

### 3rd Lecture on Genesis

/We will now begin the third lecture on Genesis. /We will look at Genesis chapter one. /The theme and title of Genesis chapter one is, “Creation of the Heavens and the Earth.”

/First, God created the heavens. /Verse 1. /Second, the first day of creation. /Creation of land, water, and light. /Verses 2-5. /Third, the second day of creation. /Creation of the sky. /Verses 6-8. /Fourth, the third day of creation. /The separation of land and sea. /Next, the creation of vegetation. /Verses 9-13.

/Fifth, the fourth day of creation. /Creation of the sun, the moon, and the stars. /Verses 14-16. /Sixth, the fifth day of creation. /God created the creatures of the sea and birds of the sky. /Verses 20-23. /Seventh, the sixth day of creation. /Verses 24-25. /Eighth, the creation of man. /Verses 26-31.

/Read verse 1. /In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

/It says, in the beginning that God created the heavens and the earth. /There’s a debate on whether verse 1 is the beginning of creation or if it’s a separate verse that stands alone. /Some say that verses 1, 2, and 3 are connected.

/Others say that verse 1 is separate, and creation begins at verse 2. /We believe that Genesis 1:1 is a summary verse of the entire creation narrative. /It is a general introductory remark about creation.

/The God who created the world here is called Elohim. /Elohim is a plural noun form. /It is plural. /Elohim. /Elohim means “gods.” /It means “God of power.”

/It speaks of the Triune God, the God of power. /Genesis 1:1 clearly testifies that our God created the heavens and the earth.

/Therefore, it teaches that Christianity, where we serve the God of creation, is the only true religion in the world. /Other religions have no knowledge of who the Creator is. /Therefore, we must believe that God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it.

/The person who believes in Genesis 1:1 can believe the entire Bible—both the Old and New Testaments. /Where it says, “in the beginning,” it means that God created time. /Also, where it says, “the heavens and the earth,” it means that God created space.

/Also, “the heavens and the earth” is evidence that God created matter. /Matter, in other words, is energy that God has created. /Energy. /Hence, the heavens and the earth and matter are all energy.

/Matter is energy. /Einstein discovered the theory of relativity. /Einstein said that  $E = mc^2$ . /Einstein. /  $E = mc^2$ . /He discovered that matter is relatively equal to energy.

/Again, the creation of “the heavens and the earth” shows us that God created space. /God also created matter. /Hence, God created energy.

/Therefore, in the beginning God created time, space, and matter. /Therefore, before God created the heavens and the earth, nothing existed. /There was no matter. /Only God existed. /God is a self-existing being.

/Read verse 2. /Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

/It says the earth was formless and empty. /To be empty means there is nothing. /It also says that the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. /This refers to the Holy Spirit.

/Read verse 3. /And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

/God created the light with His word. /Then, what did God create on the first day? /Verse 2 says the earth was formless, and thus, God created the earth on the first day.

/In other words, God created the planet earth on the first day. /God also created water on this earth. /He also created light. /Thus, on the first day, God created the earth, water, and light.

/Then what is this “light?” /God created the sun on the fourth day. /The sun is not the source of this “light.” /The sun is nothing more than a luminous body.

/For example, there are many luminous bodies. /There are stars, /fluorescent and incandescent lights, /and there are fireflies at night. /There are even fish that give off light.

/All these are various types of luminous bodies, not the basis of light. /Therefore, when it says God created light, it is talking about the source of light. /He created energy of light. /This is the material form of light.

/In this way, God also created water on the first day. /The “Spirit of God” here is the Holy Spirit. /Job 26:13 /Isaiah 40:12-13

/Read verse 3 /And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

/Verses 4-5 /God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

/After God created light, he said that it was “good.” /He created light and thus, days were formed. /Here it says, “there was evening and there was morning.”

/This means that there was day and night from the first day. /It teaches the rotation of the earth.

/Therefore, in verse 5, it says that the first day refers to a 24-hour day. /Exodus 20:11

/Read verse 6 /And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.”

/Verses 7-8. /So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning-- the second day.

/On the second day, God separated what was created on the first day. /He created the “expanse.” /This expanse is a massive empty space. /God separated the water.

/God created water below the expanse and water above it. /The water above the expanse are clouds.

/Read verses 9-10 /And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

/God created land. /At first, the land was mixed with water. /God made some land rise and others went below the water.

/He separated land and water. /He called the area where the land went under the water, “seas.” /He made a distinction between land and sea. /2 Peter 3:5

/Read verses 11-13. /Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

/God continued to make seed-bearing plants. /He made trees, vegetation, and seed-bearing plants grow. /He made them so that people could eat and live off of them.

/It says that God made them each according to their kind. /He made plants according to their kind and vegetation according to their kind. /He also made the seed-bearing plants and trees according to their kind. /Then God saw that it was good.

/This is because God created them good. /This is because God would reveal himself through his creation. /Also, it was so that God would put his creation to good use according to his plan of salvation.

