

In the Beginning...

An Examination of the Genesis Account of Creation and the Fall of Mankind

Genesis 1:24-31

10- The "Days" of Creation, Day 6- Part 1

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24 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.

25 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.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

To the Glory of God

Now we have come to the “nitty-gritty” about the week of Creation. Day 6 is usually where all the attention is focused, and by that I *don't* mean on the land animals that God made in verses 24-25. But the way that God the Holy Spirit moved upon Moses to write down how God made Man, about 1,450 years before Jesus was born, in verses 26-31. These verses are really the *crux* of the matter and more than any other place in the Bible where genuine believers find themselves at odds with so-called “Science”. And I want to begin to explain what verses 24-31 of **Genesis 1** means by giving you a little background. So, unlike any other “Days” in our Study, this Day will contain a few parts. So, if you want to look at it like this, the Sermon this morning is the “Introduction” to what the Bible says happened on “Day” 6 in the “week” of Creation.

Now I believe that God led me to begin this new year by preaching on this subject because I think the Bible commands Leaders in the Church to *not* entertain the people of God with clever sounding sermonettes that are designed to do nothing but tickle your ears. I believe that I am told to *equip* you, to *prepare* you, to *arm* you, to give you *information* and *ammunition* on *what* to believe and *why* to believe it so that you can walk this world in white. I am to herald the glorious Gospel, in very fine detail, every Lord's Day, so that you will have what you need from God's Word to first, be truly saved, and then, so that you may be holy in this life.

And so, my approach to these verses will be the very *same* as my approach to every other verse that I preach on, and that is this:

The Words printed in English in your Bibles are reliable copies of Words that are different from any other words in any other books written by any other at any other time in history, by any other Author on the face of the earth.

The Words in the Bible are true. And they are true because, while the 66 Books had 40 different writers, there is but a single Author. God the Holy Spirit “moved upon” these 40 men in a very *mysterious* and *miraculous* way, that we really don't understand, so that, even though they used their *own* language and their *own* terminology, and even though their own personal *education* and *information* was limited, what they wrote is “inspired”. And that means that these words are

“infallible”, “inerrant”, “eternal”, “authoritative”, “relevant”, and “sufficient”.

Now a lot of people give “lip service” to that reality, and they say they believe the Bible is the Word of God, but far less actually believe it. And the reason I know that is true is by examining the way that people, who say they’re saved, live their lives. And I’m not talking about the open, obvious, and blatant sins that most everybody agrees are wrong. Because when the Bible *condemns* adultery and intoxication and lying and stealing, and when the Bible *commands* that we pay attention to the poor and widows and orphans, a lot of people agree with it, even if they’re not saved.

But I’m talking about things like Husbands leading in the home, and Wives submitting to the Authority of their Husbands. I’m talking about what we are to believe about Jesus, and His virgin Birth and sinless Life and perfect Ministry and His vicarious Death and His Bodily Resurrection and His physical Ascension and His ongoing Ministry in Heaven and His immanent Return.

I’m talking about what the position is that people, who say they believe the Bible to be the Word of God, have about things like Biblical Holiness, and Christian Separation, and Modesty, and Worldliness, and believers marrying unbelievers, and what we believe and teach about the **Genesis** Record of Creation.

And, to be honest, there are times it appears that we who strive to hold to a Biblical understanding of Creation are just “spitting into the wind”, that we are losing the battle. Because what **Genesis** says about how we came into being is routinely mocked and discredited, it is cast off as silly superstition. It can no longer be openly taught in the public schools, and even major Protestant denominations have compromised with this issue to the point where they now say, “The Bible is not the ‘Word of God’, the Bible is a Word *about* God”.

So, what’s the use? Why do I *insist* on teaching what is probably one of the most *unpopular* issues, and raise the importance of this issue to be of an “Essential” Nature? And make no mistake, dear friends, that is *exactly* what I’m doing in this series. But why? It seems that we have already *lost* the battle, so why go through all this effort? One reason: My Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ said in **Matthew 16:18b**:

... I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

... so, I believe that Jesus Christ reigns supreme in Heaven. I believe what Jesus Himself said in **Matthew 28:16**:

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

... and so, I believe that the Authority of Jesus Christ is Absolute and Sovereign. Therefore, there is no power from hell, no demon, no false teaching, no ecclesiastical compromise, no downward trend in societal morality, no Government, no militant atheist, no naturalist, no materialist, no scientist, no biologist, no geologist, no physicist, and no evolutionist that can thwart King Jesus or divert Him from His sovereign reign.

