

GENESIS 1-3
Message 11

INTRO: We have been looking at creation. We were working on a definition of glory. If I were to call on you to define what an animal is, would you be able to define it. I spend a lot of time on definition. If you were to define an animal as distinct from man could you define it. We are going to look at that this morning, in Genesis 1:20-25. On day one He created the heavens and the earth and light; on day two, He created the atmosphere, on day three He created the dry land and oceans, on day four the, sun moon and stars. The creation of those things prepared the earth for the creation of man and animals. We couldn't exist the way things were before day five. This morning we are going to look at the creation of animals. We are going to look at day five and the first part of day six, and our topic is the creation of the animal kingdom.

After four days this world has become habitable to man and animals. And so God will now create animals and man. On day five we have the creation of water and air animals. So let us read Genesis 1:20-25 (read). In these studies up to this point I have used the Encyclopedia almost as much as the my Bible study tools and word study tools and so on. Probably we would classify most of this as scientific study and we might ask what science has to do with our church services? But this is part of the Word of God. An understanding of creation is a foundational understanding. It is interesting, as we began our study in the Catechism in Basic Bible Doctrine, the first thing it deals with is God's creation and how he cared for it. That is a bottom line understanding to Christianity. And one of the reasons I think the world has gotten away with as much as it has in our public schools is because we haven't dealt with this matter of creation enough. We let it go. It is tremendously important to understand this topic. My friend, when creation goes, Christianity goes. Its that simple.

E. Day Five (1:20-21)

1. Creation of water and air animals (1:20-21)

Now we're looking at the creation of animals this morning. I want you to look at verse 20. The KJV says let the waters bring forth abundantly. Now that is a miss-translation in a sense. It was not

the waters that brought forth. A literal reading goes like this, "Let the waters swarm with swarmer." That's a literal reading from the Hebrew text. Let the waters swarm with swarmer, or team with teamers, or move with movers or whatever you wish. What we have here is thousands of varieties of marine life. I don't know if you've ever been in one of these glass bubbles under the ocean? There is one in Vancouver. I was in one in the Red Sea. The Red Sea has a lot of beautiful coral. When I was at Eilat at the Red Sea before Israel handed this part of the soil back to Egypt, they had this warf that went out into the Red Sea and you could enter this glass bubble. I had never seen this many different colors and varieties of fish. That's one part of the ocean. You see, the waters swarm with swarmer. There was all kinds of marine life. I don't even think Doctor Zeus with his imagination could catch up with the creation of fish of various sizes and shapes. I love to fish. The ocean is a lot of fun to fish, and I'm really amazed when I see what all God has created. When we were on our week trip on the ocean, the last day we were there, my brother Ben said, "Well look at that." And there were those sea urchins. They are little porcupine looking things. They are round and they have these little things sticking out, and so we reached down into the water and picked up some of these sea urchins. You just wouldn't believe what exists in the seas. It literally swarms with swarmer, according to this verse. That is what God created.

Now notice in verse 21, "So God created great sea creatures..." Now some of your Bibles might say whales or some other word. These great sea creatures, we want to look at for a moment. It is amazing when you observe these sea creatures. For instance the blue whale can weigh up to 300,000 pounds. Even Harvey's trucks would have a problem with these fish. 100 feet long. And the amount of marine life that they swallow in one day is simply amazing. But what I want to point out from this word is not the great or small animals. The Hebrew word here is *tanim*. Translated whales or

great sea creatures. This word, tanim, has been translated 21 times as dragons. Three times as sea monsters and various other ways. I want you to go to Ezekiel and listen to these from Ezekiel 29 (read 21-23.) The NKJV has translated this as "Oh great monster." Turn to another passage, Isaiah 27. Verse 1 (read, Leviathon). Reptile, tanim. Now go to Rev. 12. The Greek Septuagint has translated this word in Rev. 12:3 (read, a great fiery red dragon). This word dragon, has been used to translate the OT word tanim. Now I do suppose that this word can at least include the dinosaur. (Greek, drakon). Now who is this drakon of Rev. 12:3? What is interesting is, that whatever this thing is and could well be that what we have here is one of these dinosaur like creatures. And likened to the enemies of God in every case. And in the book of Rev. it is likened to the Devil.

Now I want to draw out of this a warning. Over the past 15 years, the world has been seeking to befriend our children to the dragon. Fifteen years ago I was teaching SS. And these dinosaur and monster like things were coming out on Corn Flakes boxes and so on. And I viewed it then, and still do today; it may be a pet peeve and you can take it for what it's worth, but all these horrific drawings we have of dinosaur like creatures we have, we are preparing our young people for the drakon. The drakon, Satan, who will be manifested as the antichrist. Now we have these horrendous drawings of monster animals. What I warn us about for our children is that we watch that they are not befriended to this part of creation. You see there are various parts of the creation that depict various things. You know what the lamb depicts, right? For those of you who have been coming to the Wednesday night Bible studies, you know what the lamb depicts. As a matter of fact, in this chapter we have an animal that has two horns like a lamb, but speaks like the dragon. That speaks of the end time my friend. And so I want to warn you this morning about the befriending of our children to the dinosaur world.

