



YOUR GENESIS FACE CREATION OF MAN AND WHY

GENESIS . . . THE “CONTENTS PAGE” OF ‘THE BOOK OF LIFE’

II Corinthians 3:17,18

(17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 4:1-6

(1) Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as WE HAVE RECEIVED MERCY, we faint not; (2) But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but BY MANIFESTATION OF THE TRUTH commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (3) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (5) For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) FOR GOD, WHO COMMANDED THE LIGHT TO SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS, HATH SHINED IN OUR HEARTS, TO GIVE THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Paul knew of Genesis account and made his observations from it. This then applies the Genesis word or week to our own lives.

Genesis 1 and 2a. The Seven Day week of God's work.

God's initial creation is all in verse one and it was marvellous.

God had created the heavens and the earth a long "time" before Genesis came to pass.

Isaiah 45:18 tells us that WHEN GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH, IT WAS NOT WITHOUT FORM AND IT WAS INHABITED . . . THEREFORE WAS NOT VOID (empty).

God wrote of His plan for creation . . . made of earth = every man. His desire and purpose is written in the heavens and stars; in the journeyings of the Children of Israel (His people); in the Tabernacle of Moses and so on.

Ephesians 2:8 principle . . . by grace . . . through faith . . . to being saved.

DAY 1:

Genesis 1:2 *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (3) And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (4) And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. (5) And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

The grace of God and the redeeming nature of God are seen in action . . .

AT THE VERY COMMENCEMENT OF TIME.

Verse 2 describes each one of us; We were without form - substance of life and darkness (ignorance and unbelief that surrounded us).

God reaches out to us by His Spirit and moves upon our darkness and speaks Light (illumination and understanding) into us and we are 'born from above'. Now that light has come onto the scene, darkness is given limitations or boundaries. God has certainly divided the light from the darkness. His first work in His regener-

ated creation (you and I) is to start to show us what is from God (Light) and what is from you (darkness). This will enable us to know the difference between what is HIS WORK and what is OUR WORK.

Hb. Day = *movement*. Action results when we are lit-up by the Lord.

Hb. Night = *deviation*. Our own thinking will cause us to turn from the path the Lord has for us.

NIGHT is darkness put within limits. 'Night' represents IGNORANCE . . . in need of enLIGHTenment.

There is now a boundary on darkness . . . it is limited indeed.

Evening and morning: Darkness precedes Light.

Day 2:

Genesis 1:6 *And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. (7) And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. (8) And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

Waters picture for us that which is unstable or movable.

Isaiah 57:20 *the wicked are like a troubled sea, which cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

God now makes a FIRMAMENT in you and I. These waters of instability are not removed all at once, but little by little until there is 'no more sea' in Revelation.

This firmament is called 'HEAVEN' = Hb. *the arranger*, because now God will start to arrange your life.

This is a separation of your thinking by the Spirit of God who arranges these things for your good.

During the 'fall' between verses 1 and 2, the waters had covered up what God now wants to bring forth.

DAY 3:

Genesis 1:9 *And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. (10) And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. (11) And God said, Let the earth bring forth Grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, **WHOSE SEED IS IN ITSELF**, upon the earth: and it was so. (12) And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and . . . God saw that it was good. (13) And the evening and the morning were the third day.*

The EARTH rises up out of the waters. **Earth Hb.** = breaking in pieces, **crumbling**. EARTH IS A SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN CHANGE ITS FORM . . . it can be rock, sand, soil and so on.

Following the bounding of the waters, earth is brought forth and FRUITFULNESS begins.

(Romans 6:22).

GRASS comes forth first! **I Peter 1:24** says that grass is a type of flesh. The self-nature within us is revealed.

Why did God do this? Because He desires that we lean upon Him to see the victory come from us. It is planted within us 'that we might know Him' and it will come forth little by little.

FOR IT TAKES TIME FOR A SEED TO GROW. The nature of the mature plant or tree is in the seed.

This is all in us ever since He said 'Let there be light'.

DAYS 1 TO 3 are the recreating or the restoration of us

First — Light is spoken (Jesus = the Word in the beginning) upon our unknown deep.

Darkness is now restricted in our lives and exposed and named.

Second — Heaven is placed in the midst of the waters.

Third — The earth is lifted up because God is going to work on it. The expectation of God is in the earth which has been concealed.

Each of these days . . . we read GOD CALLED its work . . . He just named it.

NOW COMES THE ADORNING AND PERFECTING of what He has brought forth. God will now **MAKE** it what He desires.

