

7 Days of creation

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all those who have taken time to become my tribe and my people as I serve the Lord. Thank you for faithfully reading my work. It is also dedicated to those who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ through my works as an author and a minister of the Word. Enjoy!

Foreword

You probably have heard many different stories about the beginning of the world. They are most likely not the same. The helm from a varied number of sources and you cannot tell truth from myth, fact from fiction. More than that, there is no way of appreciating the moral of the story.

In this book, the story of the creation of the earth and its backyard is based on Bible truth. It is told through the eyes of the Lord, as much as He has revealed and enabled. It is shared with the aim of helping us all to appreciate the grace of the Lord and His goodness.

This book shows how God took time to make all things beautiful for us to enjoy. He placed everything in its place to complement everything else. He did it all for you and I.

Discover in these pages the marvelous works of the Lord, the grandeur of His abilities, and the overwhelming beauty of His Holiness expressed in the works of His might.

First Day - The Beginning of a thing

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis 1:1-5, New King James Version)

We often find ourselves in a formless, void, and dark moment. This is a reality of this mortal life we live. Most of the time, we cannot see a way out of that situation. Hope is not something tangible, and faith is not a reality.

The earth was **without form**, it was haphazard, nothing was in its rightful place. There was no order on the earth, much like some moments we go through. Nothing was making sense. It was **void**, there was no good thing in it, nothing good could come out of the earth at that time. Don't we find ourselves in void situations sometimes? **Darkness** was on the face of the deep just like those dark places we find ourselves in. Darkness impairs our sight and removes vision.

But our God has not left us alone in this oblique situation. He is mindful of us. He is a faithful God, and He will not let us relent. We must hold on to that and revive our trust in Him. This reality is fuel for our hope. The Holy Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the deep. Even now, God has not left us alone.

In the beginning, the Lord God altered the status quo of the earth when He said "Let there be light". This light came out of God Himself. God broke the reign of darkness with His marvellous light. He will do it again in our lives. God will shine bright over our formless, void and dark situations.

On the first day (of the first month)

Exodus 40:1-33

What you do at the beginning of the year has a great impact on how you progress through the rest of the year. You must do the important thing at the inception of the year, and indeed at the beginning of any undertaking, you choose to engage in. It rests upon you to be diligent at it and to make certain that every strep is concluded correctly. Your life, your projects and every other matter you embark on are dependent on you to give them a chance at existence and fruition.

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting."

(Exodus 40:1-2, New King James Version)

God took care here to instruct Moses regarding securing the year for the whole nation of Israel. The Lord made no mistake to tell Moses to do this right at the beginning. It is important to always begin right, to start well. We must realise that the moment of conception and the point of commencement are extremely vital.

God is intentional about your starting points. The voice that is spoken at the starting point is the voice that covers the rest of the life of that matter. The year has ears. The year is anxious to hear what will be pronounced over it. The year is ready to receive; it desires to be impregnated by the right seed that you are going to speak over it.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits." (Proverbs 18:21, New King James version)

What you pronounce at the beginning of the year or a project will either be the life source of it or its demise. You will want to say the right words if that be the case. You need to say the best words.

God instructed Moses to set up the tabernacle of meeting and all that was to be used in it. This was a meeting place with the Lord God Almighty. The best thing you can do for yourself and your family, for your projects and your year is to invoke Jehovah God in it at the beginning of it all. Do not be slack to make the right choice nor do the most desirable thing that you can do for yourself.

Friend, please take the time today to do right by yourself and say that which will speak positively into the rest of the year and your projects.

"And he (Moses) said to Him (God), "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here."

(Exodus 33.15, New King James Version).

This must be our attitude toward life, the year and our projects. We must not allow ourselves to move if God is not going with us. Do not go ahead of Him, and definitely, never go without Him!

The secret and the public places

Definitions:

Secret -Something that should remain hidden from others (especially information that is not to be passed on). Family recipes, security details of a nation and company information make for some examples.

Public -Open to or concerning the people as a whole. Not private.

"However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,

Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

(I Corinthians 2:6-16, New King James Version).

This portion of Scripture addresses several small pieces that form a bigger picture. -Man's wisdom.

-Maturity.

-The hidden wisdom of God.

-Limitations of man to know and fathom the extents of God.

