*
- **Isaiah 40:26** *"He brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name...not one is missing."*

See Nehemiah 9:6

General revelation's purpose: to declare there is a _____, and we are to _____ Him (See Romans 1:20).

III. GOD MADE THE LIGHTS FOR A PURPOSE -- Genesis 1:17-18

¹⁷ *God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.*

1. To Give _____ on the Earth

Our survival depends on light. God placed the lights to sustain all life on Earth.

2. To _____ over the Day and the Night

The Sun rules the day -- Psalm 19 shows it as God's _____ in every language, to every person, every place. The Moon rules the night, appointed _____ even in darkness.

3. To _____ the Light from the Darkness

The Hebrew word *badal* means "to _____" -- a clear, categorical _____, not a blending. In verse 4, God performs the separation; in verse 18, the Sun and Moon maintain it as servants of creation, not _____.

IV. GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD -- Genesis 1:18

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The Hebrew word "tob" (good) means Day Four fulfills the specific _____ for which it was created. God's works are not only powerful -- they are _____. They accomplish exactly what He intended.

CONCLUSION: What we have _____ from these verses today:

Look to the heavens...