Now my friends, if you read the Pioneer, you know that I am not one of those who doesn't believe that there used to be dinosaurs. If you have difficulty believing there were dinosaurs you can come to my office. We used to go hunting dinosaur bones for a pass time in the Red Deer valley. But what they represent is the demonic world, the enemies of God.

Now I want you to go to Genesis chapter 1 again. (1:21 read). I want you to notice the phrase, "its kind" or "their kind." It occurs twice in this verse, five times in the next. This phrase occurs how many times in Genesis 1? Well, you'll remember next time I ask you because I have told you before; ten times. That's significant. Its 10 times. Do you know what that means? It means it is that way. Every thing brings forth according to its kind. Evolution does not teach that everything brings forth after its kind. Do you know what it teaches? It is not bringing forth after its kind. It is evolving and becomes a different kind. My friend it has never been shown to be true to the slightest point, never yet. Ten times the Scripture says it brings forth according to its kind and it is so. Man has dabbled with this law so much. But with all the scientific data he has, he has not yet been able to change this law.

BIRDS: Let me read verses 20-21 again. We are looking at air creatures now (read). It's simply fascinating to observe the animal kingdom in so far as marine life, and then the birds. I wonder if you ever considered the homing pigeon, or the hawk or the radar controlled bat, or the bee hummingbird, smallest bird known to man. Weighs about 1/10 of an ounce. Or the ostrich which can weigh up to 300 pounds. All kinds of creatures in the sea and in the air.

2. Blessing of water and air creatures (1:22)

Consider verse 22 for a moment, the blessing of water and air creatures (read). The word, God blessed them. This word blessing is *barak*, the Hebrew *barak*. And according to TWOT it means to

endue with power for success or prosperity etc... Now God told the animal kingdom to bring forth after its kind. The animal kingdom cannot empower itself to bring forth after its kind. This word blessing is how God did that. When God blessed them, He empowered them to bring forth after their kind.

This blessing to forth after their kind has never failed yet. It continues to this day, just as it always has. Now today we have nature shows which show us the tremendous creativity of God in creation. Im always amazed at the tremendous variety of fish and air life there is.

3. Conclusion of day five (1:23)

Well, we want to look at the conclusion of day five. On the fifth day we have the occurrence of the clause again, "and it was good." God created the animal kingdom, air and water animals and said it was good. We also have the occurrence of the phrase after its kind or after their kind. And then this day closes with the now familiar words, "...so the evening and the morning were the fifth day." Now for those of you who come to the Wednesday night studies, you will know the significance of the evening and the morning and the day beginning in the evening rather than in the morning.

E. Day Six (1:24-31)

1. The creation of land animals (1:24-25)

Let me read verse 24-25 as we look at the land creatures that God created. On day six God created living animals that have their habitation on land. This includes man and animals. Let me ask you a question; is man an animal? Now you know, that depends how you define animal. When you look at secular definitions, then you find according to them man is an animal. He is a species of an animal. What is the difference between man and animal? Where lies the difference, or is there a difference? Well,

that's what we are going to be looking at in the next few days. Today we're looking at land animals. We're going to be defining animal in a moment.

On day six He will create land dwellers and we may thus divide the animal kingdom into three classes: water, air and land. These three classes we find in these verses. Now having placed these animals into three categories, we notice that the land animals are also classed into three categories. (read v. 24-25). We have these three different categories of land animals. Dr. Henry Morris writes, "Very likely the term cattle refers to all domesticable animals, and beasts of the earth refers to the large wild animals, and creeping things refers to all that creeps or crawls close the ground."

Now in modern taxonimy, man classes animals as amphibeons, reptiles and mammals etc... The Bible has classed animals differently. But the Bible you remember is not a scientific account, it is a practical account. It is written from a practical point of view, we've seen that in every aspect of creation.

Note again vv. 24-25, that the phrase *according to its kind* occurs 5 times in this one verse, bring the number of times that it occurs to number 10. Everything brings forth after its kind. It does not evolve.

Well, we want to look at a definition of *animal* this morning. It is rather important to spend some time on a definition of animal because for most of us, some of this will come as a surprise. It is essential that we understand the difference between man and animal and God and man and so on. Because it is ever the way of sinful mankind to degenerate and worship the creation rather than the Creator. I'd like you to turn to Romans chapter 1. (read Rom. 1:18-25.)

I want you to notice it is from God to man to animal, and then the to the lower and lowest of animals. That is ever the way of mankind. Man

does not naturally become better, he becomes worse, by nature. And we want to watch this, especially in our day of Green Peace and tree huggers. Our world has gone this way as well. It is very crucial that we understand this.

Now we are to take care of God's creation, but we must always be careful to guard against worshipping creatures. It is therefore simply essential that we understand what the creature is and what it is not. And may the Lord give you wisdom on this perversion, especially in our day. We are in a text this morning that defines what animals are. I wonder, if I were to ask you this morning what the difference between man and animal is, would you be able to tell me? Have you come to the point where animal has almost become sacred and you can't treat them as animals but treat them like people? An ever increasing danger.

