

God's Involvement in Creation



Ecclesiastes 3:1

- I. **God is Shifting Us.** The word “shift” means to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another; to exchange or replace by another. God is calling us to a higher calling of usefulness.
- (Romans 1:17), “The just shall live by faith.”
 - (2 Corinthians 5:7), “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
 - (Hebrews 11:6), “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for He who comes to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”
 - Everything that God created to exist and function will go through something called time and seasons (Change) in their lives.
 - Time is one of the world’s greatest resource and one of the most misused.
 - God has graciously given us time and seasons – but as His stewards, His representatives, His agents in the earth, we must be faithful, obedient stewards over the very works of God’s hand both wisely and carefully in order to make the most of every season.
 - The Purpose – (1.) To remind us of the greatness of our God. (2.) To encourage us that every season can be successful. (3.) To challenge us to maximize every opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and each other.
 - The Goal – is for us to embrace God’s unique purpose for every season of our lives.
 - Objective – (1.) God’s “Involvement” in creation (2.) God’s “Insight” into creation (3.) God’s “Influence” upon creation.
 - Spiritual Principles: Faith, Authority, Obedience, Stewardship, Agreement, Grace, Sow and Reaping, Unconditional Love, Organization
 - When we understand “God’s “Involvement” in creation” – we gain a greater “Appreciation” for God.
 - When we understand “God’s “Insight” into creation” – we gain a greater “Awareness” into the mind of God. (God is Omniscient – All Wise and All- Knowing God)
 - When we understand “God’s “Influence” upon creation” – we gain a greater “Aspiration” for the Greatness of God. (John 15:5, Acts 17:28, Phil. 4:13)

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 1. God's voice was actively involved in creation – His voice must be actively involved in our daily lives (John 10:4-5, 11-14).
 - The only way to "know" God – is through a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - The Men and Women of the Bible both in the Old Testament and the New Testament that fulfilled the will of God all had the same thing in common – They knew the voice of God and obeyed the voice of God.
 - The number #1 way that God speaks to us (as believer) is through His Word.
 2. What a great joy for us as believers to have Him the Holy Spirit – (the Greatest Interpreter of the Word and the Greatest Navigator of Life) living in us and walking with us! (John 16:13, 14:25-26, 2 Peter 1:21, Hebrews 1:1-2, Jeremiah 33:3)
 - Let's look closely at God's Involvement in Creation. Notice in (Genesis 1:1).
 - (Genesis 1:1) – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. This reminds us that God is the source and sustainer of all that exists – Only the One True and Living God could create something out of nothing. Nothing existed until God spoke it into existence both physical and spiritual.
 - The first (4) words can be summed up, "In the beginning, God was." In other words, before the beginning began there was God.
 - God is – above All and in All. Everything that has ever been discovered – was created by God and already existed in the earth and universe!
 - Everything in creation gives evidence of God's existence and greatness.
 - God spoke and it was so – It came into existence.

- (vs. 2) – Notice the earth was without form and void – the word “form and void” means formless and empty or desolate or uninhabitable place.
- It is believed during this time is when Satan rebels against God and is kicked out of Heaven and plummet to the earth – causing chaos and darkness upon the earth. “Jesus said I saw Satan fall like lightning (Luke10:18)”.
- Notice the Spirit of God hovers upon the face of the earth – God begins to put everything that is out of order – back into order. Before God gives life to creation – He first brings order to creation.
- (vs. 3) – God begins by separating light from darkness – separating land from the sea – He establishes time and seasons – He creates the grass and the trees in the field – He creates the beast in the field – every creeping thing that creeps – He creates the birds in the air – the fish in the sea – all were fruitful and multiplied after its kind.

II. Things we must know: Everything that God does is based upon His original intent and purpose. God is a God of order and purpose.

1. Let’s take a closer look God’s Handiwork through Scripture: Notice God’s (6) Six Day process – (Seventh day He rested), in which God establish order in the earth in which He spoke everything into existence – this before humanity arrives on the scene. (Genesis 1:3-31)

A. The word “firmament” refers to the atmosphere between the water on the earth and the clouds above. God created an atmosphere here on earth in order to make life here sustainable.

- Seven times God states what He created was good (vs. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31).
- In other words, God created everything in the world (Six-day process), to reflect His glory and fulfill His intended purpose.

B. Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...” – God expresses (3) Three things that every believer should always remember:

1. Expresses God's desire to have personal relationship with man-kind. We been given the privilege to have a loving relationship with God – daily fellowshiping and communing in His presence. This is God's desire and it should be our desire!
2. Expresses God's involvement of the Entire Trinity in creation of man-kind: God – the Father of creation, God – the Son of redemption and God – the Holy Spirit working in the life of the believer.
3. Expresses God's will that both male and female (man-kind or human race) were created not only to reflect God's glory – out of everything God created, we (man-kind) are the only creation created in God's image and likeness – to reflect His love, glory, and holiness – we've been given the responsibility to rule, govern, steward over or have dominion over the works of His hand.
4. (Genesis 1:1, 26-28) reveals Our Holy and Sovereign God is not acting alone in creation of man-kind – The (Entire Trinity) is actively present and involved. in every moment, every seasons of our lives – God (the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit) assisting us in fulfilling His will.
 - The term "Trinity" is not a biblical term found in the bible. In other words, Triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) – one God revealed Himself in (3) persons – or simply put, God organized Himself and gave Himself (3) three different assignments.
 - (John 14:8), Jesus declares, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." To know Jesus – He is everything God is.
 - Notice what the Scriptures declares about Jesus Christ involvement in creation. (Hebrews 1:1-4, Colossians 1:15-17, Revelation 4:11, Matthew 1:21, Revelation 1:8, John 10:28-33, 1 Corinthians 3:11)
5. (John 1:1-4, 14) – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelled among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten Father, full of grace and truth."
 - Without Jesus Christ there would be no beginning – no present or no future. Nothing can exist apart from Jesus Christ.

- He is our foundation – Nothing happens on earth or in the universe without Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11). Jesus Christ is the foundation of life that every person life must be firmly fixed to.
- Everything begins with Jesus and everything will end with Him as well.