

The Creation: The First to the Fourth Day

Genesis 1

In the beginning God created¹ the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. The Spirit of God² was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. There was evening and there was morning, the first day.

God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”³ And it was so. God called the expanse Heaven. There was evening and there was morning, the second day.

God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation,⁴ 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. God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light⁵ to rule the day and the lesser light⁶ to rule the night—and the stars. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Explanatory Notes

¹Made out of nothing. ²Holy Spirit. ³To separate water on earth from water in the atmosphere. ⁴Green plant life for food. ⁵Sun. ⁶Moon.



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For Reflection

1. What does the creation tell us about the Creator?
2. What evidence of the effects of sin do you see in the natural world around you?
3. Another way God showed His power was in sending Jesus to live, die, and rise again for the sins of the world. How can we show our love for Jesus in the way we care for all the things He has made for us?

Words to Remember

Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases. *Psalm 115:3*