When Jesus screamed in agony on the Cross: *"It is finished!"*, and when He rose in Victory on the third day, He conquered hell, death and the grave. And He *guaranteed* the Salvation of all of God's elect for all time! And so, every single human being who has been chosen by God, from before the foundation of the world *to be saved, will be saved*. And so, it *doesn't matter* how many times they've run away, and it *doesn't matter* how much sin they've been in, and it *doesn't matter* how far they've wandered off, the "Hound-Dog of Heaven" is on their trail and Jesus will win their souls! But that's not all.

Because He has been given *all* Authority in both Heaven and Earth, Jesus has made **Romans 8:28** to be an absolute *Reality* for every single believer that *cannot* be diminished! And that means that God is *sovereignly* and *infallibly* working *all* of our trials, and *all* of our sufferings, and *all* of our persecutions, and *all* of our discouragements, and *all* of our illnesses, and *all* of our troubles, and *all* of our pains, and *all* of our agony, *together*, with everything else, for the greater "Good" of the Glory of God, and, *ultimately*, the fullness of our Joy as well! But that's not all.

Because God the Father was so pleased with God the Son that He gave Him all Authority in Heaven and Earth, all the hordes of hell combined are nothing more than tools of an all-conquering Savior Who uses them to bring about His Will. They *cannot* speak or utter a word without the Permission of the God they reject.

We must understand clearly that the will of the ungodly will *not* prosper. Their voice is not Almighty, God's is. Their will is *not*

supreme, God's is. Their devices are *not* invincible, God's is. Their efforts are *not* infallible, God's is. And every time they rail out against God, and every time it looks like they're winning and we're losing, God gives voice to a lowly donkey to rise up and speak to the madness of the leaders of a weak and emasculated Church that now is *not* the time to compromise.

So, now is *not* the time to give up. Now is *not* the time to shrink back. Now is the time to rise up, now is the time to speak up, now is the time to stand up, and now is the time to look up because our Redemption is drawing nigh!

Now many people point to the statistics about how bad everything is getting. They talk about how many marriages are failing, and yet more people got married last year than in any year in history. They talk about how our society is sinking down. And yet, God is raising other societies up. So, listen to this:

In 1859, Charles Dickens wrote *The Tale of Two Cities*. And that amazing novel begins with these words:

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way — in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.”

Now Dickens was referring back to 1775, the time of the French Revolution. But his point was that *that* period was like his *present* period of 1859. And as we look back on the mid-nineteenth century, truly “it was the best of times and the worst of times.”

It was the *best* of times, because in 1859, Charles Spurgeon was 25 years old. George Müller was 54. Hudson Taylor was 27. And they were at the very peak of their Ministries. 12,000 people every week heard the “Prince of Preachers”, CH Spurgeon, extol the Glories of God and call people to repentance. And millions more read his sermons that were put into print. Over 10,000 orphans were given a loving home where they learned about Christ through Muller’s efforts. And 18,000

converts, along with 125 schools and 300 Churches began through Taylor's exploits in China.

But it was also the *worst* of times, because in 1859, John Stuart Mill was 53, and published his atheistic work, "*On Liberty*". Friedrich Nietzsche was 15, and just a few years away from deceiving an entire generation and helping to set the world on fire. And a relatively unknown man named Charles Darwin turned 50 years old, and published his book, "*On the Origin of the Species*".

And we look back at men like Muller, Taylor, and Spurgeon, and we rejoice at the fact that God kept His Promise, and He exercised His Sovereign Authority by *continuing* to build His Church. And then we look at Nietzsche, Mill, and Darwin, and we weep over the evil and destruction that these men caused. And we weep, wondering where God was in it all.

