

# Genesis 1:14-25

(sermon notes)

Sermon Title:  
**Delight in the diligence of God**

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## **INTRODUCTION – The diligence of God.**

Diligence – careful and persistent work or effort.

Days 1-3: God Establishes the FORM out of nothing.

Days 4-6: God FILLS/POPULATES the form to perfection.

### **I. GOD IS DILIGENT AND COMPLETES ALL THAT WHICH HE STARTS.**

1. Day 2 and Day 4 connection / completion.
2. Redemption narrative proves He is diligent and will finish all He has Decreed.

**Gal. 4:4-5** “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

3. His diligence includes human agents (Prophets, Priests, Apostles, Pastors – all His church).

Ex.:

**Matt. 28:18-20** “18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

4. Our role within the exercised diligence of God often requires – SWEAT, TEARS and BLOOD.  
The Prophets, The Apostles, MISSIONARIES: Hans Egede (Greenland), Isaac McCoy (Indians of Mid-West

America), John Williams (the Pacific coral islands),  
David Livingston (Africa).

## 5. NT Exhortations

**Gal. 6:9** “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

**1 Tim. 6:12** “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

## **II. GODS DILIGENCE REVEALS TRUTHS THAT DEMAND REFORM:**

### **1. DOCTRINAL REFORM:**

- a. Genesis written 1440 – 1400 BC.
- b. After 400 +/- yrs in captivity and emersed in pagan, idolstrous worship of the celestial bodies.
- c. Undoubted effect upon God’s people.

### **2. PRACTICAL REFORM:**

- a. The revealed purpose demands a change in one’s relation or mis-use of them.
- b. **2 Tim. 3:16-17** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

### III. THE LANGUAGE EMPLOYED TO DESCRIBE THE DELIGNET WORKS OF GOD:

1. V.16 – The Moon called “a light”

**John Calvin** “There is no reason for know-it-alls to deride Moses as uneducated for depicting the moon as the second luminary, because he is not calling us up into heaven, but only setting forth things that lie open before our eyes. Let astronomers possess their more exalted knowledge, then....But meanwhile, all those who perceive the splendor of night by the light of the moon will be convicted of perverse ingratitude by their very use of it unless they acknowledge therein the benevalence of God.”

2. Not only the language, but the structure of the verse further reveals the diligence of God in its ANTI-MYTHICAL bomb shell to the idol worshipers.
3. VV.20-21 – Amazing science packed summary of extraordinary proportions.

### III. GOD’S DILIGENCE INVOLVES BOTH BLESSINGS & COMMANDS:

1. For the very first time in the creation narrative God communicates with the creation.
  - a. He is involved with creation.
  - b. He has a plan and will for creation  
**Math. 10:29** “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.”
  - c. He has a law for His creation.
2. Order / Structure of the verse:
  - a. BLESSING
  - b. COMMAND

**Math. 11:28-30** “28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## **V. GOD’S DILIGENCE IS GOOD**

### 1. Even the flies, fleas and worms?

John Calvin “We should note that nothing is included in the works of the six days except those things that constitute the world’s lawful and genuine adornment. Later on, God will say “Let the earth bring forth thorns and briers,” by which he indicates that the appearance of the earth would be different from what it was in the beginning.

However, the explanation is obvious: many things seen in the world today are rather corruptions of it than any part of its proper adornment. For ever since the human race degenerated from its original appearance, it has been likewise necessary that the world should continually decline from its own nature.

## **CONCLUSION:**

**Rev.21:1-4** “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.<sup>2</sup> And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.