

Genesis 1:24-31

Day 6 of Creation

Sunday Evening, July 25, 2010 – Pastor Stuart Fraser

I. Introduction: Day 1 – Light was created to separate the day from night; Day 2 – Firmament was created to separate the “waters from the waters;” Day 3 – Dry land was created and plants begin to spring up; Day 4 – Sun, moon, stars were created for signs and seasons, and days and years; Day 5 – The birds and sea creatures were created to be “fruitful and multiply.”

A. At a 1981 symposium, Sir Fred Hoyle said: “The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way (through evolutionary processes) is comparable with the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.”

B. **Rom 1:18-25** – Man suppresses the truth, so God suppresses man’s wisdom.

II. Day 6 – Land animals and Man (**vv. 24-31**).

A. Land animals (**vv. 24-25**).

1. Cattle – A Hebrew word that speaks of livestock and animals capable of being domesticated (sheep, goats, oxen, etc.)
2. Creeping things – including reptiles, insects, worms & rodents (Squirrels)
3. Beasts of the earth – includes all other land animals such as elephants, lions, tigers, giraffes, bears, wolves, coyotes, and others.
4. What happened to the dinosaurs? They died. God allowed them to die out.

B. Man is created (**vv. 26-31**)

1. All of creation to this point serves as a prelude and backdrop for humanity.
2. Creation of the human race was the central object of God’s purpose.
3. There is no way to do justice to the Bible if you maintain that Adam evolved from some already existing form of life (**See Gen 2:7**).
4. “Let Us make man...” – This is different from all the other days.

C. “in Our image, according to Our likeness...” (mentioned 3 times)

1. What does it mean that you are made in the image of God?
 - Heb word for image: *tselem* – speaks of carving. Carved in His image.
 - God can see (**Gen 16:13**), hear (**Ps 94:9**), smell (**Gen 8:21**), touch (**Gen 32:32**), speak (**2 Peter 2:18**). Man can do these things too.
2. Our existence was designed to bring God glory (God’s best achievement).

D. Man is given two responsibilities (**vv. 26-31**) – God first blessed them.

1. Rule creation – “let them have dominion;” “subdue it” (**vv. 26-28**)
2. Be fruitful and multiply (**v. 28**)

E. Why 6 days for creation?

1. To stress the orderly and logical relationship between the different components of creation. To provide a pattern for man’s six day work week.

- III. Conclusion:** You are the special creation of God, created in the image of the creator of the universe, which has massive implications.
- A. Life is special, unique and significant, thus it must be protected and should not be destroyed easily or carelessly (abortion, euthanasia, suicide, etc.).
 - B. God was intimately involved in making you, thus you are a special work of God and created perfectly the way you are, be happy with who you are.
 - C. Every human is the work of God, and thus is worthy of our respect (**James 3:9**)