



# GOD READIES OUR DWELLING PLACE

GENESIS 1:9-13



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

*“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”* (Psalm 19:1)

*“And the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge.”*  
(Psalm 50:6)

But “...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for **God made it evident to them**. For **since the creation of the world** His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, **being understood through what has been made**, so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:18-20)

Our identity of being **made in the image of God** as the fundamental reality of our **nature** — who we are as human beings — is enough to incite the contempt and ire of unbelievers.

### III. God's Good Way: A Third Day – Land/Sea/Vegetation (Genesis 1:9-13)

God speaks and creation happens. God speaks and life occurs. God speaks and separation happens.

Peter tells us that God speaks His Word into our hearts and **spiritual creation** happens.

*“...For you have been **born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, **through** the living and enduring **word of God.**”*  
(1 Peter 1:23)

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Once again, God's **creative work** is laying the foundation for everything; **separation** is the **theological basis** for our salvation and progressive sanctification — our spiritual growth in Christlikeness.

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The Good of *God Called* (v. 10)

*Dry land* is the Hebrew *Yabasah*.

*Earth* is the same as in verse 1, *eres*.

God called the *Yabasah eres*.

*Yabasah* distinguishes dry ground, and *eres* is the name of that land.

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**The Good of *God Said* (v. 11) – God creates biology!**

“...creatures reproduce according to their own kind [as] a fundamental rule of genetics...boundaries are set on which species may be cross-pollinated.

“...it is fair to say that this crucial phrase, *‘according to its kind,’* clearly refutes the very heart of the evolutionary idea. It debunks the notion that **all life descended from a common source**, and it **sets a limitation on the degree of difference** between any creature and its offspring.”

*(John MacArthur)*

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While plants and trees can be described as living things, they are **not** living creatures, and they do not have living souls.

Plants are not said to die, but to **wither**.

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The truth of Scripture, beginning with God as Creator, lays the foundation for everything, so that we can understand and **share in God's perspectives and priorities** for our stewardship of earth.

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