-The twofold work of God's Holy Spirit; searching and revelation.

-Two kinds of teachings; man's way and the way of the Holy Spirit.

-The abilities of the natural man, and those of the spiritual man.

-The mind of Christ.

The picture that is painted in this portion of Scripture regards our relationship with the Lord. The benefits of being in this relationship with the Lord are the key focus of the writing. Our relationship with the Lord requires effort from us just like any other.

The Lord relates to us from two places and times. There is a place and a time called the secret place. There is yet another place and a time called the public place.

These are ever-present in this relationship with the Lord. Ours is to understand what each of these places means and how to relate with God in these places.

There are two aspects to this relationship. Two persons must relate to each other. There is the natural and then there is also the spiritual. We must realise that in our relationship with the Lord we will need to understand these two aspects and how they must interact.

The Secret and the Public places

We need to understand that the relationship is developed and strengthened in both the secret place and the public place. God works on us from the secret place. The Lord works through us in the public place. The two complement each other. They work for the common good of our relationship with the Lord God.

Secret place

This is the place in our relationship with God to which others are not privy. This is the place of aloneness with the Lord. This is the place where we are the clay in the hands of the Lord and He is the potter (Jeremiah 18.1-6).

-Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord (Job 1.6a). The sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord. The secret place is found before the Lord. We need to present ourselves before the Lord.

-He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91.1). We must learn to dwell in the secret place. That will teach us to abide.

-But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Matthew 6.6).

- The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant. (Psalm 25.17)

Public place

This is the part of our relationship with God that is open to others. Here is where the Lord works through us. He does so to show Himself faithful both to us and to others. (Luke 11.33).

-Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God; (Hebrews 12.1-2). In the public place, Jesus is shown to have conquered. He has won the victory.

-For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you; (John 13.15). The public place is the place of servanthood. That is where we serve, and the Lord Himself ministers to others through us.

-Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you; (1 Timothy 4.12).

A practical example in Moses and Joshua

"Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the Lord went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle." (Exodus 33.7-11, New King James Version).

Here we see how one deliberate Moses used to meet with the Lord. He placed the tent of meeting in a secluded place where there would be little distractions. And when Moses was done, Joshua, his assistant, would take his turn at the secret place. The rest of the nation of Israel though did not approach. They stayed away.

Seek, Ask, Knock

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

(Luke 11.8-13, New King James Version).

It is important to realise that the secret place of the Lord will not come to you. You have to go to it. Remember it is not in the open. You cannot seek that which is in the open.

The secret place of the Lord works on the principle of ASK-SEEK-KNOCK. You must be desirous of the secret place, therefore you must ask. After asking for it, you will receive the chance at it. Next, you must seek it out. You need to search it out and explore its extent. Then you must knock for the door to be opened for you to allow you to walk into the secret place. Remember, the Lord Jesus said when you enter the secret place, close the door.

That is how Moses did it. Joshua did the same too. He realized that Moses had his share of the secret place of the Most High but he needed to go for himself. It is a personal relationship first before it can become a public matter.

The Lord has opened the way to the secret place of the Most High for us so that we can each have a personal relationship with Him. He wants a relationship in which He will be the potter and we will be the clay in His hands. The Lord desires a private, personal and secret relationship with each one of us!

-Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord (Job 1.6a). Our Heavenly Father has given His Holy Spirit to help us worship Him in spirit and truth, to know Him and grow in the secret place. All we need to do is ask.

Second Day - A Separation

"Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus 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. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day." (GENESIS 1:6-8, BBE, New King James Version).

In this portion of Scripture, the Lord continues to bring order into a chaotic situation. In verse 1, the Bible explains that the state of the earth was a waste, without form. A waste place is not one to be desired. It is a habitation for things of no value. Anything that does not have form is difficult to define. It is not easily recognisable.

We all find ourselves in such situations sometimes. One may be experiencing a chaotic moment. The complexity of the matter might be overwhelming to the individual.

Genesis 1:6-8 shows us a God who is intent on removing the chaos and bringing order into our lives. Jehovah separated the waters because each category of water had a definite purpose. The two being in a mix was a state of confusion.