/Read verse 14. /And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,

/On the fourth day, God created the luminaries in the sky. /He made them to serve as signs for

times, days, and years.

/Read verse 16. /God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

/God called the greater light, sun, /and the lesser light, moon. /Next, in verse 16, God created the stars.

/Read verses 20-21. /And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

/On the fifth day, God created the living creatures. /He created the birds and the fish. /He made the fish swarm in the water. /He made the birds live in the sky. /2:19

/Read verses 24-25. /And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

/Verse 25 talks about the sixth day of creation. /God created livestock. /He created creatures that crawl and wild animals. /He created them according to their kind.

/God created them from dirt. /This is mentioned in 2:19. /According to God's word, God used dirt as his creative material. /He created everything according to their kind.

/God created dogs, chicken, and horses according to their kind. /Therefore, one species cannot evolve into another species. /Therefore, each species propagates within their own kind just as God has made them.

/Also, God didn't create younglings, but fully grown creatures. /For example, which came first, the chicken or the egg?

/God did not make the egg first but the chicken. /When God created Adam and Eve, he created them as adults.

/Read verse 26. /Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

/God created our individual lives. /Here the God Elohim refers to God the Son, God the Spirit, and God the Father. /It also says, "Let us." The first person is in plural form. /The Triune God created our lives.

/Here it says that God created us in his image, and in his likeness he created mankind. /“Image” and “likeness” means the same thing. /This refers to the “soul” of mankind that God created.

/God created man according to his spiritual image. /This refers to God’s character and nature. /Ephesians 4:24 /Therefore, God is the prototype and man is the model of that image.

/God dwells in man and allowed himself to be revealed. /God created man to resemble God.

/God created man to take on the characteristics of God. /God created man that he would be able to know God. /God created man to know God in righteousness, truth, and holiness.

/God created them as objects of his love. /We humans have the desire to worship. /Ecclesiastes 3:11 /Thus, God created man as unique beings.

/Animals do not worship. /Animals cannot pray. /They can neither depend on God nor praise him. /However, human beings can worship God and praise him.

/Because we have been made in God’s image, we can pray and have a relationship with God. /We can love God. /We can walk with God.

/Therefore, human beings are unique and special creatures of God’s creation. /At the end of verse 26, we see that God created human beings to govern the fish, birds, livestock, wild animals, and over the creatures that crawl on the ground.

/Read verse 27. /So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

/God created man in his own image. /God first created man’s spirit and then created man’s flesh with dirt. /Then God created the woman from Adam’s rib. /2:21-22

/Hence, the name Adam and the word for man and “dirt” have the same word origin. /In other words, God made our spirits according to his image, and made our flesh with dirt.

/Read verse 28. /God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

/God gave three commands to man. /God created the heavens and the earth and revealed himself. /Human beings were created for God.

/Therefore, human being must use creation to live for God. /We who were made in God’s image should glorify God. /We must glorify God through creation.

/First, God commanded man to “be fruitful, increase in number; fill the earth.” /God told us to be fruitful and increase in number. /God gave us a mission in life.

/God wants us to spread the gospel. /This means to go out and advance the kingdom of God.  
/Second, God said “subdue” the earth. /This means to take possession of the earth.

/This means to wisely manage the natural resources given to us. /This is another way of  
advancing God’s kingdom on this earth. /This is building God’s kingdom.

/It is fighting the good fight. /We are to use resources to fight the good fight. /Third, God said,  
rule “over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

/We are to govern with authority which has been given to us. /We are to rule over creation. /We  
are not to serve creation. /Romans 1:25

/Therefore, we are to stand on and be conquerors over creation, not those who serve it. /Then we  
must first receive God’s rule in our lives. /Then we can rule over nature and God’s creation.

/Read verse 29. /Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole  
earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

/God gave man “every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has  
fruit with seed in it.”

/Only after Noah’s flood did God allow meat or flesh of animals to be eaten as food. /9:1-3  
/Before the flood, man ate vegetables and fruit.

/Read verse 30. /And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures  
that move on the ground-- everything that has the breath of life in it-- I give every green plant for  
food." And it was so.

/God also gave green plants to all creatures to eat as food. /It was only after the Fall that animals  
began to devour one another. /Because of man’s sins the rest of creation also fell to evil.

/Hence, animals today eat each other to survive. /Yet, before the fall of man, animals ate green  
plants for food. /When the Millennial Kingdom comes, animals will again eat plants.

/Read verse 31. /God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening,  
and there was morning-- the sixth day.

/When God saw all that he had created he said, “it was very good.” /God in his great wisdom and  
omnipotence created the heavens and the earth. /Therefore, he created it most beautifully and  
perfectly.

/Creation moves according to the natural laws God has made. /They are most beautiful when  
they are used according to God’s purpose for creation. /Therefore, man must use all of creation  
to glorify God.

/The purpose of creation is to glorify God. /Therefore, as believers, we must use creation to

glorify God as we live in faith.

/Here we will conclude the third lecture on Genesis. /This concludes the lecture on Genesis chapter 1. /Thank you.