

# ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM

## The Implications of Creation

### Sin Darkens God's Creation

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6, 14-19, 6:5, 17

Today, we complete this series. Next week, we will begin an Easter Series entitled 3 Days that Changed the World.

As we have walked through Genesis 1 and 2, we have seen the detail of the truth spoken by the Holy Spirit to John the Apostle and recorded in

**John 1:1–3 NKJV** 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2 He was in the beginning with God.**

**3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

We have also witnessed the truth the Spirit revealed to Paul,

**Colossians 1:16 NKJV** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

And what a beautiful, phenomenal universe our Lord created, and what a wonderful world He made for the man and woman who were created in the image of God Himself.

- When nothing existed except Himself, the Lord created space-time and matter-energy.
- From that He formed light and water, the world and all its features, the sun, moon, and stars and all the wonders of the heavens.
- He also made the angels, and He covered the face His world with beautiful plants, literally from top to bottom and everything in between.
- Then to inhabit the earth, He made all the animals in the sea, in the air, and on dry land, giving them life that they might multiply and fill the earth, each after its own kind.
- Finally the Lord Jesus, along with the Father, and the Holy Spirit

- Formed the body of the man and then from his rib, formed the body of the woman.
  - Gave man life by breathing into his nostrils.
  - And gave them each a spirit so that man and woman could know God, communicate with Him, worship and serve the Lord, and live with Him for eternity as a part of God's forever family.
- God put the man and woman in a garden, beautiful beyond description, where they lived in relationship with their maker and fellowshiped with Him every day.

Sadly, soon after creation week was over, moral and spiritual darkness descended upon the universe.

- It began with one of the angels whose name was Lucifer, which means "Star of the Morning." Lucifer was very intelligent and beautiful, but, he became very proud and desired to be worshiped as God.
- But only God is worthy of worship!
- God cast Lucifer out of heaven, and God gave him the name Satan.
- The beginning of evil began with the disobedience of Satan.
- But sin spread to God's newly created world when Eve, the first woman, listened to the beguiling words of Satan, who had entered the body of a serpent; and Eve chose to eat the one fruit in the Garden of Eden the Lord had told her and Adam not to eat.
- The heart of sin is disobedience – the choice to disobey God. When Eve disobeyed, sin entered the world.
- When Adam ate the fruit also, disobeying the Lord, sin entered the human race. The sin nature, the proclivity to disobey God and choose our own way, was passed from Adam to all of his descendants, even to this day.

**Romans 3:23 NKJV** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- God had warned Adam that if and when he disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit, he would die. **When Adam disobeyed the Lord,**
  - **He died immediately in his spirit and was separated spiritually from God.**

- **He died progressively in his soul, his mind, will, and emotions becoming progressively further from God each day that he remained in his sin.**
- **Ultimately, he died physically, in his body.**

**Romans 6:23 NKJV For the wages of sin is death ...**

- Equally as sad, the descendants of Adam and Eve also sinned. Their second born son murdered their first born out of jealousy and envy.
- With the darkness of sin all around them and within them, the progression of time was accompanied by an even greater progression of wickedness in people rapidly spreading out across the earth.
- There were exceptions, like the man Enoch and his great-grandson Noah. But they were rare exceptions!
- The Holy Spirit offers this commentary:

**Genesis 6:5 NKJV Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

- The rebellious angels who had followed Satan sought to take advantage of the overwhelming wickedness of the population of the earth. Probably by inhabiting the bodies of evil men, they produced children from their wicked wives who were grotesque in size and abnormal in ability.
- God punished the rebellious angels, called demons, by locking them up in a fiery pit in the center of the earth called the abyss.
- And God sent a flood across the face of the entire earth, sparing only faith-filled Noah and his wife, their three sons, their three wives, and two of every kind of land animal God had created.

That is the history. Here is the fact drawn out of it.

**FACT: Sin brought death and darkness into God's perfectly created people and world.**

I believe most of you would agree with this fact of Scripture, but we live in a world where many do not. That matters to us because their influence is constantly around us, our children, grandchildren, and others whom we love.

**The world says**

- **People are basically good.**
- **They may need education and encouragement.**
- **But human nature itself is good.**

But, **God says in His Word**

- **There is none righteous, not a single one, in and of themselves.**
- **People's most basic need is salvation from their sin and their separation from God.**
- **Every person, without exception, needs God's salvation, which is only available through faith in Jesus Christ, His Son.**

So, which is true? These are two worldviews. One common in our culture and around the world. The other is based on the fact stated in Scripture that sin, disobedience to God, is the cause of death and darkness, inside of people and in our world as a whole.

Well there is evidence that addresses which is true.

**EVIDENCE: The law of universal decay and the remains of the worldwide flood.**

EVIDENCE # 1 – The Law of Universal Decay (also called the Second Law of Thermodynamics or the Law of Increasing Entropy)

Genesis 3:17 NKJV Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': ***Cursed is the ground*** for your sake ...

We all know this law, even if we do not know its name.

- Everything wears down and wears out.
- Every physical thing: Things rust, corrode, break
- Every biological entity: cells wear out, bodies age, weaken, and die
- This all began because of sin!

EVIDENCE # 2 – The remains of the worldwide flood

- We have all seen the strata, the layers of sediment beneath the surface of the earth.
- Those layers were laid down during the flood. Many are bent without breaking because when the rising and falling layers beneath them changed, they were all still wet and pliable. Look at the places where there are sharp bends, but no breaks.
- Some of these layers that can be seen in the Grand Canyon span the width of the entire continent.
- And many of these layers are filled with fossils of all kinds of animals.
- Fossils are a record of death and sudden burial. If an animal dies but is not immediately covered by wet sediment that protects it from being scavenged or rotting away, no trace is left after a few dozen years.
- But there are hundreds of millions of fossils in these layers, each of them bearing testimony to a worldwide flood!
- Also we have extensive remains of the world that was once a moderate climate around the entirety of the globe, as it would have been from the time of creation until the flood because of the waters above the earth, the water vapor canopy that surrounded the earth at the top of the atmosphere. I mentioned to you just over a year ago that even in Antarctica, less than 600 miles from the South Pole, drilling has revealed the remnants of a swampy temperate rainforest. Here is an artist's conception of the evidence found and published in a secular, evolution supporting, publication.
- This is what the world was like before the flood – everywhere.
- In January of this year, the publication CLIMATE POLICY WATCHER (Can you figure out that this is not a creationist, Christian, or even conservative publication) Let me read you what they wrote:

**“Evidence from a whole range of sources shows that only a few thousand years ago, the climate of the whole Sahara region was very different from now. Animal bones in the desert sands show that giraffes and elephants once walked where there is now no vegetation and no water.”**

And when does their evidence indicate the arid conditions began?

They say about 4,000 years ago.

When was the flood? A little over 4300 years ago!

Folks, this fact is true!

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The evidence is beneath our feet, over our heads, all around us, and even within us!

**IMPLICATION: The wages of sin is still death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.**

My friend, listen.

Right after God cursed the ground of the earth and started the Law of Universal Decay, He made a promise to Adam and Eve and all mankind.

He promised there would be One born of the seed of woman who would be wounded by Satan but who would utterly defeat the evil one.

Do you know who was born of the seed of woman? Jesus of Nazareth. Every other person has been born of the seed of man. But Jesus was born of a virgin. He was born of the seed of woman.

This Jesus, God's own Son, Himself the primary agent of creation, came to this earth to defeat Satan by paying the penalty for sin once and for all for everyone who would trust in Him.