But then we turn to the Bible. And when we read infallible Words, we read that, unlike the false prophets of Baal, our Head is always very busy, *faithfully, sovereignly, relentlessly* pushing and pulling, and *effectually* allowing and causing whatever is His Will.

Isaiah 45:6-7

6 That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other,

7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these things

And then we are moved to echo the words of the Apostle Peter, who rose up and spoke at another very hard time, and said:

The Acts 2:22b-24

22 ...Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know —

23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

... so it wasn't simply evil running amuck that killed Jesus. It wasn't that satan was gaining the upper hand. That's *not* what the Bible says. The Bible says that godless men put Jesus to death... *by the predetermined Plan and Foreknowledge of God!* So, that means that God was completely in charge, all along. And it also means that satan can only do what God intends for him to do. And it also means that God's Will is *invincible!* It *cannot* be defeated!

The entire **Book of Job** was graciously put into the Canon of Scripture so that believers would understand that satan has to get permission from God before he can touch our flesh. And if our God, Who loves us, our God, Who took on flesh and came down so that we might live forever, if that God has allowed satan to touch or flesh, it is not Him simply "pushing His weight around". What God either sovereignly *allows* or *causes* is the very *best thing* that God could do for us on that day.

So, in the mid-19th Century, alongside growing secularism in science and politics, and growing materialism through the Industrial Revolution, and through a growing self-reliance, as God was rejected by many, nevertheless, there was also, *at the same time*, a great spiritual Awakening, and a great global advance of the Gospel of Jesus. Evil and God's Omnipotent predetermined Foreknowledge were working alongside each other in a broken and fallen world.

And there is absolutely no reason to suggest that this is not *exactly* what is happening in our day. Great upheaval, horrendous compromise, an almost collapse of biblical holiness, false teaching abounding, a Government becoming increasingly hostile to the Church, Yes! And Jesus, in His Almighty Authority, is building His Church and that the very gates of Hades itself will not prevail against it, right in the midst of that!

So, you might ask, "*What is God's Response to the great turmoil of our age?*" And I would answer that God is faithful, and He has raised up ten thousand no-named preachers who cry out for sinners to repent, and for God's people to take courage in a Savior Who has all Authority in Heaven and Earth.

Dear friends, you can trust the Bible. And you can trust what it says when all is well and when things are going your way and when you feel as though you're bullet-proof and invincible. But you can also trust

the Bible when everything falls apart and your health is failing and when you feel very weak and very vulnerable.

You can trust what the Bible says about a sinless Savior. And you can trust what it says about an unquenchable fire. You can depend on a God, Who will mercifully save you to the uttermost. And you can depend on that same God Who will throw you into a devil's hell if you spurn His Love. You can trust what the Bible says about how everything is going to end up. (Hint: Jesus wins). And you can trust what the Bible says about how everything began. (Hint: God made it all). And so, I take great comfort right now, as my blood is not acting right, that His Blood was perfect, and it changed my life.

In my lifetime, I have seen a glorious and surprising revival of a deep love for the God of Sovereign Grace and for His mighty Gospel. God has raised up thousands of churches, seminaries, colleges, discipling centers, publishing houses, magazines, books, videos, websites, radio programs, global missions, music artists, campus ministries, urban ministries, counseling centers, prolife efforts (and more) with a dynamic of God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated Joy and a passion for a robust Theology that is purely biblical. So, from *that* perspective, it is truly the *best* of times.

But on the other hand, on my watch, I have also witnessed, with sometimes depressing heaviness, the evisceration of the historic name "Evangelical" to become a meaningless conglomerate of people whose "evangelical" identity is that they all had grandparents who once believed what the Reformers taught. I have seen mainline Protestant denominations collapse from being a powerful Gospel influence to be nothing but a faint echo. I have watched the rise of enormous churches and ministries who preach and export to poor nations a damnable prosperity "gospel" that mutes the biblical teaching on suffering, and reduces the biblical Gospel to earthly betterment rooted in human attitudes, rather than the Glory of a Blood-stained Cross.

