



Spiritual Creation

LESSONS FROM GENESIS 1

CLASS 5

Days 5 & 6

- We've been talking about the principle of Spiritual Creation
 - Spiritual Creation is derived from an understanding of the Second Adam
- That is the principle that we have been trying to understand in this study:
 - **The First is Natural, and the Second is Spiritual**
- The First Adam was sinful, but the Second Adam brings forgiveness of our sins
- Whenever we look at things in this study of Genesis 1, (and in life in general!)
 - We should always remember that the First is Natural, and the Second is Spiritual
- God didn't intend for us to focus on the Natural, but on the Spiritual
 - The story of Creation is intended to be a Spiritual Study, then...
- Yesterday we looked at:
 - Grass - Life is temporary – Without Christ in our life we simply wither and die
 - Herbs - Bread – The Staff of Life – Jesus – The Bread of Life
 - Trees - All of our problems began on a tree and were resolved on a tree
 - Sun - Christ is the Son – Our entire universe is centered around him
 - Moon - The moon reflects the sun – The Ecclesia (and you) reflect Christ
 - Stars - No other religious universe can hold a candle to Christ

- **FISH**

- Genesis 1:20-23 (KJV)

- 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.

Natural Lessons

- Fish are almost numberless
 - They swarm the sea
 - They are everywhere at all times
- You throw a line in, or cast a net, and select out a certain few
 - Fishing is removing a fish from the water (hopefully)
 - Fishing is by chance

Spiritual Lessons

- This is the first occurrence of the word ***Nephesh*** – “Living Soul”
- This leads us to lean towards a meaning of Humans – People
 - A calling out of people
- Fish are very prominent in the life of Jesus
- The logical connection comes from what Jesus called to Peter and Andrew
- Matthew 4:18-19 (KJV)

- 18) And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- 19) And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. The great catch of all kinds of fish in the Gospel net

- There are two catches of fish that I'd like to look at:

- Luke 5:3-6 (NIV)

- 3) He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
- 4) When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."
- 5) Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
- 6) When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

- John 21:4-14 (NIV)

- 4) Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.
- 5) He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" ¶ "No," they answered.
- 6) He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.
- 7) Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.
- 8) The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.
- 9) When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.
- 10) Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."
- 11) Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.
- 12) Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
- 13) Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 14) This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

- A comparison of the similarities and differences in these verses teaches a lesson:

Luke 5

- Happened after the Lord was done teaching
- Two Boats
- Fish caught on both sides of the Boat
- Jesus was in the Boat
- All kinds of fish caught

John 21

- At the dawn of a new day
- One Boat
- Fish caught on the right side only
- Jesus was far away – Unrecognizable
- Great fishes

- A great multitude of fish
- The net broke
- The Boat began to sink
- Peter: “Depart from me, O Lord”

• **The gathering of the Jews and Gentiles Into the Gospel Net**

- The work became perverted (nets broke ships sank, fishermen unworthy)

- A precise number of fish
- The net didn't break
- The Boat used the last time
- Peter: Cast Himself into the Sea

• **The gathering of the elect at the dawn of a New Day when Christ returns**

- The net doesn't break – Fisherman are worthy, and eager to be with the Lord – After accomplishing the work he rests by the Lord's side and enjoys a meal with him

• **Why 153?**

- I dunno!

- Here are some suggestions / help:

1) $9 \times 17 = 153 - 9 = \text{Judgment} \ \& \ 10+7=17 - 10 = \text{Spirit} - 7 = \text{Order}$

2) The Sea of Galilee would have contained only 153 different species of fish, so that Jesus gathers people out of every nation of the world

3) The Numerical Value of Letters = Fishes = 1224 = 153×8 (8th Sign of John)

4) Sons of God = 153 = (Only if it's Sons of Elohim)

5) Triangular Number 17

120 = 15 (Acts 1:15)

274 = 23 (Acts 27:37)

666 = 36 (Revelation 13:18)

• **Why Fish?**

- The fish came to represent Christians and the preaching of the Gospel

IXOYE = Ichthys

I = Iesous = Jesus

X = Christos = Christ

O = Theou = God

Y = Yios = Son

E = Soter = Saviour

- **FOWL**

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Natural Lessons

- Birds seem almost a miracle...
 - A miracle that they can fly
 - That they don't get blown around in the wind
 - That they don't get eaten by something else
- They are so small, and so fragile...

Spiritual Lessons

- A symbol of God's protection and care over us
- Consider the following verses...
 - Matthew 6:26 (NIV)
 - 26) Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
- God cares for the birds, even though they don't work, yet he love us more...
- Luke 12:6-7 (NIV)
 - 6) Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.
 - 7) Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- God cares for sparrows even though they are "worthless", and he loves us more...

- Luke 12:22-24 (NIV)

- 22) Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.
- 23) Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.
- 23) Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

- Life is more than food, and body more than clothes...

- God uses Birds to teach us a lesson of the fragility of life, and yet shows how much He loves and cares for us

• BEASTS

• Genesis 1:24-25 (KJV)

- 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.

Natural Lessons

- Beasts are dumb...
 - They look dumb...
 - They serve a “dumb” purpose...
- They just kind of look at you with those big eyes, and you realize that there is nothing behind them...

Spiritual Lessons

- There is no salvation in a beast...

