

### Four Things Creation Week Tells Us About God

Gen 1 <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> So the evening and the morning were the third day. <sup>14</sup> 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; <sup>15</sup> and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup> So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. <sup>30</sup> Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. <sup>31</sup> Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

\* **Refresher:** How is Genesis like the Gospels?

\* **What two** questions do we need to ask when we see God doing something He doesn't need to do?

*breath and all things”*

*Job 22 <sup>2</sup> “Can a man be profitable to God? ... <sup>3</sup> Or is it gain to Him that you make your ways righteous?”*

\* **What are four big picture things** we learn about God from creation week?

**1) GOD LOVES TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Job 38 [God to Job:] <sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? ... <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? ... Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone ... ?*

*2Chron 2 <sup>6</sup> But who is able to build Him a temple [lit.,house], since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?*

**2) GOD LOVES TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIS JOY AND GLORY.**

– **Angels** of heaven

*Job 38 <sup>4</sup> “[W]hen I laid the foundations of the earth ... <sup>7</sup> ... all the sons of God shouted for joy?”*

– **Vegetation** on the earth (vs 11-12).

– **Sun, moon,** and stars in the firmament heavens (vs 14-18).

*Eze 16 <sup>14</sup> “Your ... beauty ... was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you,” says the Lord GOD.*

*Lev 6 <sup>13</sup> A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out ... <sup>9,23</sup> Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, <sup>24</sup> and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and fat on the altar.*

*Psalms 19 <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God*

– **Sea creatures** and birds of the air (vs 20-23).

*Acts 17 <sup>25</sup> “Nor is He served with human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and*

– Land creatures (vs 24-25).

are walking in God’s footsteps and are called to emulate him.

\* **Failing to** understand God and creation produces the opposite mindset.

– Man in the image of God, male and female (vs 26-27).

\* **How do** we see the biblical mindset in the early Protestants and Puritans?

*Neh 8 <sup>10</sup> [E]at the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”*

3) GOD’S ATTITUDE IS “THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE MERRIER.”

\* **How do we** see the opposite with the rise of modern naturalism?

– Thomas Malthus, *Essay on the Principle of Population* (1798)

*Dan 7 <sup>9</sup> [T]he Ancient of Days was seated ... <sup>10</sup> ... A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.*

– Paul Ehrlich, *The Population Bomb* (1968)

*“The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. At this late date nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate ... We must rapidly bring the world population under control, reducing the growth rate to zero or making it negative”*

4) GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ OF:

– **Gratitude and \_\_\_\_\_**: Thankfulness for and delight in all that God has done, given us, and called us to, because that is the only sensible response.

– *Demographic Winter 1 & 2* (2008, 2016)

– \_\_\_\_\_ in what God has called us to, because we know we are doing God’s will.

– \_\_\_\_\_ because we know we have God’s blessing.

– Genesis 1 vs “Spaceship Earth” (US Ambassador to the UN Adlai Stevenson & Barbara Ward, 1965-66)

– \_\_\_\_\_ because we