



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 1:3-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Setting Our Focus on the Creator"

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- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- 6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."
- 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.
- 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
- 9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.
- 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.
- 11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so.
- 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.
- 15 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also.
- 16 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.
- 17 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- 18 Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens."
- 19 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 20 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
- 21 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
- 22 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.
- 23 God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

I. WHY ARE WE GIVEN THE ACCOUNT OF CREATION?

- A. What Do We Expect When We Use Our Creative Skills?
- B. Is Our Expectation Sinful?
- C. Why Should God Rightly Expect Our Focus In Creation To Be Toward Him? *Romans 1:20*

II. GOD'S WORK IN CREATION REFUTES FALSE TEACHINGS

- A. Polytheism
- B. Dualism
- C. Pantheism – New Age movement *Romans 1:25*
- D. Matter Is Eternal
- E. Matter Is Inherently Evil
- F. Pagan Fertility Cults
- G. Nihilism
- H. Subjugation of Women
- I. Radical Animal Rights Movement
- J. Evolution

III. CREATION PROCLAIMS MANY ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- A. Eternal, All Powerful, Self-Sufficient *Isaiah 55:8,9*
- B. God's Wisdom and Intelligence *Psalms 33:6-9*
- C. God Demonstrates He Is Personal
 1. He speaks
 2. He sees
 3. He makes value judgments
 4. He gave order to His creation *Revelation 22:5*
 5. He made man in His image

IV. RESPONSE CALLED FOR:

- A. We Are Called To Worship
- B. We Are Called To Be Creative
- C. We Are Called To A Balanced Use Of His Creation
- D. We Are Called To Live Eyes Open With Praise To Our God