



Spiritual Creation

LESSONS FROM GENESIS 1

CLASS 2

Day 1

- First is Natural – Second is Spiritual
- God performed the Physical Creation first...
 - But, His main concern has always been with the **Spiritual Creation**
- By studying the Creation of God, we learn about what kind of God He is
 - We learn about the God-like qualities that we need to develop
- So that we can become a Spiritual Creation

- **HEAVEN**

- Genesis 1:1

1) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Natural Lessons

- I don't think it's accidental or coincidental that Heaven is the first thing mentioned in Creation

- ***But, why is it hardly mentioned at all after Verse 1?***

- Strong's reference number: 8064 - Hebrew: ***shamayim***

Definition: The sky (as aloft; the dual description alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve)

- ***Shamayim*** is plural of ***Shamah***

- ***Shamah*** means either desolation or astonishment

- Something awesome, something huge and forbidding...

- The natural lesson of the Heaven is something great and high and beyond us...

- The heavens draw our minds upward

- The Pluralism is interesting because it can imply the Heavens that we see, and the Heavens that we can't (where God dwells)

- That is often why you will see references to "the Heaven, even the Heavens"

- ***"The sky, even the dwelling place of God"***

Spiritual Lessons

- Let's begin with a look at what Peter says...

- 2nd Peter 3:3-10 (KJV)

3) Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4) And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5) For this they willingly are ignorant of, that **by the word of God the heavens were** of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

- 6) Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
- 7) But the **heavens** and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment** and perdition of ungodly men.
- 8) But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- 9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- 10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away** with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

- Peter talks about the Heavens and Earth being destroyed...

- This is kind of confusing..
- Because we read elsewhere...

- Psalm 148:4-6 (KJV)

- 4) Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
- 5) Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6) He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

- Ecclesiastes 1:4 (KJV)

- 4) One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

- There must be some other explanation

- We get a clue in Isaiah 1...

- Isaiah 1:1-2 (KJV)

- 1) The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- 2) Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me...

- Now, look down at the same salutation in Verse 10...

- Isaiah 1:10 (KJV)

10) Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

- When we look at God's Spiritual Creation...

- The Spiritual lesson that we are supposed to see is that **Heavens and Earth** refer to political systems...

- 2nd Peter is referring then to changes in a spiritual Heaven and Earth...

- Changes in the political systems...

- 2nd Peter 3:10-14 (KJV)

10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away with a great noise**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the **earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up**.

- Politics...

- Pain and sorrow...

- It doesn't have to happen...

- Better Government is possible...

- Just Management is possible...

- Revelation 21:1-4 (KJV)

1) 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.

2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3) 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.

- Injustice probably sums up the governments of this world...

- The poor go hungry and rich throw their money away on \$6,000 Shower Curtains

- The poor get put in jail without proof they committed the crime, and the rich get Johnny Cochran to prove that if “it doesn’t fit, you must acquit!”

- Isaiah 11:1-4 (KJV)

- 1) And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2) And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
- 3) And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and **he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes**, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
- 4) But with **righteousness shall he judge the poor**, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and **with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked**.

- Amazing and wonderful changes that are going to take place in the Governments of this world...

- Everything you see and everything you know is going to be destroyed

- The unjust and inefficient

- Corporate and Political Corruption AND the DMV

- If all this is going to happen...

- What should you do?

- 2nd Peter 3:11-18 (NIV)

- 11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to **live holy and godly lives**
- 12) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. **That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire**, and the elements will melt in the heat.
- 13) But in keeping with his promise **we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth**, the home of righteousness.
- 14) So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, **make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him**.
- 15) Bear in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.
- 16) He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

- 17) Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.
- 18) But **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

• EARTH

• Genesis 1:1-2

- 1) In the beginning God created the heaven and the **earth**.
- 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.

Natural Lessons

• Unlike the Heavens, which naturally draw your eyes and mind upward

- The Earth just naturally draws you **DOWN**

- Earth implies a **lowering** of your thoughts and actions

• Earth is dirty

- It's as simple as that...

• Let's look at the description of the Earth...

• Genesis 1:2

- 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.

• The Earth is without shape...

- It is without a plan...

