

## The Creation: The Fifth to the Seventh Day

### Genesis 1

God said, “Let the waters swarm<sup>1</sup> with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 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. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the water in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” There was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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. God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let Us<sup>2</sup> make man in Our image, after Our likeness.<sup>3</sup> And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply<sup>4</sup> and fill the earth and subdue<sup>5</sup> it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. On the seventh day, God finished His work that He had done, and He rested<sup>6</sup> on the seventh day.

God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all His work that He had done in creation.

#### Explanatory Notes

<sup>1</sup>Be filled with. <sup>2</sup>The triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. <sup>3</sup>Adam and Eve knew God as He wishes to be known, and they were righteous and holy, doing God’s will. <sup>4</sup>These first parents were to have children, and through them become the parents of all people in the world. <sup>5</sup>Control it in order to take care of it. <sup>6</sup>Stopped His creative work, since it was complete.



*God saw that it was good.*

#### For Reflection

1. List several ways God has blessed you through the animals He has made.
2. People are the creation God loved the most. He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to be our Savior and Friend. What special work does God give us to do for His honor and glory?
3. How do people show their love for God in the way they regard the day of rest set aside by Him?

#### Words to Remember

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God.  
*Hebrews 11:3*