

— Genesis 1.6-10 —
Genesis Series 3
Day 2 – 3

Gen 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." 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. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. ⁹ Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

* **What three** facets of bringing the earth to glory does God demonstrate during creation week?

1) Bringing the _____ of God to bear on the project.

Psalm 36 ⁹ In Your light we see light.

2) Bringing wise _____ to bear.

3) Bringing about God's intended _____.

* **What is** the correlation between God's appraisal as "good" and these three facets of bringing the earth to glory?

* **Big picture**, what God creates on Day 2 and the first part of Day 3 is a miniature _____.

* **What two** things are called Heaven?

1)

2)

* **What two** things are called Earth?

1)

2)

* **What** corresponds to the Seas?

Luke 8 ³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. ³² Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. ³³ Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

2Pet 2 ⁴ God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment

Rev 9 ¹ To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace ... ³ Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power ... ⁵ ... to torment ... ⁶ In those days men will seek death and will not find it ... ¹¹ And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek ... Apollyon. (See also Rev 20.1-3)

* **What are** the waters which vs 7 says are "above the firmament"?

Rev 4 ² [B]ehold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne ... ⁶ Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal

* **How do** we know which Heaven the Bible is referring to?

1) _____

Psalm 8 ³ When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

Rev 4 ¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven ... ² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

2) Use of a _____.

Neh 9⁶ You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them

Deut 10¹⁴ Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

* **Why is God doing all of this?**

Eph 3¹⁴ I bow my knees to the Father ...¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory ...¹⁷ that you ...¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge: that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Job 38⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth ...⁷ when ... all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

1Pet 1¹⁰ [T]he prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched ... carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories¹² ... things into which angels long to look. (ESV)

* **What are a few of the things God teaches us?**

1) Heaven and earth cannot _____ God.

1Kings 8²⁷ "Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

Isa 66¹ "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house you will build Me?"

Acts 17²⁴ "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things."

2) At the same time, God is infinitely _____.

Acts 17²⁷ "[God] is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'"

Psalms 139¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ² ... You understand my thought afar off ... ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

Gen 28¹⁰ Now Jacob went out ...¹¹ ... and he lay down ... to sleep. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were

ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac ... ¹⁴ [I]n you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you" ... ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke ... and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ ... "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

3) _____ is where heaven and earth meet.

John 1⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael ... and said ..., "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered ..., "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael ... said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus ... said to him, ... "You will see greater things than these. ⁵¹ ... Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

4) Jesus in his death was _____ heaven & earth.

Col 1¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in [His Son] all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, ... whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Eph 1¹⁰ that in ... the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth

Heb 9³ [B]ehind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴ which had ... the ark of the covenant ... ⁵ and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat ... ⁷ ... the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins

Lev 16¹⁵ [The high priest] shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil ... and sprinkle it on the mercy seat

Exo 25²² "I will meet with you, and ... speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony"

1Chron 28² "I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God"

Mat 5³⁴ "[D]o not swear ... by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool"

5) Where ever Christ's disciples are gathered, an

_____ of the kingdom of heaven is established.

Col 1¹³ [The Father] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Mat 9³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom

Mat 5¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city ... on a hill cannot be hidden."