- “Without Form” - A **desolation** – Same word used to describe Idols

- “Void” - An undistinguishable ruin

- “Darkness” - Dark, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness

• In it's “natural” state (before God said “*Let there be light*”) the Earth was **SIN**...

• The Earth is Sin

- Earthly is Sinful

Spiritual Lessons

• Scripturally, we see the same lesson

- Sinfulness

- James 3:13-16 (NIV)

- 13) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.
- 14) But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.
- 15) Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly**, **unspiritual**, of the devil.
- 16) For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

- Earthly, sensual, devilish...

- Every evil work!

- Our bellies guide our lives...

- Not our minds

- Philippians 3:18-19

- 18) For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.
- 19) Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. **Their mind is on earthly things.**

- Who else spent time on his belly on the Earth?

- Genesis 3:14 (KJV)

- 14) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

- We are very much like the serpent

- This is where we start, but remember the lesson of Heaven, it is **NOT** our goal

- 1st Corinthians 15:47-49 (KJV)

- 47) The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.
- 48) As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.
- 49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

- The first man is of the Earth, Earthy...

- But the second man is from Heaven, Heavenly
- We all start out in this same state
 - Darkness covers over us
 - We are a spiritual desolation
 - Our lives are in ruins
 - We are surrounded by misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow and wickedness
- And then the Spirit of God moves upon us...
 - But, what if the Spirit of God doesn't move upon you?
- Those that stay in the Earthly State, are unable to see Spiritual things
 - They are unable to understand anything important..
- John 3:11-13 (NIV)
 - 11) tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.
 - 12) I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?
 - 13) No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man.
- The Earthly things are simple – **NATURAL**
 - The Heavenly things are harder to understand – **SUPERNATURAL**
- John 3:31 (NIV)
 - 31) “The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.
- The Heavenly things are the most important
 - If you don't understand these things, how can you live?
- He that is still Earthly, condemns himself to death and destruction
- We are in this body by birth
 - We are on the Earth naturally

- Our hope is to depart from this Earthly Body

- Our hope is in Heaven

- 2nd Corinthians 5:1-3 (NIV)

- 1) Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
- 2) Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
- 3) because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

- We don't want to be naked

- We don't want to be mortal, like Adam and Eve were in the beginning

- Genesis 2:25 (KJV)

- 25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- We have to be clothed with a different body

- We **HAVE** to be changed from our Earthly Bodies to a Heavenly Body

- 1st Corinthians 15:51-54

- 51) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed
- 52) in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- 53) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.
- 54) When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

• DARKNESS

• Genesis 1:2-5

- 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.

Natural Lessons

- You can't see in the dark...
 - If you try to walk in the dark you stumble around and fall
- Darkness doesn't reveal anything
 - Darkness hides things
- Police Forces run double shifts in the night, and not the day...
 - Why?
 - More crimes are committed at night than during the day
- More sin, more wickedness, more evil is committed in the darkness...
 - Darkness is evil, wrong, bad, sin...

Spiritual Lessons

- Scripturally, we see the same lessons...
- Proverbs 4:19 (NIV)
 - 19) The way of the wicked is as **darkness**: they know not at what they stumble.
- Walking in sin is like walking in the dark
 - You will stumble and fall, and not be able to arrive at your destination
- You roam around aimlessly
 - Stubbing your toe on everything around you...

- Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)

- 22) The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.
- 23) But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

- You **CAN'T** see properly if you are in the dark

- People who are in the dark are unable to serve God

- You must be brought into the light

- Ephesians 5:8-12 (NIV)

- 8) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light
- 9) (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)
- 10) and find out what pleases the Lord.
- 11) Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
- 12) For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

- Once we come into the light, we must walk like we are in the light

- The worst thing is someone who is in the light, but continues to stumble around like they are in the dark

- Darkness = Sin = Devil = Ignorance

- All of these terms are interchangeable in the Scriptures, and in their definition

- We need to separate ourselves from all of them...