And to mention just a few more of the many sorrows: the rise of a generation that knows little of the Bible, and seemingly isn't troubled over that, the disappearance of the *weight* of God's awesome Presence in worship, the glorification of immorality in entertainment among believers, the exchange of true, biblical edification for shallow music and spiritual "entertainment", the explosion of pornography, the indifference in churches to living holy, the decimation of whole

neighborhoods through a dominant drug culture, the collapse of the family with the prevalence of premarital sex and easy divorce, and the absence of responsible fathers, and the rise of civic leaders who, instead of standing against the disintegration, function as cheerleaders. So, from *that* perspective, it has been truly, the very *worst* of times.

Godless men and Christ's invincible Authority, working together under the Providence of God. So, what then shall we do? Well, I have some ideas:

1. Don't assume that any specific historical trajectory of good or evil is *fixed* and *unchangeable*. History proves to us that God evidently loves to do His Work in hard and unlikely times, with very unlikely people.
2. Trust the Sovereignty of God to turn the insanity of the nations to serve His Purposes.
3. Let us labor relentlessly to bind the minds and consciences of our young people to the Word of God as being both *infallible*, and *glorious*. And let us remind them and ourselves that the sacred Scriptures are utterly timely, and penetrating, and invincible.
4. Let us learn to live well, suffer well, and die well to God's Glory. Let not murmuring and complaining and bellyaching come out of our mouths. So, even though Jesus will continue to build His Church, we may lose our nation. I hope not. But while we are promised a Church, we are not promised a Government that is friendly to the Church. And if that day comes, Let us unite around this Truth:

1Peter 4:16

... if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

... and...

1Peter 4:19

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

... and ...

5. Let us preach and teach the *hard* and *difficult* parts of the Bible as often and as fervently as we do the easy and simple parts, *especially* about our Origins. We must never, never, never, never compromise what God has infallibly spoken in Scripture. And every assault against the Bible is really nothing more than an opportunity for us to be found faithfully standing on the Truth of God's Word.

So, that is why I am going through the **Genesis** Record of Creation. Because I see this as being just as important and just as needed as any other Biblical Truth. Over these several weeks, I have tried to show you the solid connection between what the Bible says about Creation and what the Bible says about Salvation. And so, any attack against the veracity of what **Genesis** says about the Beginning is actually an attack against how everything will end up, with the earsplitting sound of hundreds of millions of undeserving rebels rejoicing forever in God's Presence as they magnify the Glory of God's Grace in transforming them, along with the screams of unrepentant rebels burning in everlasting Torment as they magnify the Glory of God's Justice.

And so, now we come to the Sixth "Day". And the first thing that God did on this sixth, in an Evening and Morning division of time called "Day", was to create the land animals. Please look again at **Genesis 1:24-25**:

24 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.

25 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.

Moses wrote, "Living creatures *after their kind*". So, these are the various land animals. The multitude of "living creatures after their kind" that were in the water were created on "Day" 5. The many "living creatures after their kind" that flew through the air were also created on "Day" 5. So, on "Day" 6 God made the land animals. And none of these animals evolved from a lower species. All of these animals were

created by the spoken Word of God, fully mature and fully functioning. They knew how to run and walk, they knew how to eat and sleep, and they knew how to reproduce.

But they didn't die. Nothing died until Adam and Eve sinned. Nothing. And that means that there were no fossils under the ground for oil to come from. Oil is called "fossil fuel". And we are told that oil is the result of dinosaur skeletons decaying over billions of years under the earth. But the most you can get from the creation of Adam until now is about 10,000 years without just making stuff up. And that simply isn't enough time. So, they're wrong about oil. The process that allows for decaying carcasses to become oil that is in place now began *after* God originally created it. So, oil was initially made just like everything else was made. Instantly from God. There were no skeletons lying around, because nothing died yet.

Now it's interesting that Moses was moved along by God the Holy Spirit to refer to the land animals in three different categories:

1. Cattle
2. Creeping Things
3. Beasts of the Earth

... and that probably doesn't coincide with the way that land animals are categorized today. But Moses was not a scientist, so it's irrelevant as far as this inspired narrative goes.

1. Cattle

Now, from what I can find, the word "Cattle" probably has to do with animals which can be tamed to some extent, or animals that can be gathered for use by human beings. And this word probably included animals like dogs and cats and others like them, animals that could be used for Man.

