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ASTONISHED WITH THE CREATOR: A SECOND DAY

GENESIS 1:6-8

GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

“(Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
(John 8:44)

Christ *“was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.”* (John 1:2-3)

God gives us this true account so that we will worship Him **as He reveals Himself to us as Creator.**

The **facts** of this account are critical to knowing God **in the way He desires to be known.**

I. God's Good Way: One Day — Light (Genesis 1:1-5)

God **said**, God **saw**, God **called**, and **it was so**.

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Exegesis is the work of coming to understand what God's Word **means** by what it **says** — the **author's** meaning for his **original** audience/readers.

Exposition is using that exegetical work to unpack that meaning in the form of a sermon.

II. God's Good Way: A Second Day — Sky (Genesis 1:6-8)

The Good of *God Said* (v. 6)

Repetition is one way Moses expresses emphasis in the text. Repeating *God said* throughout this account stresses God's **power** and **authority** over creation.

And it was so, evening and morning, and the **day/night cycle** closing each day all characterize creation's **rapid, immediate** obedience to God's commands.

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God spoke *and it was so!* Creation immediately came into existence.

Day two: *Expanse (raqi)* depicted a metal worker stamping out or beating out a flat base.

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The Good of God *Made* (v. 7)

*“Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above the heavens!
They are to praise the name of the Lord,
For He commanded and they were created.”* (Psalm 148:4-5)

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The Good of *God Made* (v. 7)

The Lord established our **daily cycle of living** as an **ongoing reminder** of our relationship to Him as Creator. **Each day** of our lives informs our hearts of God's power and goodness in creating our world, our work, our week, and... in creating us.

II. God's Good Way: A Second Day — Sky (Genesis 1:6-8)

The Good of *God Called* (v. 8)

As we study God's Word together, it matters where we start in our understanding and interpretations — do we start with and stand on what God says, or do we start with and stand on something else, and then do we require the Bible to conform to or measure up to the standard of that something else?

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The Good of God *Called* (v. 8)

“Aren't many of our problems due to placing science above God's Word? The solution is understanding the difference between the *ministerial* and *magisterial* uses of science.”

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The Good of God *Called* (v. 8)

“The *magisterial* use of science occurs when science stands over Scripture like a magistrate and judges it... the magisterial use all too often *overrules* the clear teaching of the Bible to come up with a meaning *inconsistent* with sound hermeneutics.

“The *ministerial* approach accepts that all things necessary for our faith and life are either expressly set down in Scripture, or may be logically deduced from Scripture, the inerrant and authoritative Word of God.”

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“...the biblical way to think of science does not involve a ‘hands-off’ approach by some deistic [uninvolved] God. Rather, ‘natural laws’ are *descriptions* of the way God, the divine Lawmaker, upholds His creation in a *regular* and *repeatable* way (Colossians 1:15-17).

“Conversely, miracles are God’s way of operating in His creation in a *special* way for special reasons, rather than capricious interruptions of the natural order at some whim.... Thus, miracles should be regarded not as a ‘violation’ of natural law, but an *addition*.”

(Dr. Jonathan Sarfati)

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True science will always support God's Word and wisdom —
because God created science.

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*“...and they woke Him and said to Him, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? And He got up and **rebuked** the wind and **said to the sea, ‘Hush, be still.’** And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.”* (Mark 4:38-39)

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“Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished.” (Mark 6:48, 51)

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Jesus “cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth.’ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘unbind him and let him go.’” (John 11:43-44)

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What do each of these accounts have in common?

They all reveal Jesus Christ as the almighty and majestic Lord of and over **His** creation. That's the point of the six days of creation.

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