What is the difference between man and animal? Well, we're going to look this morning at some similarities because there are similarities between man and animal. Then we are going to look at some of the differences between man and animal, and we'll be looking at that in the next messages as well. We're going to look at a major difference in the next message, but we'll see others in this message as well.

So with regard to similarities, what similarities does man have to animals? Well, first, animal has a body, and is made of flesh and blood and usually bones. Second, animals have a spirit (Eccl. 3:11). This is the only reference in all the Bible that speaks of animal having a spirit. But it's there in Ecclesiastes 3:11. Third, animals have a mind. Do you know what the difference between the mind and the brain is? The mind is the immaterial entity, while the brain is the material part.

Now the mind is where we process thoughts and all those kinds of things and animals have that. I wonder if you remember an account in the OT? There was a man by the name of Nebuchadnezzar,

King of Babylon. And he became very proud, and would not acknowledge God. And then God gave him a vision, and in this vision he was given the heart of an animal. And seven times passed over him. Well, he came to Daniel and said, "What does this mean?" And Daniel told him what the vision meant. And then those things that Daniel said would come to pass, came to pass, and I'd like you to go to Daniel chapter 4 and just see what took place (read 4:28-37).

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar is that he was given the heart of an animal. And when he got this animal heart he acted like an animal. He became like an animal. This indicates to us that animal does have a mind. There are distinctions though, but animal has a mind.

Another thing animal has in common to man is the ability to move about on their own. They are animate beings. Now man is classed as a species of the animal kingdom by the secular world. When I was studying psychology I checked to see how Encyclopedia Britannica defined psychology. And they define psychology as the scientific discipline that deals with behaviour in man and other animals. Which tells you that they view man as a species of animal. Now he is that if you define him as a sentient being that can move on its own. It depends how you define man. If you define man like that, he is an animal. But you can't define man like that because that is not all he is. And so a definition is absolutely crucial when it comes to defining animal. We'll be coming to that in a moment.

Now if you go to our modern universities, this is likely the teaching that you will be getting, that man is a class of animal. When it comes to psychology, do you know how they find out how to treat man? Do you know? Do you know how? Like animals. They'll find out how a dog reacts when you do certain things and how it doesn't react when you do certain things. And then see what kind of behaviour this generates and what kind of behaviour that generates, and then they carry that over into man's world. You can't do that.

Man is not an animal. I'm going to prove that from the Bible. Its very important.

There are several major distinctions between man and animal. We will be looking at those, and the greatest of those in the next message. And so, even though animal has a mind, it has neither reasoning nor understanding. How do I know that? Nebuchadnezzar, when the animal heart was taken from him, and the human heart given to him, understanding returned and reasoning returned. So an animal does not possess those two powers in the mind.

Now let me define what an animal is from Genesis 1. Turn to Genesis 1 and there is something you will want to mark down, you'll want to circle it possibly and then write down the literal words, probably come as a surprise to you. Genesis 1:20 (read). Let me give you a literal translation from Darby, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living souls." That's the literal Hebrew reading. They are living souls. Basically, they are souls. An animal is a soul. Now, don't go around saying, "Pastor Phil says an animal has a soul." I didn't say it has a soul, I said it is a soul. There is a very big difference between having one and being one.

I want you to notice again in verse 21 (read). Literally it speaks of all living souls. Go to verse 24. Speaking of the land animal it says, let the earth bring forth the living souls according to its kind. What is an animal? Simple, short definition: an animal is a soul. That's what it is. It's from the Bible. I know that is foreign to our thinking. It's foreign to English thinking, its foreign to German thinking, but this is what the Bible teaches.

Turn to Leviticus 24:18 (read 17 as well). Animal for animal, soul for soul. I was asked about Revelation 16:3. We're told there that this star fell into the waters and a third of the living souls in the seas died. What is this talking about? Well, its these sea creatures. Now it may seem unbelievable to you that an animal is a

soul. But why should it amaze us that an animal is a soul? Plants are not souls. They do not possess blood and thus cannot be used for sacrifice. It is an animal that is used for sacrifice.

Do you remember what happened to Cain and Abel? Let's look at Genesis chapter 4 (read 4:3-5). Why did God not respect Cain's offering? Why? God had already set the standard in Eden as to what was to be brought and what was not to be brought. You see, when Adam and Eve sinned (When Cain and Able sacrificed, one brought the sacrifice of vegetables and the other of an animal), so you remember when Adam and Eve sinned. What sacrifice did they bring? One of vegetation or an animal? What did they cover themselves with? God covered them with ?? And they covered themselves with ?? Leaves. Vegetation. That's absolutely crucial. The Bible says the soul that sins, it shall die. You see, it is another soul that pictures atonement, not some grass or a vegetable. It is that which has blood and is soul, that pictures this great redemption. God set that principle early in Genesis and it has remained so from that time.

Now an animal is a soul. I did not say an animal has a soul. There is a very big difference between saying "I am a car" and "I have a car."