

GENESIS

Lesson 5

Genesis 1:9-19

As we continue our study of creation, we will examine what happened on the third and fourth days of creation. In Genesis 1:9-19, we see a continuation of God's work in creating and dividing. On Day One, He divided (or separated) the light from the darkness. On Day Two, He divided (or separated) the waters above from the firmament below; and on Day Three, He separated the dry land from the waters.

God's approach to creation, as we can readily observe, is well-thought-out and planned — not chaotic and by chance or random event — and every step has a purpose. So it is for our lives as well. The Bible tells us that God's plan for us is to prosper; and we can live in peace with Him through His Son Jesus, knowing that no matter our circumstance, God is in control.

Read Genesis 1:9-19, and consider the following:

1. What an awesome scene it must have been on the Third Day, when God commanded the separation of dry land from the waters and the seas were created! How long did this process take?

2. In Genesis 1:11-13, what three things are created?

3. In addition to the vegetation, God created the plants and trees with some things in common. What were they?

4. How long did it take for the trees that God planted on Day Three of creation to actually bear their first fruit?

5. Considering the event recounted in Genesis 1:11-13, what proofs do we see that indicate to us that the Theory of Evolution is incorrect?

6. Further to our discussion regarding Evolution versus the Day Three events described in Genesis 1:11-13, how the events described in the following passages relate to, or support, the Genesis account?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:38-39

 - b. Leviticus 11:13-32

7. List the specific purposes given by God for creating the sun, moon, and stars; as described in Genesis 1:14-19.

Again, it is evident from our study that God is a God of purpose and of specificity. His creation was created with a specific plan and purpose in mind, and did not emerge out of random chance or evolve from formless goo. We also observe that God is a God of complexity and variety, with everything following its "own kind" as a consistent pattern; and all fitting and integrating perfectly within His overall creation.

Clearly our God has a plan that is being carried out exactly as He intended, and we as followers of Christ can take comfort knowing that God's eternal plan for us is to live and reign with Him. How awesome is our God, who can create everything from nothing, and who through His only Son — Jesus, The Christ — has made a way for each of us to have eternal life. What a blessing beyond measure!

Thanks for studying with us.

Yours in Christ,

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