DAY 4:

Genesis 1:14 *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: (15) And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

(16) And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. (17) And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, (18) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. (19) And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Grace again . . . God is doing it without any reference to us. He spoke and it was done and now He makes it and He does it for us.

Colossians 3:1-3 *If ye (earth-formed creations) be risen (come up out of ‘the sea of humanity’) in Christ, seek those things which are from God.*

LIGHTS . . . the sun light with its warm blessings and the moon with its reflected light; both rule and have their effect upon the earth and the seas (waters). They also bring a distinct control to the darkness and the light. The **SUN** pictures for us the mighty Christ coming forth in us as warmth, enlightenment and wisdom which has its evidence in what follows.

The **MOON** can also refer to another’s testimony which gives us ‘reflected’ faith and encouragement: this rules the dark times in our lives. When we cannot see where to go or what to do, **FAITH** will enable us to ‘hang-in there’.

Up until now, we thought that we were the centre of attention in God’s plan. . . but now we see the **SUN**, the Source of all natural life and growth. He is steadfast unmovable and He desires us to be so also.

DAY 5:

Genesis 1:20 *And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. (21) And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his 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 fowl multiply in the earth. (23) And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*

Are you seeing the progress that God is laying out.

First the **MINERAL** arena of life, then the **VEGETABLE** arena of life and now the **ANIMAL** arena of life.

God now reveals that in us there are many aspects of life.

Our **NATURE** consists of many desires, emotions and reasonings that are in the ‘seas or waters’ which equate with the soul realm which shows forth natural life.

New life is revealed in our soul.

Birds that fly in our heaven equate with every aspect of **SPIRIT LIFE** which express spiritual understanding.

Birds picture for us the many attributes of the Spirit of God (Isaiah 11:1-2).

The fullness of Christ is so great, that no single form can express Him. He is manifold love, wisdom, life etc. e.g. Dove = a figure of meekness, innocence, gentleness etc. Eagle = a figure of being in the spirit, lofty with keen vision in the spirit. Our emotions can be harness or changed by the Spirit to magnify the Lord. There are further expressions in the earth and these will come forth even more in the 6th. Day.

DAY 6:

Genesis 1:24 *And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. (25) And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (26) And God said, Let us make man in our IMAGE, after our LIKENESS: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 5:1 He called THEIR name Adam). (28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (29) And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. (30) And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. (31) And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

Now comes the creation in us of more expressions of His life. The animal life looks towards the earth . . . constantly of the earth, earthy.

Bear in mind, that THE EARTH represents our WILL; and now we see life that stems from our will. Will includes choices of what we want or do not want. Again these expressions of life are connected with the emotions. So often, we will see the animal PASSIONS worshipped instead of the Creator of such emotions. e.g. COWS are worshipped by Hindus.

The LION for instance, represents HOLY WRATH . . . Jesus, the Lion of Judah who is always against that which is not holy. The OX = unselfish servant attitude. The LAMB = meekness, surrender, graciousness. NOAH had to take every aspect of one's nature with him into the Ark. . . . including the Elephant's good memory; the Tiger temper; the Goat's stubbornness; the Dog's loyalty and so on.

Now to the highlight of God's creation or bringing forth. . . MAN.

Adam Hb. = man, mankind.

Here in Genesis 1:26 . . . God makes MAN in His IMAGE and LIKENESS.

Image Hb. = (m) and refers to Spirit; while Likeness Hb.= (f) and refers to the Soul.

Spirit is the quickener and the Soul is what is quickened.

This MAN is a SPIRITUAL MAN who is placed in the PHYSICAL MAN of Genesis 2:7.

this spiritual man is both male and female. . . which is no problem as God is both male and Female. (see later study on What is God like?).

this is the MAN that God will commune with. He is the visible expression of the invisible God. He is special — he is the climax as to what God needed to express Himself. This man was the SUBSTANCE or FORM of God Himself.

This man was brought forth in the 6th. Day of God's plan.

These days have, by some, been likened to the dispensations. However using scripture to interpret scripture, we see **II Peter 3:8**, that **A Day = 1000 years** and vica-versa.

In the sixth 1000 year Day, God is bringing forth a MAN in the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ, who is the Image of God. (**Ephesians 4:13** and **II Corinthians 4:4**).

DAY 7:

Genesis 2:1 *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*

(2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

(3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

So this is God's plan and it hasn't changed. Nothing has 'shook' God. He does not need plan 'B'.

God rests on His 7th. Day because He now has a man to rule in Him and have dominion over all things.