- John 3:19-20 (NIV)

- 19) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.
- 20) Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

- 2nd Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)

- 14) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

- ***God divided the light from the darkness...***

- Division of Good and Evil
- The Bible is by it's very nature... About morality
 - The Bible defines our life
 - It brings into sharp relief the ideas of Good and Bad
- All things are not relative
 - It doesn't matter who you are, where you are, or when you lived...
 - There is Right and there is Wrong
 - And God is the Author of Right and Wrong
- We haven't even got four verses into the Bible yet, and God has declared...
 - Light is Good...
 - I am going to separate Light from Darkness
- God divided it on purpose, and Society is trying to Un-Divide it
- Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)
 - 20) Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- Isaiah 5:24 (KJV)
 - 24) Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- Hollywood is trying to Un-Divide Light from Darkness...
 - Movies say that Sin is Good...
 - Fornication and Adultery is "Romantic"...
 - Rebelliousness is "Normal"...
 - Violence is "The Best Solution"...
 - Society is trying to Un-Divide Light from Darkness...
 - Homosexuality is not wrong...

- Evolution is correct...
- “Getting Ahead” is the most important thing in life...
- Your friends are trying to Un-Divide Light from Darkness...
 - Have a few drinks, it’s not bad...
 - It’s wrong to not be “diverse” and accept other’s sinful lifestyles...
- And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the **darkness**.
- You **MUST** keep it divided...

• LIGHT

• Genesis 1:2-5

- 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.

Natural Lessons

- Light shines into Darkness
 - You **CANNOT** shine Darkness into Light
 - Notice how it does **NOT** say that God created the light
 - The suggestion is, *“Let there be light in the Earth”*
 - This is even more confusing, when you consider that the Sun isn’t created until the fourth day
 - Isaiah 45:7 (KJV)
 - 7) I *form* the light, and *create* darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.
- “form”** Strong's reference number: 3335

Hebrew: **yatsar**

Definition: to mould into a form; as a potter; fig. to determine (i.e. form a resolution)

“**create**” Strong's reference number: 1254

Hebrew: **bara'**

Definition: to create

- Genesis 1 uses the word “**bara**” to describe how God **creates** the World
 - He creates darkness
 - He molds and forms the light... Out of something already there
- God is light
 - His glory shines
- He formed it to shine upon the Earth long before he created the Sun

Spiritual Lessons

- God is Light
- 1st John 1:5-7 (NIV)
 - 5) This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**
 - 6) If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.
 - 7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
- It doesn't say, “God is **A** light”
 - God is Light
- What else is God?
- **GOD IS LOVE**
- 1st John 4:16 (NIV)
 - 16) And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.
- **GOD IS MERCIFUL**
- Deuteronomy 4:31 (NIV)

- 31) (For the LORD your **God is a merciful God**; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.

• **GOD IS MIGHTY**

- Job 36:5 (NIV)

- 5) **God is mighty**, but does not despise men; he is mighty, and firm in his purpose.

• **GOD IS TRUTHFUL**

- John 3:33 (NIV)

- 33) The man who has accepted it has certified that **God is truthful**.

• **GOD IS FAITHFUL**

- 1st Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)

- 9) **God**, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **is faithful**.

- We know that God is Light...

- We also clearly see that God IS many other righteous qualities

- Genesis isn't talking about sun-light

- Genesis is talking about all that is Good and Right and Holy

- Light is Righteousness

- Even as Darkness is Sin

- Light is also represented by something else...

- 2nd Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

- 6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

- John 12:46 (NIV)

46) I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

- Jesus is the Light that God created!
- Jesus is the personification of all the Godly qualities
- Remember how Light shines into Darkness
- Jesus shines into the Darkness
 - Jesus reaches out to those who were in ignorance
- The Darkness does not shine into him
 - Jesus changes sinners...
 - He didn't allow sinner to change him!
- Jesus commands us to shine also
- Matthew 5:15-16 (KJV)
 - 15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
 - 16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- **WE** are to be lights also!
- 1st Peter 2:9 (NIV)
 - 9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
- Our characters are supposed to reflect the light of God also
 - We are supposed to shine into this dark world
- It doesn't matter what kind of light we are...
 - We can't all be sun-light
- God is light, not **A** light
 - Neon light, spot light, search light, flood light...
- It doesn't matter as long as we bring light into our relationships

- Jesus is a perfect example of this light...
- We are all familiar with how God gave Jesus as our sacrifice...
- John 3:16 (KJV)

16) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- But let’s keep reading...
- John 3:17-21 (KJV)

17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

19) And this is the condemnation, that **light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light**, because their deeds were evil.

20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov’d.

21) But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

- ***Come to the light!***