There are certain things in our lives that God needs to separate. These issues may not be evil or from hell at times. However, in a mixed state, these issues may not be serving their purposes in our lives. God desires that everything is given circumstances that are conducive for proper and complete development.

Productivity is hampered when improper conditions prevail in the environment. These conditions are not tailor-made for the subject. Given the correct conditions, the subject will flourish. Some problem issues appear as insufficiency of a much-needed nutrient, the wrong combinations of different components, or sometimes even the excessive supply of the needed components–an overdose.

Take a moment and introspect. Check the conditions that prevail in the environment of your own life–spiritual and natural alike. Do these conditions foster proper growth? Are all components in the correct proportions? Are you balanced?

The components that affect the conditions of our environment include relationships, the word that is spoken into our lives, the general mindset of our click or clan, as it were, also our personal mindset, available resources and the fluidity of these resources, time constraints and the use of it. There are many components that affect our environments. These are critical influencers of our growth and productivity process.

As in Genesis 1:6-8, the Lord separated the waters putting some above the firmament and others below it. The waters above the firmament have the task of refreshing and renewing the whole earth as they come down in the form of rain. The waters under the firmament are for the purpose of keeping the earth moist. The waters above come down but they still obey the command of the Lord for them to remain above the firmament hence they return in the form of vapour.

The Lord is intentional about bringing the correct conditions and balances into our situations. He wants to separate what must not be in a mixture.

It is now incumbent upon you and me to allow the Lord to do the work of separation in our lives. The Lord seeks to separate the different components in our lives to provide the most conducive conditions for our own growth and development process. Some of it may appear unbearable. The gravity of the discomfort is a direct indication of our attachment and/or the depth to which God has to go to separate these components.

After God was done with the separation process the conditions were now conducive for the development stage. In Genesis 1:9-13 we see how the Lord began to command the process of productivity. He commanded life. Once everything is in its proper place, all are in perfect balance; we begin to produce the fruit that the Lord desires of us. Only then do we start to serve that particular purpose that He wants to draw out of us. May the Lord God increase the resilience in us for separation!

Fight for your Mind

The mind is versatile.

The mind is a critical aspect of the human being. Versatile, easily manipulated and controlled it can easily fall prey to either kind of influence whether right or wrong. It is as complex as it is easy. One cannot by themselves claim to have full control of their mind. The mind uses multiple influences at any one moment to make decisions and frame-up conclusions. There is no way that we can control all these influences by ourselves as most are not internal but external. Some of the internal influences are a result of the influences originating externally. The mind was created to possess extreme versatility via the power of imagination. With imagination, there is no limit to how far one can go. The boundaries are self-made or self-imposed. Those edges are crafted by the individual, even though at times there might be external influences, good or bad. It is therefore very important that we are careful of how our mind is influenced by being keen to filter what influences it. Some of the influencers are teachers, preachers, parents and peers.

The mind can be manipulated and controlled.

There is a battle that rages for our minds. This battle is an attempt to discredit God and disrupt His plan for mankind. The first-ever temptation of man in the garden was purely a battle for the human mind. The devil knew that winning this battle would give him the upper hand and so he had to be most cunning to achieve this goal. Eve on the other hand was naive and innocent, not knowing good or evil. She entertained the whispers of the devil and that was how she lost the battle for her mind. Satan knew that he could manipulate the human mind. The interaction they had was one-sided. The question that the devil posed to Eve, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?", was nothing else but manipulative. See Genesis 3:1, New King James Version; "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

As you give yourself to the will of the Lord for Him to separate the things that are wrongly mixed in your life, remember to take care of your mind and guard it against the devil. Put on the Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 4:11-16). With our care and diligence, you give the devil the advantage and you place yourself open for defeat.

Third Day - Preparation for multiplication

"Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day."

(Genesis 1:9-13, New King James Version).

The separation of water and land was necessary for the process of horticulture as God continued to shape and form the earth. The environment had to be made conducive for the proper flow of the process. The previous state was not appropriate to foster the growth of vegetation. It was therefore required that the separation be done for the conditions to become right.

The same is true in our lives. God must first make some separations for the environment to become conducive for proper growth in our particular grounds. When we sow seed into the ground, the law of seedtime and harvest goes into play. This law demands that the seed which has been sown germinates, grows into a full plant after its own kind, and also that it must produce fruit.

