



THE BEGINNING
THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD
GENESIS 1:2-25

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1. Trust _____

2. Live _____

- Center your life around him.
- Submit to his authority
- Trust his wisdom and power
- Look forward to a promised new creation

3. Walk _____

Genesis 1:2-25 (ESV)

2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And 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, the first day. 6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. 14 And 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, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. The fact that God created everything should drive us away from idolatry. What idols will tempt you the most? What will you be tempted to trust or desire more than God?
2. As you consider what we've seen in Genesis 1:1-25, why should the reality of a good and glorious creator make these temptations look foolish? What are some specific things about the creation account that stand out to you as you consider this?
3. **Read John 1:1-13.** Consider the significance of light in Genesis and also in this important account in John's Gospel. How should this imagery of light practically affect your life this week?
4. **Read Psalm 148** and note how the Psalmist connects things in creation with praising the Lord. Be more intentional in observing God's creation with wonder this week. What do you observe in the world that calls you to praise and worship God?
5. **Read Romans 1:21.** Considering the context of this passage, why should we view a lack of thanksgiving as a serious problem? What are some things you experience in God's creation that you should be more grateful for?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Answers in Genesis. www.answersingenesis.org

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

MacArthur, John. *The Battle for the Beginning*. Nelson Books, 2001.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that the knowledge of the one true creator God would help us to flee idolatry.

Pray that we would be filled with wonder and gratitude as we enjoy God's creation.

Pray for John Sanborn as he serves SOS Ministries in Uganda by helping with various construction projects.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
9/11	Psalms 65-67	Philippians 3:1-11
9/12	Psalms 68-69	Philippians 3:12-21
9/13	Psalms 70-72	Philippians 4
9/14	Psalms 73-74	Colossians 1:1-14
9/15	Psalms 75-77	Colossians 1:15-29
9/16	Psalm 78	Colossians 2