In the beginning, God created man and this man did not have robot perfection; neither did God desire such because HE WAS/IS LOVE (**I John 4:8**). Love is 'two-way' and as He first loved us, we need to return His love back to Him as our love.

God was not corruptible! By placing Himself in human form, that form was corruptible.

Genesis 1:26 compared to **Genesis 2:7**.

MAN WAS MADE CORRUPTIBLE and God saw that it was 'very good' (**Gen.1:31**). MAN was given 'free-will' to choose his path and God, being God, knew what he would choose: because God knew and because He was LOVE, in all fairness He planned a wonderful provision (**Romans 8:20**).

Had Adam walked in OBEDIENCE, he would not have sinned and become **CORRUPTED**.

Adam is the 'federal head' of the human race, so we inherit his sinful nature. (**Psalm 51:5**).

In passing: 'to make' = to produce from what one has or is. . . i.e. out of what God was.

'to form' = Hb. to squeeze into . . . i.e. placing His life/ essence in it

'to create' = Hb. to make . . . but does not place Himself in it.

e.g. **Isaiah 45:7** ' (God speaking) 'I FORM the light and I CREATE darkness.

'good' = not a perfect **INCORRUPTIBLE** creation, but 'good' in relation to His plan of the ages.

A BRIEF LOOK AT ADAM & EVE — There were two of them, male and female, yet *God called their name, Adam* (**Gen.5:1**). Eve was Adam's 'other half'.

Gen.1:26 *God said, let us make man in our IMAGE (m) after our LIKENESS (f) and let them have dominion. . .*

Image (m. in Hb.) relates to our SPIRIT.

Likeness (f. in Hb.) relates to our MIND or SOUL.

The SOUL or MIND part of you will be the arena where Satan will attack with his thoughts.

In passing: **SPIRIT** = Hb. **RUWACH**, Gk. **PNEUMA** = **Breath, air, spirit** Rt. **PNEO** = **to breath hard/blow**

The work of a spirit is to **CREATE THOUGHT** (**John 16:8**).

The HOLY SPIRIT can speak within you, God's thoughts. *He will lead you into all truth* (**John 14:26**)

Truth is held in one's mind. Satan and his hordes can bombard your mind from without and from within with ungodly thoughts.

He did just that to Eve. . . and Eve failed to obey God (**Gen.3:1-7**)

The eyes of both of them were opened = i.e. they both became conscious of the earthy and natural realm with its self-centred desires.

The battle is for the control of your mind. We are FOR God and His word OR we are against God (**Exodus 32**).

Our BODIES are controlled by our minds and express what we think.

God had commanded/said, 'Eat from any or all the trees of the garden, but NOT the tree of knowledge of good and evil' (**Gen.2:17**). **DISOBEDIENCE = SIN = DEATH**. *The wages of sin, is death* (Romans 6:23).

After they/he fell, God called to Adam, *'Where are you, Adam?'* Genesis 3:9.

HE, BEING GOD, KNEW ALL ALONG, BUT HE DESIRED THAT ADAM BECOME AWARE WHERE HE NOW WAS. Adam and Eve were no longer in the God's realm of spirit, but were of the earth, earthy (**I Cor.15: 47-49**).

GOD'S MERCY AND GRACE

God made mankind with freewill knowing that he would fall.

Before the fall in the Garden, God made His provision for the redemption of His mankind.

GOD'S PURPOSE

Ephesians 1:3,4 'Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places with Christ. (4) According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love'.

Genesis 1:26. 'Let us make man in our image . . . and let them have dominion over all lower realms of creation.'

GOD'S PROVISION

Christ was crucified BEFORE THE FOUNDATION of the world (**Revelation 13:8**). It happened 'in the spirit', later to be manifested on the earth.

Foundation: Gk. = *deposition* = a laying or putting down, something deposited.

'No other foundation can no man lay, than is laid, which is Jesus Christ', (I Corin.3:11)

. THE LAMB SUBSTITUTE ; The Blood of The Lamb that in the Old Covenant would 'cover' the sins of the people. In the New Covenant, the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, would 'take away' the sin of the people.

Romans 5:6. *For when we were yet sinners without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly.*

Read Romans 5: 6-11.

** I Corinthians 6:17 *He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.*

Jesus said that, *'I and My Father are one'*. John 10:30.

Jesus was a Spirit-Man, a God-man, in a human body.

If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father; John 14:9.

Father is Spirit John 4:24 & I Corinthians 3:17.

QUESTIONS:

1. Write out the headlines of the seven days of creation as they apply to your life.
2. Why can God 'rest' after six days ?
3. What are the 'days' mentioned in Genesis ?