

Creation

“In the beginning”

Genesis 1:1-2:25

Introduction

- The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible:
 - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
- They were written and compiled by Moses as they traveled through the desert.
- They are God breathed.
- When was woman created?

Understanding Writing Styles

- The first is Genesis 1:1
- Then Genesis 1:2-2:3
- And then Genesis 2:4-2:25
- You first introduce what is going to happen.
- Then you give more detail.
- Then you give and even greater detail into certain areas.

The Creation Triads

- The creation can be broken down into two triads.
- The first day – Light
- The second day – Water and sky
- The third day – Land and vegetation
- The fourth day – Sun, moon, stars
- The fifth day – Fish and birds
- The sixth day – Animals and humans

Man = Animals?

- This is the movement of the progressive movement and why Darwinism is so important.
- If Darwin, we have proof that animals are equal to humans and as long as they are equal, there is no God, no creator.
- Does the Bible purport to teach that man and animals are equal?

"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." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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....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."

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, NKJV

Is Woman an After Thought?

- It was either good or it was not.
- To understand this better we must learn that God created man, both male and female on the sixth day before He rested on the seventh.
- First, one type of every animal.
- Second, Adam was the smartest human to walk the earth.

Man – Male and Female

- When we read the word man we think of male only, not female.
- There is no such thing as womankind.
- There are many aspects to us being created in God's image, but one part is God fellowships within Himself through the three persons of the Trinity.

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Sabbath Rest

"Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Genesis 2:1-3, NKJV

Sabbath Rest

- God did not rest because He was tired.
- He had created the entire cosmos, down to the finest detail, not only perfectly, but in six short days.
- Not only can it be used as a day of worship to the Lord, but it also shows our reliance on Him as well.
- Are you relying on God or yourself?

Conclusion

- Writing Styles
 - Introduction
 - Details
 - Even more specific details.

Conclusion - The Creation Triads

- First – Light
 - Fourth – Sun, moon, and stars
- Second – Water/Air
 - Fifth – Birds and fish
- Third – Land and vegetation
 - Sixth – Man and animal

Conclusion – Image of God

- God created man, both male and female on the sixth day before He rested on the seventh.
- God's Image – Dominion over creation
- We must remember that the authority does not rest in who we are, but whose we are.

Conclusion - Sabbath Rest

- He rested because His work in creation was done.
- Resting one day shows our reliance on Him, not ourselves.

