

## The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Did you know the heavens speak? There is truly no book like the Bible. God, while creating, like everything else He does, has the purpose of teaching people. The LORD sets up His classroom using all forms of prophecy: metaphorical prophecy, typical, and foretelling, among other methods because He is “not willing that any perish” (II Peter 3:9) His method in Creation is no exception:

God’s teaching uses 2 vehicles, Day to Day the heavens and His Word with 2 applications

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

**Psalm 19:2** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

**Psalm 19:3** *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard.

**Psalm 19:4** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

**Psalm 19:5** Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

**Psalm 19:6** His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The Word of God is Perfect converting the soul

**Psalm 19:7** The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

**Psalm 19:8** The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

**Psalm 19:9** The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

**Psalm 19:10** More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

**Psalm 19:11** Moreover by them *is* thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

**Psalm 19:12** Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

**Psalm 19:13** Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

**Psalm 19:14** Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, *be acceptable in thy sight*, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

How can we be acceptable? – Faith – We are told to walk in faith-4 things about faith (Romans 4:12)

**Romans 4:17** (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

**Romans 4:18** Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

**Romans 4:19** And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

Promise was given before circumcision or the Law and made sure to all the seed (Romans 4:10-16)

➤ This walk in faith is knowing what God said to be absolute Truth – no

**Romans 4:20** He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

**Romans 4:21** And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

➤ This walk of faith is acting on the Word – (Works) – (James 2:17-24) (Genesis 22)

➤ This walk of Faith has clear vision through to the end – (Hebrews 10:35-39) (Hebrews 11:8-10)

➤ This walk of faith is not “calling things that are not as though they are” – God does (Romans 4:17)

➤ Notice the 1<sup>st</sup> Word of Hebrews 11:1-“Now”- As we walk in faith, we have evidence and substance

It is by faith we have knowledge that the world was framed by the Word of God – (Hebrews 11:3)

We Believe it because God said it – By the walk of faith we have evidence & substance

## I. His Eternal Power and Godhead can be understood in the very first verse:

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

A. His Godhead (Trinity) can be clearly seen in the created Time, Space, Matter Continuum

1. *Beginning* emphasizes Time: Time has three dimensions:

- a. Present
- b. Past
- c. Future

2. Heaven emphasizes Space: Space has three dimensions:

- a. Length
- b. Width
- c. Height

3. Earth emphasizes Matter: Matter has three dimensions

- a. Solid
- b. Liquid
- c. Gas

B. This explains with created things that God is a *Trinity!*

Is there any place you could go to escape *time*? No, time is everywhere.

Yet, without time, you could not have space or matter, either one.

- You cannot go anywhere to get away from God's presence – He is omnipresent.
- Yet you do not have the Father without the Son and/or the Holy Ghost.

The Father glorifies the Son,

The Son speaks the Words of the Father,

The Holy Ghost comes in the name of Jesus with power.

C. "*Beginning*" also tells us that the Creator is *transcendent* or is outside His creation. God is eternal, always existing, before Creation there was *no time*.

The Passage **many have never read** sums it up completely along with the Scope of the Bible:

**I John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**I John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

**I John 5:5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**I John 5:6** This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

**I John 5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

**I John 5:8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

**I John 5:9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: **for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.**

## II. God moved upon the waters

**Genesis 1:2** 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.

A. Without form and void a.) Unformed and b.) Unfilled

**Isaiah 45:18** For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

B. Holy Ghost “*moved*” upon the face of the water (Hebrew *ruach* meaning “wind” or “breath”)

C. Another time the Bible talks about the Holy Ghost “moving”:

**II Peter 1:21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

**John 7:37** In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

**Luke 3:16** John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Revelation 21:6** And he said unto me, **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

### III. The First Mention of God speaking and teaching the definition of light

**Genesis 1:3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

A. The Word of God brings light!

B. The Father is the source of all things (Verse 1)

C. The Spirit is the Energizer (Verse 2)

D. The Word is the revealer of all things (Verse 3)

**II Corinthians 4:6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:2** The same was in the beginning with God.

**John 1:3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**John 9:4** **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

**John 9:5** **As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**



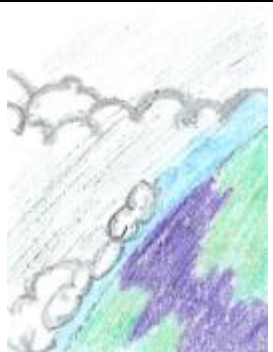



**John 20:21** Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

**Matthew 5:14** **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

**Matthew 5:15** **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.**

**Matthew 5:16** **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**I John 1:5** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

Six 24 hour Days of Creation – A Tent to Dwell in – <a href="#">Isaiah 40:22</a>			
<p><b>Day 1</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:1-5</a>)</p> <p>“Foundations of the Earth”</p> <p><b>Light</b></p> <p>Universe Created and Energized</p>		<p><b>Day 4</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:14-19</a>)</p> <p><b>Sun, Moon, &amp; Stars</b></p> <p>Astrosphere &amp; Celestial sphere</p>	
<p><b>Day 2</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:6-8</a>)</p> <p><b>Water &amp; Sky</b></p> <p>Hydrosphere and Atmosphere</p>		<p><b>Day 5</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:20-23</a>)</p> <p><b>Fish and Birds</b></p> <p>Animal Life for the Atmosphere &amp; Hydrosphere</p>	
<p><b>Day 3</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:9-13</a>)</p> <p><b>Land &amp; Vegetation</b></p> <p>Lithosphere and Plant Biosphere</p>		<p><b>Day 6</b> (<a href="#">Genesis 1:24-31</a>)</p> <p><b>Beasts and Man</b></p> <p>Animals for the Biosphere &amp; Man</p>	

**How long was the creation days?** - let’s look at what “God meant when He said it”.

The Hebrew Word for “Day” is *Yom*. As in English, Hebrew and Greek, this Hebrew Word can mean a 24 hour day, part of a day (Like the “work day”), or indefinite day (Like Hezekiah’s day).