So, the term "Cattle" had to do with the various kinds of land animals that we could use for its hide or its skin or its fur, and its milk, or to eat its flesh, or to pull a plow, or to help build things, or to use to help human beings have a better life. These are also the animals that we can ride on and use to help catch or corral other "Cattle".

2. Creeping Things

The second category was “Creeping Things”. And, this was probably snakes and lizards and things like that. But it also probably stretched beyond that to include any animal that creeps or crawls on the ground, which would also include rabbits and squirrels and animals like that. And it also probably included the very large world of insects, which seemingly grow larger every year.

One of the rabbinical writers around the turn of the 20th Century defined “Creeping Things” as:

“Animals with short legs whose bellies are not far from the ground. Insects, rodents, as well as snakes and amphibians, et. cetera, et. cetera.”

3. Beasts of the Earth

And then there was the third category, “Beasts of the Earth”, which would probably include land animals like lions, giraffes, elephants, rhinos, hippos, and tigers, animals that have what are called a “wild nature” and which usually *cannot* be tamed. And it is my own personal thoughts that, if dinosaurs existed at all, then they would also fit in here, as well.

Now wild animals can be *somewhat* tamed, like you see in a circus. But they still retain their wild nature. So, even as they are performing for our amusement, those in the ring with them have to be very watchful because the nature of the beast has not really been changed. It only does what it does for reward. So, if the trainers get careless, the wild animal will kill them very quickly.

Now it's important to know that all three of these types of land animals were *simultaneously* made. They were made *instantly*, *miraculously*, by the spoken Word of God, but they were also made *simultaneously*. And that's important to know because it is commonly taught that the creeping things came first, and then out them evolved the smaller land animals, and from them evolved the beasts of the earth.

But the infallible Word of God says that they weren't progressing out of each other at all. There was no evolution, no struggle for existence, no survival of the fittest, no mutations at all. God just spoke all these land animals into existence, at the same time.

Now what is also interesting is that the natural hostility that exists today between the various kinds of animals and fish and birds also didn't exist then. Everything lived in perfect harmony with each other. There was no violence, no fighting for survival, and no killing. There was no death, at all, so even those animals which eat other animals today didn't do that before the Fall.

We have to know that Adam's sin didn't just affect human beings. When the first Man rebelled against God, His sin was so devastating that it affected *everything* in the Universe. Everything from stars to insects changed the way they function. Even the nature of animals changed in the Fall. And when Jesus comes back- the animals will revert back to the way they were originally created.

Isaiah 11:6-9

6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

Now verse 24 tells us that God said:

“Let the earth bring forth...”

... now why did He say that? First of all, this is simply another way of saying “*Let them appear on the earth*” in the original Hebrew. But there is also a *spiritual* connotation here because the bodies of animals are composed of the same elements as the earth. Now it doesn't tell us that God formed the animal out of the earth in the same way that He formed Man out of the dust of the earth, but when animals die they go back to the earth. And this doesn't tell you that they *evolved* from the dirt, but rather that they are only *temporary*, and they will die and go back to the ground as they decay.

Now, seemingly, there is a rather large debate about whether animals have souls that live forever in Heaven. And I have two responses to that issue: First there is no overt specific verse or passage that would make us think that. And yet, in **The Revelation 19:11-14**, we read this:

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.

13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

... now this could be either *symbolic* or *literal*. I don't know. But if it's *literal*, then there is at least some kind of horse in Heaven.

Now God called these land animals "living creatures". And that is unique. Because this tells us that there is some form of *hierarchy* concerning life. All life is *not* the same. For example, plants and trees have a *form* of "life", but that "life" is much *different* from the "life" in the "living creatures". And the "life" that exists in the living creatures is *different* from the "life" that is in human beings.

Plants and trees are never called "living creatures." God called them "vegetation", but *not* "living creatures. But when you get to verse 20, for the very first time, God called the various creatures of the sea and the creatures of the air "living creatures." And now, here in verse 24, the land animals were also called "living creatures". Yet, God didn't call Man a "living creature". **Genesis 2:7** says:

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Humans are "beings", not "creatures". And this gives us indication of the *uniqueness* of Man. We are a *higher* "life" than dogs and cattle and birds and fish. Our "life" is *unique* from every other kind of "life" that God created. And we're going to get into that in great detail next week, but suffice it today that no other created "life" has the

capacity to know God, or to love God, or to enjoy God forever. Only humans do. And that makes humans a "being" that has "life", rather than a "creature" that has "life".

