

## Sermon February 11, 2024

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, **according to their various kinds.**" And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it **according to their kinds.** And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and **days and years,** 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

And when he looked upon what he created, when he saw what he had made, his assessment was, "this is good." Goodness can't be found in the emptiness, or the darkness or the shapeless things, it is found from one source: God.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, **for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.**"

In Genesis 1:2 "the earth was formless, empty and there was darkness. We see 6 days broken up in groups of 3.

1 Light	4 Light objects
2 Water/Skies	5 Water/Sky animals
3 Land/vegetation	6 Land animals

Revelation 22:5 There will be **no more night.** They will **not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun,** for the **Lord God will give them light.** And they will reign for ever and ever.

Genesis 1: 3-5

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1: 14-19

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to **mark sacred times, and days and years,**

God gave us the Sun and the moon and the stars to show us what he meant by a day, a month and a year. What do we use to mark a day? Sun. What do we use to mark off a month? Based on the moon. What do we use to mark off a year? The stars.

The ideas of evolution with the biblical account of Creation. This fusion of ideas is called Theistic Evolution (Or God initiated evolution = not Biblical).

Take a look at the descriptions of the plants God creates.

"Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. **12** The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

There are roughly 150 types of wild rose giving us roughly 30,000 different cultivated kinds of rose. So we have kinds of roses, varieties of roses, but we don't have Roselips.

And He made birds, according to their kinds. Darwin observed "adaptation." or micro-evolution. Micro = Small changes within a kind of plant, or animal. We see varieties of a plant or animal. We even see combinations of those varieties with a kind of plant or animal.

**24** And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. **25** God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Varieties within kinds. Dogs breed with dogs (wolves, dingoes, coyotes, jackals, and domestic dogs can usually breed with one another), . Cats breed within cats. House cats, cougars, tigers, lions. In fact, there exists such a thing as a Liger. They bred a tiger and a lion and created this massive beast called a Liger. It is the largest of the "cat kind."

Among the horse kind we have zebras, donkeys, and horses.

Mule = male donkey, female horse.

Hinny = male horse, female donkey

Zonkey = Zebra bred with a donkey

Among the llama and camel kinds we can find a Humpless Camel or Cama.

False Killer whale bred with a dolphin = Wolphin

God: "I created things according to their kinds." I made cats, I made dogs. I made the dolphin kind.

Why don't we see catdogs? Why don't we see Roselips? Why don't we see Apemen?

Missing Links: One was a single tooth that claimed to be a tooth from this ape/man in between creatures. It turned out to be a pig's tooth. Nebraska man.

**Romans 1:19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

**20** "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, **being understood from what has been made**, so that people are without excuse.

**21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

**24** Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

One of the themes throughout the Bible is God's faithfulness, Man's rebellion, and God's Rescue Plan.

**Genesis 1:30** And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

**Romans 8:19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children 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 freedom and glory 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.

Creation waits for God to redeem what we have broken. And it seems that the children of God play a part in that redemption process.

**"that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."** Romans 8:21

And we see a picture of God's redeeming work, His Rescue Plan, His good design, through the prophet Isaiah when God gave him a picture of what this redemption looks like.

Isaiah 11:6 (NIV):

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them."

Isaiah 65:25 (NIV):

"The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm, nor destroy, on all my holy mountain," says the LORD."

Creation itself looks forward to God's rescue plan.

## **So What?**

**Have you accepted the truth that everything was created by an Almighty loving God?**

Perhaps you are like I was, trying to marry two different views that cannot exist together. Either God is Creator or He isn't. Either there is purpose in the things that have been created or this is all just luck and chance.

**We Can Trust Him Because He is the Creator and because He is Good**

Psalm 34:8-9 "Taste and See that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."

**We should worship the creator and not created things.**

**The Good God will Make things good again.**

**God will Make It Right**

**28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28