

Subject: *The God of Creation – Part 4*

Scripture: *Genesis 1:24-31*

From time to time I have mentioned that the Bible has some major themes that run through it from Genesis to Revelation: the black thread of sin and death; the scarlet thread of redemption; and the golden thread of God's glory and grace. This golden thread of God's glory is the first theme of the Bible as we read the profound record of God's creation.

We have read what God did on the sixth day of creation week. God made everything in six literal 24-hour days. This is an amazing record that reveals some things about creation and some things about the Creator. This world speaks of "Mother Nature" and "the Man Upstairs" which is a form of blasphemy because it undermines the truth of our Creator God.

Two profound truths are found in Genesis 1. All creation had a beginning and all creation had a Creator. The false teaching of evolution tries to account for creation without a Creator. There is another false teaching called naturalism. This is the view that the universe or the natural world is all there is, was, or ever will be.

Dr. Carl Sagan wrote this near the end of his life: "Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves" (cited in MacArthur, *Battle for the Beginning*, xiv). He was wrong. There is help and there is hope because there is a God and He is the creator, sustainer, and redeemer.

1. God is eternal and self-existent

2. God is great

3. God is good

4. God is omnipotent (all-powerful)

5. God is omniscient (all-knowing)

6. God is transcendent (above and beyond creation)

7. God is immanent (personally involved with creation)

8. God is sovereign (in control of all things)

9. God is orderly

Someone said, "Order is the first law of heaven." God had a place for everything and He put everything in its place. God separated (divided) things one from the other (light and darkness, the waters under the firmament and the waters above the firmament, the waters and the earth, the lights in the heaven (sun, moon, and stars). He separated time into days...day one...day two.... These were literal 24-hour days. God first created the environment and then the creatures to live in that environment:

Day 1: light and dark

Day 4: lights of the day and night (sun, moon, stars)

Day 2: sky and seas

Day 5: birds and fish

Day 3: dry land

Day 6: land animals and humans

We see further evidence of this in Genesis 2:8, where God first planted the Garden of Eden and then placed Adam and Even in that garden.

Genesis 2:8 *And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

We see another phrase repeated in Genesis 1, “after his kind” (vs. 11, 12, 21, 24, 25). This destroys the theory of evolution.

The “laws of nature” are actually laws of God and they make it possible to do modern science and technology. The existence of order and natural law are evidence of an orderly God who makes and maintains all created things by these laws. Ray Comfort placed some leaves in a neat row to see if his wife would notice. She did because it was evident someone had placed them there.

Even after the fall of man and the worldwide flood, the world still operates in an orderly and predictable way.

Genesis 8:22 *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

Dr. Charles Stine, an organic chemist and for many years the Director of Research for DuPont Chemical Company gave this wonderful testimony about God: “The world about us, far more intricate than any watch, filled with checks and balances or a hundred varieties, marvelous beyond even the imagination of the most skilled scientific investigator, this beautiful and intricate creation, bears the signature of its Creator, graven in its works.”

10. God is trustworthy

God explained to us exactly how He created everything, and we can trust what He tells us. He has not left us to wonder and speculate. He has told us all we need to know.

Hebrews 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

If we don't trust what God says about creation, how can we trust what He says about salvation, the Christian life, heaven, hell, and judgment? If we trust what God tells us about creation, we should trust what He tells us about everything else.

Henry Thiessen: “Man is not only a sinner and under condemnation of eternal death, but he is also inclined away from God, ignorant of God's purposes and methods of salvation, and

incapable of returning to God in his own strength. He is, in other words, in a most desperate condition, of which he is only partially aware, and he does not know whether he can be saved from it, or if he can, how he can be saved. The unwritten general and special revelations of God furnish no real answers to this question. Very clearly, therefore, man needs infallible instruction concerning his most important problem in life, his eternal welfare" (*Lectures in Systematic Theology*, 43).

2 Timothy 3:15-16 ¹⁵ *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁶ *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

Earlier in the message I referred to a statement from Dr. Carl Sagan who believed in naturalism and evolution. He was wrong. There is hope and there is a Savior.

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The Creator came to earth to save sinners, and all who receive Him will become the children of God. There is hope. But for those who do not receive Him, there is no hope.

The God of creation is the God of salvation.