

The Generations of the Heavens and the Earth

Gen 2⁴ This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,⁵ before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;⁶ but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.¹⁰ Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

* **What does** the word of God give us in Gn 1.1 – 2.3?
And what does it give us in Gn 2.4 – 4.26?

* **What does** the Hebrew *toledoth* mean?

* **What did** the heavens and the earth "bring forth"? Examples:

(1) (Gn 1.11)

(2) (Gn 1.20)

(3) (Gn 1.24)

(4) (Gn 1.27)

* **What are** vs 5-6 signaling to us?

* **As man** goes, so goes the _____. This connection is _____.

Psalm 115¹⁶ The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth he has given to the children of men.

2Cor 5¹ For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.⁴ For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight.⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

1Cor 15²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father

Rom 8¹⁹ [T]he creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God [i.e., in the resurrection of life] ...²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility ...²¹ [T]he creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God ...²³ [W]e ourselves ... eagerly wait[] for the adoption, the redemption of our body.²⁴ For we were saved in this hope

* **While man** and the earth were created flawless, they were not created fully developed and fully _____. They were meant to grow in maturity and _____.

Luke 2⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

2Cor 3¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Eph 5 ² Be imitators of God as dear children.

**** 1) This process** is a matter of knowing _____.

Luke 3 ³⁸ Adam, the son of God.

John 17 ³ "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Act 1.1 The former account I made ... of all that Jesus began ... to do and teach ... 9 ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Jer 9 ²³ "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

**** The earth** was always intended to be under the stewardship and development of _____ (Gn 1.28).

* **Even before** the fall, man was never intended to live apart from a direct _____ with God and special _____ from God.

* **What do** "subdue" and "tend" mean?

Gen 3 ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day ... ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

* **God is** our example of subduing by _____.
God is our also our example of taking _____.

Gen 1 ²⁸ 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."

Rev 21¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

* **When you** put all these together, what you have is _____.

Eze 47 ¹ Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, ... flowing from ... south of the altar ... ⁵ Again he measured one thousand [cubits], and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep ... ⁹ And it shall be that everything will live wherever the river goes.

* **What we** see God doing is not the best way to create in terms of speed and efficiency; but it is the best way to bring up _____ and _____ to be true images of the Father.

Rev 22 ¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life ... proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² [O]n either side of the river, was the tree of life ... The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

**** 2) This process** is a matter of _____ God.

John 5 ¹⁹ "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."