**So How do we know what God meant?** The **context**.

Notice every verse in chapter one is connected with a conjunction –

- 1.) All verses are tied together -
- 2.) All days are equal in length

Each day is defined: as “the evening and the morning was the \_ day. ([Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31](#))

The Days of Creation are compared with man’s work day – ([Exodus 20:8-11](#))

**Creation Days could not be “geologic ages”, or the plants & trees could not have survived.**

- 1.) Vegetation was created on day three, but insects were not created until day 5
- 2.) Trees were not created until day 3, but the sun, moon and stars were not created until day 4.

**The Days of Creation are literal 24 hour days**

The Book of Genesis – <i>Bereshith</i> - Origins								
Reference	1:1	3:1	6:1	10:1	12:1	25:19	27:1	37:1
Plan	Creation	Fall	Flood	Babel	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Scope	Revealing Jesus Christ as Creator, Seed of the Woman, Savior, Judge, Eternal Covenant God, Provider, Faithful to His Word, Seed of Abraham, Lamb, Bridegroom, and Deliverer of His covenant people, as well as, revealing His plan to dwell with His people. <a href="#">1 John 5:3-9</a>							
Divisions	Four Events				Four People			
	God deals with Human Race as a whole				Hebrews as a “people”			
	Historical				Biographical			
Location	Fertile Crescent				Canaan			Egypt
Time	c. 4004–2090 BC – c. 2000 Years				2090-1897 BC – 193 Years			1897 - 1804 BC 93 Years

### Day one of Creation – “Foundations of the Earth” – Universe Created and Energized

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**Genesis 1:3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

**Genesis 1:4** And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

**Genesis 1:5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

**Genesis 1:6** And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

### Day 2 of Creation – “Water and the Sky” – Hydrosphere and Atmosphere

**Genesis 1:7** And 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.

**Genesis 1:8** And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

### Day 3 of Creation – “Land and Vegetation” – Lithosphere and Plant Biosphere

**Genesis 1:9** And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

**Genesis 1:10** And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

**Genesis 1:11** And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

**Genesis 1:12** And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

**Genesis 1:13** And the evening and the morning were the third day.

### Day 4 of Creation – “Sun, Moon, and Stars – Atmosphere and Celestial Sphere

**Genesis 1:14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

**Genesis 1:15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

**Genesis 1:16** And 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.

**Genesis 1:17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

**Genesis 1:18** 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.

**Genesis 1:19** And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation – “Fish and Birds” – Animal life for the Biosphere & Man**

**Genesis 1:20** 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.

**Genesis 1:21** 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.

**Genesis 1:22** And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

**Genesis 1:23** And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation – “Beasts and Man” – Animals for the Biosphere and Man**

**Genesis 1:24** 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.

**Genesis 1:25** 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.

**God made man in His own image – Not the animals**

**Genesis 1:26** 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.

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**With the command to scatter and fill up the earth**

**Genesis 1:28** 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.

**Herbs and fruit was the diet**

**Genesis 1:29** 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.

**Genesis 1:30** 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.

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**Genesis 2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation – His Rest – Sanctified this day for rest after work completed.**

**Genesis 2:2** 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.

**Genesis 2:3** 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.

**Psalm 95 gives us a clue to the explanation of His Rest in the context of Creation**

**Psalm 95:1** O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**Psalm 95:2** Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

**Psalm 95:3** For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Psalm 95:4** In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

**Psalm 95:5** The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.

**Psalm 95:6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**Psalm 95:7** For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

**Psalm 95:8** Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and as in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

**Psalm 95:9** When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

**Psalm 95:10** Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

**Psalm 95:11** Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

**So, What is "His Rest"?**– Hebrews 3&4 defines and explains its significance with a contrast of Israel in the wilderness with Moses and church today with Christ – Notice the IF:

**Hebrews 3:1** Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

**Jesus Christ more worthy than Moses**

**Hebrews 3:2** Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses *was faithful* in all his house.

**Hebrews 3:3** For this *man* was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

**Hebrews 3:4** For every house is builded by some *man*; but he that built all things *is* God.

**Hebrews 3:5** And Moses verily *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

**Hebrews 3:6** But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.**

**Now, a quote from Psalm 95**

**Hebrews 3:7** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

**Hebrews 3:8** Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

**Hebrews 3:9** When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

**Hebrews 3:10** Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.

**Hebrews 3:11** **So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.**)

**New Testament church take heed that you do not do the same**

**Hebrews 3:12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

**Hebrews 3:13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**Hebrews 3:14** For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

**Hebrews 3:15** While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

**Now, back to the wilderness**

**Hebrews 3:16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

**Hebrews 3:17** But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

**Hebrews 3:18** And **to whom** sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

**Hebrews 3:19** **So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

**Back to New Testament times**

**Hebrews 4:1** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

### The same Gospel preached in the Old Testament as the New

**Hebrews 4:2** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

### His Rest was finished from the foundation of the world

**Hebrews 4:3** For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

### The Definition of His Rest – Back to Genesis

**Hebrews 4:4** For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

**Hebrews 4:5** And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest.

**Hebrews 4:6** Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

**Hebrews 4:7** Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Hebrews 4:8** For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

**Hebrews 4:9** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

**Hebrews 4:10** For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

### Let us labor (Do Works) It is not prohibited as many claim

**Hebrews 4:11** Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

### We need to hold fast our profession – Be a professional

**Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**

**Hebrews 4:15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Do we see the Seventh Day of Creation is the Kingdom?**