But the life of a cat or a dog or a cow or a goat is *valuable*. They are *not* as valuable as a person, but they have a *higher* value than the life of a plant or tree. So, whereas, we may use animals to help us farm or plant or make a living, and whereas we may even kill animals and eat them, it matters *how* we use them and *how* we kill them, and it matters *how* we treat them, precisely because they are of a *higher* "life" than plants and trees.

Now we need to notice that Moses clearly says that the miraculous formation of plants and trees occurred *before* the creation of any living creature. And that is in defiance of the accepted evolutionary system, which says that all animal life started first in the sea, and then crawled out of the sea at some point over hundreds of millions of years, and coincidentally, that's when the plants evolved. But what you see in **Genesis** is vegetation being created *first*, and then the creation of the sea creatures, followed by the air creatures, and finally the land creatures.

And God created these creatures the way they are. Dogs were created as dogs. And then dogs produce more dogs. Horses were created as horses. And when they reproduce, they produce more horses. Dolphins are dolphins, and reproduce "after their kind". So, ants don't reproduce as dogs, and lions don't bring forth beetles. There is some adaptation inside the same "kind", but there is no activity from one kind to another kind. And there is simply no evidence to suggest that life evolved from a *lower* form into a *higher* form. That *doesn't* happen, it has *never* happened, and it *can't* happen. And that alone should put an end to the debate. That is the "slam dunk" that exposes the silliness of Darwinian Evolution.

If Evolution ever occurred, it would *still* be occurring. And if it is still occurring, there should be millions of half-monkey/half-man creatures walking around all over the place. There should be millions of half-fish/half-bird creatures. And there isn't. And the reason there isn't is because Evolution isn't true.

Now they try to get away with this obvious hole in their logic by saying that Evolution happens so slow, that you really can't see it. But even at that, there should still be millions if not billions of creatures who are at some point in their evolutionary process. Now I am tempted

at times to agree with these people and say that by the way they talk and by the fact that they refuse to bow their knees to God, they sound as though they haven't fully evolved yet. But I don't say that, because that wouldn't be fair to the monkey.

Now at the end of verse 24 Moses wrote:

And it was so.

And this is testimony to the absolute Sovereignty of God. That when God says something, it happens *exactly* as God has commanded. And I understand why lost sinners fear the Sovereignty of God. Because no matter what they do and no matter what they say and no matter how hard they try to simply not think about what God has said in His Word, God's Will will always come to pass, *exactly* as He has determined. *Nothing* can stop God from bringing forth His Will. And this strikes fear into their hearts.

But the very thing that frightens the lost gives great comfort to the elect. Because God is Sovereign; His desire to keep me saved will win out over my own propensity to sin. So, my Salvation is absolutely secure, not because of the common reasons that people in the modern Church give, but precisely because my Salvation is wrapped up in God's sovereign Determination to display and magnify the Glory of His Grace by saving unworthy sinners, and not losing a single one. So, the God Who washed my sins away 47 years ago will keep me, all the way to Glory, because God never loses.

And finally, the creation of these land creatures gets a comment from God at the end of verse 25.

God saw that it was good.

... and God has been saying this all week long. Verse 4 tells us that God saw the Light He created was "good". In verse 10, God saw that the dry land and the sea was "good". Verse 12, the plants and trees were "good". Verse 18, the stellar bodies, that was "good", too. Verse 21 the creatures of the sea and the air were "good". And now at the end of verse 25, God saw that the land animals were "good".

So, initially, everything God made was "good". There were no deformities. There were no mutations. There were no inferiorities.

There was no natural selection. Everything was “good”. And so, there were no unfit animals. There was no imperfection in that glorious first week of Creation. And there was no death anywhere in all of God’s Creation.

And now the stage is set for the crown jewel of all of God’s Creation, Man. And Lord willing, we’ll get into that next week.

Amen. Let’s pray.

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