• Psalm 49:10-12 (KJV)

- 10) For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.
- 11) Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.
- 12) Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

• Psalm 49:16-20 (KJV)

- 16) Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
- 17) For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.
- 18) Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.
- 19) He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.
- 20) Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

- People who do not understand are like the beasts that perish...

- Without understanding you have no hope of salvation...

- You are just a big dumb animal...

- We are not supposed to live lives like beasts...

- 2nd Peter 2:12-14 (NIV)

- 12) But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

- 13) They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.

- 14) With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed - an accursed brood!

- Beastly...

- Unthinking, not cognizant of how your actions affect your life or the lives of others

- Brutish, foolish, acting instinctively and not by intelligence or reason

- Being driven by your base desires...

- Food

- Sex

- Comfort

- That is not what God wants from us

- God wants us to rise above our basic desires and desire holiness

- And if we fall...

- Sacrificing Beasts doesn't really satisfy God either

- Hebrews 10:4-5 (NIV)

- 4) because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

- 5) Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

- Christ came because beasts weren't sufficient

- You have to **THINK**

- You can't just be a big dumb animal in life
 - You need to be Godly
- Animals can't save you...
- Hebrews 13:10-12 (NIV)
 - 10) We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.
 - 11) The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp.
 - 12) And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.
- Obedience is what pleases God
 - Acting God-Like, and not like a beast is what pleases God...

- **MAN**

- Genesis 1:26-30 (KJV)

- 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.
- 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.

Natural Lessons

- Man is **NOT** Basically Good...

- Bosnia
- Somalia
- Abu Graib Prison
- Hitler's Germany
- South Central L.A.

- Man mistreats, tortures and murders his fellow man

- Why?
- Because of our lusts

- James 4:1-2 (NIV)

- 1) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?
- 2) You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

- Man is Basically Evil
 - Left to our own we don't evolve into better people who rise to higher levels of intelligence
 - We devolve
 - We corrupt and rot down to the lowest level possible
 - And then go lower...
 - Why?

- Jeremiah 17:9 (KJV)

- 9) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Spiritual Lessons

- You must understand what kind of person you really are, in order to pull some kind of spirituality out of yourself
 - A proper understanding of your own sinfulness is necessary

- Romans 7:14-24

- 14) We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.
- 15) I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
- 16) And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.
- 17) As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.
- 18) I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.
- 19) For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing.
- 20) Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
- 21) So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
- 22) For in my inner being I delight in God's law;
- 23) but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.
- 24) What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

- But we were not intended to be this way...

- God intends something much better for us
- From the very beginning it was so...
- Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

27) So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- God created us in His own image
- We are **intended** to be Godly
 - We are intended to be like God
- We are supposed follow our Lord Jesus and transform ourselves into Godly people
- 2nd Corinthians 4:3-10 (NIV)

3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, **who is the image of God.**

5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

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.**

7) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

8) We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

9) persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

10) We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, **so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.**

- Jesus is what a **MAN** is supposed to be for us...
 - Not brutish, not beastly
 - Not thinking only of himself and his belly
- But, Godly
 - Holy
 - Thinking of others first
- Thinking like God

- We are going through this process of a Spiritual Creation in order to be transformed...
- We are going through this process of a Spiritual Creation in order to be Born Again as Spiritual Beings...

- Romans 8:18-25 (NIV)

- 18) I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
- 19) The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.
- 20) For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
- 21) that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.
- 22) We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
- 23) Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
- 24) For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?
- 25) But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

- God didn't want to create **MEN**

- God is trying to create some thing Spiritual
 - God is trying to create Spiritual Beings
- God is much more concerned with the Spiritual Creation than the Natural Creation
- Hopefully, you have changed your way of looking at the physical lessons from Genesis
 - Hopefully, now you can see the spiritual lessons in the Creation
- Look at your whole life in this way...
 - The things that happen to you are not just the natural occurrences that follow patterns
- God is actively involved in your life bringing people, problems, circumstances and His Word to play in each day
- He is **BUSY** working with His angels to shape you, and mold you, and transform you into a Spiritual Being
- Don't look at the same old things in your day as chance or coincidence

- Look for the hand of God at work
 - Look for the opportunity to change and grow and become who He wants you to become
- What is God's purpose for the World?
- Numbers 14:21
 - 21) But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.
- God desires to fill the earth with His **GLORY**
 - God wants **YOU** to bring praise and glory to His name by deciding, out of your own **FREE WILL**, that you choose to serve Him instead of yourself
- You need to make that choice **ONCE** for every day
 - You need to accept His call to be baptized
 - And you need to accept that challenge every day when you wake up to live that day to the Glory of God
- To do everything you do to the best of your ability so that your Master will be pleased
- To remember:
 - Your First Nature is sinful...
 - Your Second Nature must be Christ-like
- Ephesians 4:22-24
 - 22) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
 - 23) to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
 - 24) and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Reactions are Natural Reactions - Natural, sinful, fleshly, wrong...
- Don't just **DO**
 - **THINK!**
- Stop thinking like the First Adam
 - Stop **REACTING** to the stimuli in the world around us

- ACT in a spiritual manner in response to the blessings you have received
- That is the lesson of the Spiritual Creation...
- God performed the physical creation first...
 - But, His main concern has always been with the Spiritual Creation
- We must become a new creation...
 - A Spiritual Creation

TIME FOR DISCUSSION – Q & A