This law was put into perpetual motion when God said, "let the earth bring forth". The bare soil was clothed with verdure (or green foliage), and it is noticeable that the trees, plants, and grasses-the three great divisions of the vegetable kingdom here mentioned-were not called into existence in the same way as the light and the air; they were made to grow, and they grew as they do still out of the ground. However, this was not by the slow process of vegetation, but through the divine power, without rain, dew, or any process of labour they sprouted up and flourished in a single day.

In any process of sowing or investment, the same power is available to work to produce the three great divisions of vegetation, each after its kind. The Lord is ready to do some separations in our lives. Whilst He does this we must realise that it is for our good and benefit. The environment has to be made conducive for whatever God intends to do in our lives.

In this process, we must be prayerful and willing to obey. We must let go of what God is taking away for a better replacement is on its way. We must also prepare ourselves for greater things, new things—abundant blessings. Not every tree can grow underwater, neither can every plant survive in dry ground, the same is true in our lives. God must first separate the wrong mixture so that it can make way for individual elements to flourish. Imagine how illustrious the world would be if all vegetation was submerged underwater.

Fourth Day - Lighting

"Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then 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. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 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. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day." (Genesis 1:14-19, New King James Version).

In the process of creating and establishing order in a chaotic world, the Scriptures record God saying, "Let there be light". The world was covered in darkness, void and without form. The state of the earth offered nothing good to be desired. On the other hand, it was God's pleasure to produce beauty out of that ugly and chaotic situation.

The first step in this process of beautifying the earth was to introduce light into the situation. "Let there be light" were the words, the tools, if you will, that God used. This light, though, was not produced out of anywhere. It came forth out of God Himself.

I John 1:5 records, "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." Before the Lord would proceed with the creation program, He first took away the darkness. God being light He had a stock of it to give out in Genesis. This is the "let there be light" light.

However, in Genesis 1:14-19, the story takes a twist. At this point in the process of creation, God is setting up the earth in order. We see the Lord create luminous bodies that are to provide light on the earth. The Bible details the purposes of these luminous bodies. These light sources are the sun, the moon and the stars.

The first purpose of these light sources was to provide light to the earth. For the commencement of the process, God gave light to the earth to disperse the darkness. After the firmament of the heavens had been created, there was no more need for God to be the light source for the earth. The firmament was to host the luminous bodies that would give light on the earth for as long as time would be.

The Lord intended for these luminous bodies to rule over the different categories of time: day and night, days and years, and signs and seasons. These are the segments that time is divided into. But what are these segments? What do they mean or represent? How do they affect us?

First off, we must understand that God was not haphazard when He did not start the process of creation while darkness still ruled. Also, the Lord created during the daytime only, which is the period that is affected or ruled by light. The evening was the beginning of a new day because darkness was before light. Therefore, the counting of time as in a day began with the evening.

Signs are indicators. Signs are a segment of time in that they show what will come next. These indicators are not random; they fall in their rightful place in the process of time and events. Signs are used for indicating changes that are to follow. These may be results of other events that have occurred and caused ripple effects or they may be by-products. Signs are important for warning of future occurrences. Seasons are parts of time where the overall characteristics of all the days under that period are the same. Two seasons may have some similarities but are at the same time different. Some seasons are very different from each other. Seasons, as a segment of time, help for balance in the ecosystems in the earth. These ecosystems include those of human beings, plants as well as animals. They are for building and strengthening our ability to survive change.

Compared to signs, seasons are longer, they are the fulfilment of the indications or signs. Seasons are repetitive in subsequent years. However, the signs that precede a season would show significant differences when compared to previous similar seasons. Days are classified into two categories. The first is the period that is ruled by light, thus between dawn and dusk.

The second meaning is a full cycle of time from evening to next evening, morning to the next, or twenty-four hour period. God worked during the period when light ruled, that is between morning and evening. That is why the most productive part of the day is while light rules–from dawn to dusk. Dusk to dawn is a result of the toil and grind. It was never intended for man to work.

Years are a collection of sequential segments of time. They include all the other categories of time: signs, seasons, and days. Years also run in sequence and are repetitive in the order of the segments of time. Years also mark the age of the subject. For instance, a person's age is marked by how many years they have experienced in sequence regardless of the point in time that they were born. Years are the yardstick for measuring growth, maturity and fulfilment of time.

