



“The First Five Days of Creation”

Genesis: The Gospel from the Beginning

Genesis:1:1-23

Message #2

Central Truth: The same God who through His word created the universe in six days is the same God who through His word can recreate fallen sinners into children of God.

I. Observe the Text: What does it say?

1. The Pattern of Creation.
 - A. Divine Speech: *Then God said, “Let there be...”*
 - B. Fulfillment of Decree: *“...and it was so...”*
 - C. Divine Evaluation: *“...and God saw that it was good...”*
 - D. Closing Sequence: *“...and there was evening and there was morning...”*
2. The Days of Creation in Relation to Verse Two.

Formless (*tōhú*)

Void (*bōhú*)

Day #	Item Created (Formed)	Day#	Item Created (Filled)
1	Light and <u>Darkness</u>	4	Sun, <u>Moon</u> , and Stars
2	<u>Sea</u> and Sky	5	Marine Life and <u>Birds</u>
3	<u>Land</u> and Vegetation	6	Land Animals and <u>Man</u>

II. Interpret the Text: What does it mean?

1. How are we to understand the days of Genesis?
 - A. False View #1 – Gap Theory
 - B. False View #2 – Day-Age Theory
 - C. False View #3 – Literal Days with Gaps
 - D. False View #4 – Framework Hypothesis
 - E. False View #5 – Theistic Evolution
 - F. The Biblical View – Literal, Consecutive, 24-Hour Days

III. Apply the Text: What does it mean to me today?

1. There is power in God's word (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:23).
2. God can take the dark, formless, and empty, and create something good (Isaiah 9:2; 2 Corinthians 4:6, 5:7).

Scripture of the Week:

“By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

† *Hebrews 11:3* †