### Remnant Life Church February 4, 2018

# **Genesis: The Certainty of Creation Part 2**

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Critical point: nowhere does the Bible ever attempt to prove the existence of God – it is very simply assumed

- The first verse of the Bible says, "In the beginning, God..." (Gen 1:1)
- Psalms 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God"

#### Review...

#### Day 1 – The Creation of Light (Gen 1:2-5)

- What is unique about this first day?
  - o God did not create the sun in order to have light
  - o 2 Samuel 22:13 called it the brightness of his presence

#### Day 2 – The Separating of the Waters (Gen 1:6-8)

- The key word (in the NIV) is expanse, vault, firmament, space, dome
- We might call it a canopy of water vapor that acted as a filter to protect God's creation
  - o What gives us reason to think this?
  - o The amount of water from above to accomplish the flood
  - o The great disparity of ages between the men before the flood and after it
  - The atmospheric pressure and oxygen levels would have been exponentially more favorable for life over the entire planet with that water canopy in place
  - o The would have also been no deserts before this time
  - While Adam and Eve lived in the garden I believe the entire world reflected the beauty of God's perfect creation

#### Day 3 – The Creation of Land, Seas, and Plant Life (Gen 1:9-13)

- These verses completely refute the teaching of evolution
  - Evolution states that life began in the sea
  - o The Bible tells us that life began on land with the creation of vegetation
- 2 primary laws of biogenesis
  - Life can only come from life
    - You cannot, according to the laws of basic physics have something come from nothing
    - Yet that is the premise of the Big Bang
    - Unless...In the beginning, God...(Gen 1:1)
  - Everything reproduces after its own kind
    - Verses 11 and 12 repeat the words "after its kind" 3 different times
      cross breeding roses
  - To believe in and promote evolution is to disregard these two immutable laws of science

- Evolutionist tell us that species, over thousands of millennia transitioned from one type of species to another as a way of explaining the variety of species that had to come from their one primordial pool of ooze
  - Yet they claim this without one shred of proof
  - It is a fairy tale for adults
- A basic tenant of science is that it must be observable and repeatable
  - The lie of evolution is that it is neither yet their theories are held to as a core belief of the scientific and secular world
    - And they're teaching this lie to our children
  - o But the created life by God is observable and repeatable
  - Sciences' own measuring sticks prove the Bible to be true
- 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics
  - which states that energy is never destroyed but it does become less available for further use as its properties unravel
  - o In other words everything wears out, breaks down
  - o That is what the energy of our universe is doing
    - i.e. our sun will eventually burn itself out
  - Evolutionists, however, claim that matter got more organized over time and built itself up into the complexity of our world
- Don't be deceived, church, by the notion that you can combine creation by God with the theory of evolution you cannot!
  - o They are diametrically opposed to one another
- Many in the church have tried to bring them together
  - o Many have settled on what is called the Gap Time Theory
  - o God created what the Bible tells us He did but there were millions of years in between each "day" allowing the evolutionary process to take place
- Do Not Believe the Lie!

#### Day 4 – The Creation of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (Gen 1:14-19)

- God created these bodies of the heavens for 3 primary purposes
  - 1. As signs to remind man of his Creator
    - a. Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
    - b. Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
    - c. Theodore Roosevelt said that, as the most powerful man in the world it could be very easy to get a big head about your position. He would sometimes walk out of the Oval Office, many times in the middle of an important meeting, and stand on the balcony looking up at the night sky. His advisors and those with him would often come out and join him and, after standing there for usually 5 or 10 minutes without speaking he would then turn to the men and say, "Ok gentlemen, I think we all understand once again how small we really are enough to continue this meeting."

- d. Abraham Lincoln said, "I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God."
- e. The majesty of God's creation declares His power and might
- 2. To know and control the seasons
  - a. God placed the celestial bodies to serve as guides for man for the coming and going of seasons
  - b. The planting, cultivating, and harvesting of crops that require a way of tracking the seasons
  - c. God put them there for man's benefit even before he needed them
    - i. Gen 3:17-19 the curse of the ground
    - ii. Adam's sweat and toil was different from what was given to him in the garden before sin
- 3. As a source of light for the day and the night
  - a. God is the source of light but until we are physically in His presence He gives us these heavenly bodies ordained for light and the tracking of time for order
  - b. God's creation is one of perfect order
  - c. The hilarious notion that we could put His world out of order (Global Warming) is more proof of man's absurd ego

#### Day 5 – The Creation of the Fish and the Birds (Gen 1:20-23)

- What we see here is the incredible variety and diversity of God's creation
  - $\circ$  Fish -32,900 separate identified
  - $\circ$  Birds 10,425
  - $\circ$  Mammals -5.513
  - o Insects over 1,000,000
    - Spiders and scorpions over 102,000
- God obviously loves variety
  - o The beauty of His hand is in all of His creation
- It is man and his attempt to determine what is beautiful and what is not that has brought shame, anguish, embarrassment, and self-loathing to those who somehow don't 'measure up'
- I Sam 16:7 ... The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

## Day 6 - The Creation of Land Creatures and Man (Gen 1:24-27; 2:7)

- Have dominion over means to rule over we are told this by God
- Disheartening to see all of the organizations and protests group who march and show great concern for animal's rights yet think nothing about killing unborn children
- We absolutely should care for the life of animals and the condition of the earth but it was created for us, not us for them
  - Plants are unconscious life
  - o Animals are conscious life
  - o Man is self-conscious life and the crown of God's creation (very good)
- While we are the crown of His creation we have still been greatly diminished by sin

- Scientists believe that we only use a small portion of the total capacity of our brain's ability
  - We only see as little as 3% of the full color spectrum of nature
  - An eagle on the hunt can see a running rabbit from a distance of over 2 miles (here are my glasses to clearly see the words on this paper less than 3 feet from my eyes)
  - We are utilizing at best less than 5% of our total hearing capability (dogs, animals in the woods, the 2 hearing aids I now wear)
  - Adam was even able to communicate with a snake
    - Do we read that Eve was startled when the snake spoke to her?
  - His vocabulary must have been massive to name every animal, bird, and insect
- We were created in 3 parts the body, the soul, and the spirit
  - They have been moving further and further from the image in which God created Adam, because of the presence of sin, but one day we will be reconciled and restored to our original, intended form

#### Day $7 - \underline{\text{God rested}}$ (Gen 2:1-3)

- This is the only time in the Bible that we read God rested until Revelation 21 why?
  - o Because of the presence of sin in the life of His creation
    - He did not rest when Jesus came to earth
    - He did not rest when Jesus was crucified
    - He will not rest again until this age, this created earth and all His creation are reconciled back, in complete fullness, to Himself
  - o Man, unlike the rest of creation, has been given a choice
    - Accept His love in the person of Jesus Christ
    - Reject Him and spend eternity separated from Him in eternal torment
- The awesomeness and majesty of our great God
- He knows your name and loves you with a love beyond description
- Leave here this morning secure in that knowledge