

Genesis 1 C

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Sunday Morning

Genesis 1:1-13 (NASB77) 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.

8 And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

Review:

1. We have been looking at the creation account
 - a. It is important to know where we came from – so as to know where we are going
2. God created everything that exist – we will answer to Him someday
3. Scripture indicates there may be a **large gap** of time between V.1 & V.2
4. It indicates that the next 6 days are literally six **24 hour** days
5. We can all agree that God is the Creator

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

V.1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

V.2 *And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*

1. "And the earth was formless and void"

a. "was" – hayah = is translated was or became – it is translated "became" numerous times

i. We looked at some of those verses last week

b. I believe that the earth became formless & void

i. Check into last week study more reasons for believing that

ii. If you don't believe that – it is totally OK – I simply want you to know what actually says

2. "darkness was over the surface of the deep"

a. "darkness" – (khōshek) – Is used both literally or figuratively – can mean just darkness

b. But it also means darkness of judgment, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness – example:

Exodus 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt."

Exodus 14:20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

Psalm 107:10 There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death, Prisoners in misery and chains,

Amos 5:18 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose *will* the day of the LORD *be* to you? It *will be* darkness and not light;

Jeremiah 13:15-16 Listen and give heed, do not be haughty, For the LORD has spoken.

¹⁶ Give glory to the LORD your God, Before He brings darkness And before your feet stumble On the dusky mountains, And while you are hoping for light He makes it into deep darkness, *And* turns *it* into gloom.

- c. I believe in V.2 it is both literally & symbolically
- 3. "the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters"
 - a. "hovering" literally – brooding
 - i. Picture of bird watching over an egg
 - b. The "Spirit" is the Holy Spirit – there is the idea of intensity & intentionality

V.3 Then God said, "*Let there be light*"; and there was light.

V.4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

V.5 And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

- 1. "Let there be light"
 - a. Some say this can't be true b/c w/out the sun there is no light-
 - i. Where God's presence is manifested there is no need of the sun

Revelation 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

²⁴ And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it.

Revelation 22:5 And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.

- b. The light here is a typology (picture) of Christ
 - i. Lost man is in total darkness until God brings light to him

- c. I know that's true b/c Scripture verifies it

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, " Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

- d. That Light is a picture of Jesus Christ

Matthew 4:16 " THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED"

John 1:6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John(John the Baptist).

7 He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light.

9 There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, " I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

- c. If the earth has been cursed sometime in the past – a truth is seen here

- i. It is that – condemnation is not God's natural propensity, inclination
- ii. Many people think God is mean
- iii. They believe God is waiting for the opportunity to judge them
- iv. Here He is seen brooding over the earth / restoring it
- v. Do you know why He hasn't come back yet?

2 Pet.3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- vi. "God so loved the world..." – a man has to step over the greatest Sacrifice ever made, to go to hell

- d. I believe this earth is a picture of man's condition before God (in his natural state)
- e. Man was made in His image & likeness – innocent, w/out sin, in fellowship w/ God
- f. Then sin entered the picture –
 - i. Then there's nothing but darkness, lifelessness, cursed!
 - ii. Then God begins the restoration process – the earth is being made ready for life
- g. Since the fall of man – God has been working to restore him to fellowship
- h. If you don't know the Savior; God's Spirit has been speaking to you about your need for Him – He wants to bring life & light to you
- i. Speaking of Himself, He said:

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, " I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,
²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (He brings life)
- j. A believer is brought into the world of light
 - i. Many believers today don't seem to grasp how drastic that change is

Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light
⁹ (for the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
¹¹ And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;
1 Thessalonians 5:5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;
⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.
1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of

darkness into His marvelous light;
 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you
 are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED
 MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

V.5 x And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. *And there was evening and there was morning, one day.*

2. "And there was evening and there was morning, one day"
 - a. I believe this is teaching a 24 hr. day
 - b. The reason I believe that is b/c when it turns to solar days there is no change in the language
 - c. With that in mind I would be less than honest if I didn't point something out to you
 - d. "one day" – the word "day" is yowm
 - i. Again – I believe that this is a 24 hr. period
 - e. I heard one "Hebrew scholar" say that "yowm" meant 24 hr. period
 - i. That isn't true – "yowm" doesn't mean a 24 hour period
 - ii. Just take a Bible concordance & check it out

Genesis 4:3 So it came about in the course of time(yowm) that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually(yowm).

Genesis 26:8 And it came about, when he had been there a long time(yowm), that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah.
 - f. I don't want to say more or less than Scripture says

V.6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

V.7 And *God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse*; and it was so.

V.8 And *God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.*

1. "separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above"
 - a. This suggests that previously there had been either dense moisture or ice enshrouding the earth
 - b. This is a vertical separation of the water – water below from water above
 - c. God made water so that it is easily absorbed into the atmosphere

Job 36:27 "For He draws up the drops of water,
They distill rain from the mist,

Job 37:11 "Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud; He disperses the cloud of His lightning.

 - i. It is amazing how many gallons of water can suspend in our atmosphere
 - d. How you view life is determined by how you view God
 - i. If you have a poor view of God you will not see many of the wonders of life b/c you don't see God's hand in life
 - ii. Ecclesiastes is a picture of a man not seeing God's hand in life

Ecclesiastes 1:2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."

3 What advantage does man have in all his work
Which he does under the sun?

4 A generation goes and a generation comes, But the earth remains forever.

5 Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; And hastening to its place it rises there *again*.

V.7 All the rivers flow into the sea, Yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again.

8 All things are wearisome; Man is not able to tell *it*. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor is the ear filled with hearing. (here is a man who sees nothing miraculous about anything)
 - e. If life is a drudgery for you – ask God to give His joy – to give an excitement about Him
 - i. **Where** we focus our attention makes all the difference

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

ii. Even in the sufferings of this life – there can be a joy

2. "God called the expanse heaven"

- a. There are 3 heavens mentioned in Scripture
- b. Because Joseph Smith knew nothing about the Bible he thought there were 3 "degrees of glory" – 3 levels of heaven, 3 heavens
- c. He based that on 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

d. Scripture says:

- i. This is the first heaven – where the birds fly
- ii. The second heaven – where the stars are
- iii. The third heaven – where Paul went, God's throne there

3. "And there was evening and there was morning, a second day"

- a. I believe that this is referring to a 24 hr. period of time
- b. I don't know if you noticed but He doesn't call the second day "good"

- 1. It is obvious that God is making a place for man to live
- 2. If God went to all that trouble – to make a place for man to live for his earthly life– what must He have planned for man for his eternal life?

John 14:2-3 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.