He made the lights for us. When God made the luminous bodies, the sun, the moon, and the stars, he had the earth and all its fullness in mind. Human beings, animals, and plants were all in the plan of God. God created these light sources and instituted time in all its segments for our benefit. God established signs so we can have an idea of what is to happen in the future. God placed these luminous bodies in the firmament of the heavens to take care of the earth.

God was intentional when He created these light sources. He is light, and in Him, there is no darkness. The best part of the day is that which is ruled by light. The Lord desires that we are filled with light. In the night too, when darkness seems to fall upon the earth, God put the moon and the stars to give light. Therefore, we are still covered in His plan. He, who is light, is there even in the moment we experience dark moments in our lives. He rules even in the dark.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." (John 1:1-5, New King James Version).

It is God's gracious desire for us to live in this light. The first light that the earth experienced came out of God Himself. The Lord made the luminous bodies to give us light. The greatest desire of God is that we must have the life that He gives through this light. Have light, enjoy life!

Fifth Day - Land and Air

"Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

Genesis 1:20-23, above, gives a record of the work that God did on the fifth day of creation. The Bible shows us that God was not done with creation yet. The Lord returned to both the water and the firmament to insert details of beauty. The Great God of the universe was still at work showing off the awesome works of His hands.

In verse six, God had created the firmament and separated the waters. The work that was done on the second day was only preparatory. There was more that God had on His mind to showcase. Beautiful expression was His focus as He continued to bring about order to the earth.

On the fifth day, God commanded the waters to bring forth living creatures that would fill and navigate the waters, as well as different kinds of birds that would emblazon the skies of the world with perfect tones. Different sizes, colours, textures, and behaviours all arrayed in utmost grandeur.

Splendour was however not the only aspect that God had in mind. More than that, God was putting in place agents for His pleasure. They would stand sentry at his beck and call. Without question, they would obey any and all His demands. His praises would fill the skies and the seas at all times warded by these His faithful servants.

God commanded the waters, a source of refreshment, to bring forth. Water also is a key ingredient for life. Life cannot be sustained without water. When the Lord called forth, the waters heard and obeyed His voice and brought forth whatever God had in mind, exactly as He had planned for them to be.

The order that was given to the firmament and the waters was filled with abundance. All the inhabitants of the waters, large and small, and all species of birds were created with the abundance factor in them. None was intended for mediocrity, for each has its particular path of greatness to fulfil in the great plan of the Lord.

The fifth day/month has greatness, splendour, and abundance induced in it for the manifestation of the sons and daughters of the Most High God. He has called on both the waters and the firmament to produce what would obey Him and bring glory to Him. Child of God, may you enjoy the abundance of whatever the fifth day/month has for you instore. -AMEN.

Sixth Day - The Ultimate Piece

"Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, 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. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

(Genesis 1:24-31, New King James Version).

The Sixth Day of Creation was the climax of the corrective activities of the Lord in restoring order and beauty in the Earth. For five days, God had taken away some things that were not His better choice; He introduced some other things that would express the beauty of His heart—the epitome of His splendour.

The activities of the first five days of creation week were the groundwork that had to precede the activities of the sixth day. The importance of the order of activities was based on the intended goal—the climax of Creation Week. The endgame of these activities was of prime importance to the Lord.

Day Six saw the creation of animals that would traverse the earth. These animals came in a wide variety of species, colours, and sizes. They were an addition to the process of order and beautification of the earth.

Day five activities were divided into two portions. The first is the end of the preliminary works of beautification, while the second was the climax of Creation Week. It must be remembered that God had Angels, The Elders and the Seraphim and Cherubim who sang praises and worshipped Him. All the work of Creation Week was to have an extension of Heaven and the candidates who would sing praises and worship the Lord throughout the universe.

Mankind was, however, the epitome of Creation Week. When everything else that had to come first was done, God had to become very personal as He finished the work of beautification. Everything else that the Lord had done was external. God looked at all that He had done and saw that they were good, but it did not resonate personally. For this much desired and deserved punch, the Lord had to look deep within. The Bible records the Triune God deciding to "make man in His image and likeness". This was the personal aspect that was missing in everything else.

