



The Essential Nature Of The Beginning

A study of Genesis 1-11



Session 5 – Man’s Domain Populated & Presented

Leader Guide – Days 5-7

A. Day 5 – Man’s Domain is Populated & Presented

The fifth day of creation: Then God said, ‘Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens. And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after 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.’ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

1. *Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures:* We see the great variety of birds and sea creatures were created at the same time, not evolving slowly over millions of years. Even though plant life was created before animal life, animal life was not created out of plant life.

a. _____ in _____ – Fish and birds share several traits: aerodynamic (hydrodynamic) forms, layered covering (feathers or fins), hollow, light bone structure, both lay eggs, and they have migrating patterns. This is a good argument for a common Designer. All life did not come from the same primitive, cell, but it did all come from the same Master Designer.

b. *According to their _____*: Following God’s law in His creation of plants, all animal life is created *according to its kind*. Just as there are many variations of grass (one **kind** of plant), God created birds and the fish with many variations of each kind. And each kind reproduces according to its kind. One kind does not reproduce or become another kind.

2. *Be _____ and _____* – God’s blessing of the procreative process came before the command: *God saw it was good*, vs. 21.

a. Fish & birds were created at reproductive age. Age was ‘built in’ so God’s creation could obey.

B. Day 6

Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind’; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ Then God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food’; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day

1. The creativity and power of ‘**And God said**’ – God’s WORD populated the land with an incredible array of living creatures. His unequalled creativity is seen in:

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| * 800,000 kinds of insects | * 30,000 kinds of fish |
| * 9,000 kinds of birds | * 6,000 kinds of reptiles |
| * 3,000 kinds of amphibians | * 5,000 kinds of mammals |



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2. God's _____ is _____: the land animals reproduce 'after their kind' and their age was 'built in' because they are of reproductive age.
3. Every animal was _____.
 - a. The animal kingdom will end as God created it; see Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25. The lion will lay down with the lamb. The wolf & the lamb will *graze* together & the lion will eat straw like an ox.
4. Man is _____. God said, 'Let us **Us** make man in **Our** image.'
5. _____: Another aspect of likeness/image – God holds all His creation together. He has ultimate dominion and sovereignty over it. God rules and has dominion, so does Man. Before God created Man He decreed man would have **dominion** over the earth. Man's pre-eminent place in the created order and his ability to affect his environment is no accident; it is part of God's plan for Man and the earth.
6. **So God created man in His** _____: God created Man according to His plan as described in **Genesis 1:26**. The completion of God's plan to create Man in His own image is repeated to give emphasis to that fact.
 - a. Scripture plainly says God created man fully formed, and created him in one day (not gradually over millions of years of incremental evolution).
 - b. Evolutionists are not interested in testing the veracity of their theory. They believe once God is ignored as Creator, evolution is the only explanation available. Therefore, their job is to figure out *how* it works, not *if* it is true.

C. Day 7

1. God _____
2. God was not tired
3. God set an _____ for Man to _____.
 - a. In 2:2-3, God is mentioned 10 times. This extensive connection with the Sabbath rest plainly makes it God's Sabbath. He would later share that rest with the Hebrews. They would corrupt it.

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