

"Genesis: In the Beginning God — Growing In Our Awe and Worship of God"

Genesis 1:20-25; Psalm 104:10-29

- Evolution vs Creation:
  - *Evolution says, "The sun preceded the earth." Creation says, "The earth preceded the sun." Evolution says, "Marine life preceded land plants." Creation says, "Land plants preceded marine life." Evolution says, "Reptiles preceded birds." Creation says, "Birds preceded reptiles." Evolution says, "Insects existed before flowering plants." Creation says, "Flowering plants existed before insects." Evolution says, "Man came from apes." Creation says, "Man came from the dust."*
    - Why does this matter? The trustworthiness of God's Word is at stake.... *"Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6) "This God — His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." (Psalm 18:30) "For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness." (Psalm 33:4) "The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever." (Psalm 119:160) "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16) "knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20-21).*
- What is meant "by their kind"?
  - A dog will never become a cat and a cat will never become a dog. But all dogs are technically able to breed with other dogs and all cats are technically able to breed with other cats because they are of the "same kind." But one "kind" will never become another "kind."
- What is God's relationship with animals? What is man's relationship with animals?
  - *God's relationship with animals:* God created rivers, streams, and springs to give drink to every beast of the field (Psalm 104:11). God created trees so that the birds of the heavens would have a place to dwell and sing (Psalm 104:12 & 17). God causes grass to grow for the livestock to eat (Psalm 104:14). God created mountains and caves for certain animals to live on or in (Psalm 104:18 & 22). God created the darkness for certain animals to be active during (Psalm 104:20). God created the seas for His creatures to live in and play in (Psalm 104:25-26). God is active in feeding every creature and not one creature dies outside of His sovereignty (Psalm 104:27-29). *"O LORD how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures." (Psalm 104:24)*
    - God also created the Dinosaurs. On Day 5 He created the marine dinosaurs (Genesis 1:21) and on Day 6 He created the land dinosaurs (Genesis 1:24). Two dinosaurs (terrifying/reptile) are possibly mentioned in the scriptures: Behemoth (Job 40:15-24) and Leviathan (Job 41:1-34).
  - *Man's relationship with animals:* Animals can be tamed and trained for our enjoyment (James 3:7-12). A mark of someone's holiness is his kindness towards the animals he has been given to steward over (Proverbs 12:10). God has given us animals for food so that we would return praise back to His name (Genesis 9:2-3; 1 Corinthians 10:31). God gave us animals to use in sacrifices (Genesis 4:4; Exodus 29:36). God gave us animals as a means to lighten our labor and use them for profitability (Deuteronomy 25:4; Deuteronomy 22:10). God also uses animals to teach us about Him, His truth, and His will for our lives.
    - Our sin nature can not be tamed, but animals can (James 3:7-12). If God takes care of the animals and meets their needs, I can fully give my life to Christ knowing He will take care of me

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**Worship:** Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)      Speak O Lord (The Gettys)

He Will Hold Me Fast (Norton Hall Band)      **Closing Song:** How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

(Matthew 6:25-34). Animals can teach us discipline, work ethic, intentionality, and preparation (Proverbs 6:4-9). Animals aren't humans and can't serve in the place of human relationships, such as friendships, kids, spouses, community, the body of Christ. Animals and people are never one flesh/body, only people and people (Genesis 2:18-20). God's care for us is compared to a shepherd's care for his sheep (Psalm 23:1-4). If we can't stand before the Leviathan and be victorious, how can we stand before God and be victorious (Job 41:10). If the mighty Behemoth is powerful, just imagine the power of the one who created him and is sovereign over him (Job 40:15-19).

- Animal and Environmental activism....(Genesis 1:26-30)
  - God has given man dominion (sovereignty or control) over His creation (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 24:1). How does God express His sovereignty? Answer: Psalm 145:8-9. How should we express our dominion as His image bearers? Answer: Psalm 145:8-9.
    - When God gives authority or dominion to people, it is always for that person to be God's representative.
      - The Governing officials are "ministers of God" (Romans 13:6). Husbands love their wives "as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25). Elders (shepherds) represent the "Chief Shepherd" (1 Peter 5:3-4). Masters represent their "Master in heaven" to their servants (Colossians 4:1).
    - What is the answer to the abuse of dominion? The gospel and the Word of God. Submission to Christ's Lordship in every area of life will lead to glorifying God in our practicing of dominion.

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**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Starting *NEXT* Sunday and throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Lamb Family. They are one of the missionary families that we financially support as a church. They work through Wycliffe Bible Translators, and they currently live in Papua New Guinea, where David Lamb is working with a team to translate the Bible into the multiple languages of the people of Papua New Guinea. There will be a container beside the offering box for your monetary donations!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of communion together as a body NEXT Sunday, March 6th.