The word used for "Image" in verse 26 means "To Shade, a Phantom". Phantom gives a better understanding of how man was created. Man was created to bear the same form of God's Spirit. And that is where the spirit of man originates from. The word used for "Likeness" means "similitude, model". This resemblance is in the makeup or having the same features. That is why we find references to the eyes, hands or feet of the Lord.

God added the blessing as a bonus. This bonus could only be granted to such as would resonate with the person of the Lord God. It is because God invested Himself in man that He could not say anything less than, "It is very good". All that is listed in the blessing is available in God.

Creation Week was a project that the Lord embarked on with two main goals in mind and heart. The first was to bring order in the earth and express the extent of His magnificence. The second was the greater goal. It was the intention of the Lord to extend Himself and to create another that bore part of Him to praise and worship Him.

This is why we were created. Everything else was to help us to remain conscious of the greatness of the Lord God. Everything that was created was to aid our praising and worshipping. This is the testimony that He is "The True and Great God and Father".

Seventh Day - Rest

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 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.

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".

(Genesis 2:1-3, New King James Version)

Creation Week was characterised by events that would change the universe in vivid and tangible ways. For six days the Lord rearranged different aspects of the three categories that make up the universe: the air, the land and the seas.

All the work that the Lord did during the Six Days of Creation was for order, beauty and God's glory. He wanted to display His magnificence on the canvas of the universe. It was to inspire His creation to praise the beauty of His holiness.

"Give honor to the Lord, you angels; give honor for His glory and strength. Give honor to the Lord for the glory of His name. Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness"

(Psalm 29:1-2, New Living Translation)

The puzzle was to be grand and all the pieces needed to fit in perfectly, each in its place. The colours needed to blend into each other creating a spectacle of texture and tone. All physical and emotional attributes had to express the expansive thoughts that the Lord was thinking when He decided to embark on this trip.

For six days the Lord worked. He created out of nothing, and He made from what was. He infused His will and His desire into the heavens, the earth and all that fill them. In all that He did, the Lord God infused life. This life could only come from Him.

On the seventh day, the Bible records that the heavens and the earth were finished. This indicates that God was not satisfied with the state of affairs before Day 1. Whatever existed at the time did not define God's pleasure, nor express His majesty and splendour.

"Finished", in verse 1, describes God as a Project Manager. The Lord took on the project of beautifying the heavens and the earth, completing what was incomplete, and creating what was missing from the picture. The Lord was, as a good project manager, diligent at His work to bring it to successful completion within time, budget and quality.

The heavens and the earth were "finished"—all that needed to be done was done, and everything that needed to be made was made. Nothing was left out at all! "All" shows two aspects of the project. The first is that every category of works. For instance, light, vegetation, and animals. The second is the specific details of each category, such as the different species of birds, the many kinds of trees, shrubs and grasses. "All" that was to be done was indeed done.

In verse 2, we see the Lord resting from all the work that He had made during the six days. The Hebrew word used for "Rest" means "to repose, that is, desist from exertion". The following are the definitions of these English words: Repose – Freedom from activity (work, strain or responsibility), the absence of mental stress or anxiety, and a disposition free from stress or emotion.

Exertion – The use of physical or mental energy, hard work.

When He was done with all that had to be done to make the universe beautiful, habitable and something the Lord would brag about, He rested from all that had taken His attention for six days. He was now free of the responsibility.

Verse 3 highlights the outcome of the rest God took on the seventh day. The Bible says, *"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."* The Lord blessed and sanctified the seventh day because on it He was free from the exertion of creating and making. He had achieved what He had set as a goal. The Lord took pleasure in the rest that the seventh day granted Him.

The Lord blessed and sanctified the seventh day and He injected this life into anything that is successfully completed. This is why till this day when a diligent steward achieves the goal that they had set, there follows rest, joy, and serenity. This is the rejuvenating effect that one gets after all that was set to be done is accomplished.

The Word of Prophecy that resounds in the spirit is that there must be rest and rejuvenation. It matters less what one went through to complete the task that was before them. The six days of Creation have spoken different Words into our lives over the past six days/months. Now is the time to rest in the assurance of the Lord, in the trust that all that He set out to do is complete.

Rest ye in the Lord!

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