





# 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)

### III. God's Good Way: A Third Day – Land/Sea/Vegetation

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 Said* (v. 9)



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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.



A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill under a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching from the horizon where the person stands, up towards the top of the frame. The stars are numerous and bright, creating a sense of depth and wonder. The overall color palette is dark, with the warm glow of the galaxy's core contrasting against the deep blues and blacks of the night sky.

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