

God Breathed

Creation - 1

Introduction

Last week we introduced the idea of “God Breathed.” The idea of “inspiration” literally means that God Breathed out Scripture. Our speech is carried out on our breath. This concept is applied to God. Inspiration means that God spoke Scripture through the various human writers. When you pick up and read your Bible, it is literally God’s Words to you!

Introduction

God existed before the creation of this universe. The Bible was written to and for mankind, so it starts with our Creation. God does not give us all the detail of what He did before the creation except for the things that relate to us.

We know that there is a Spiritual dimension that existed first, and that God created many different types of Spiritual beings – Cherubim, Seraphim, Archangels, and angles just to name a few.

Job 38:4-7 tells of the angels rejoicing as God created this physical universe.

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The first verse in the Bible declares God's existence and what He did. In Hebrew the first verse is often the equivalent to a title.

Have you ever wondered why God took 7 days in creating the world? When I first became a Christian, this was a stumbling block for me. The God I surrendered my life to was so powerful and wise, He could have done it in one simple step. So why six days?

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1. God created in 7 days to establish the work week.

Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work ... ¹¹For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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2. God created to show us the progression of Salvation.

God is a God of Order. So, I found it puzzling that when God created the universe it was without form, and void. To put it another way, it was in chaos and empty. Many of the false religions, have elements of truth for we are all descendants of Noah who knew the truth and passed it on. False religion takes hold at the Tower of Babel. The ancient religions understood the conflict between order and disorder.

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Before I became a Christian, my life was in chaos, and it was empty. My life was consumed by darkness to the point of despair.

This is always the consequences of sin.

The things that the world has to offer are only a temporary relief, but unable to deal with the real issues consuming the soul.

I thank God that the Holy Spirit moved in my life to draw me to Himself! I would not have come on my own.

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3. God created to reveal the Jesus.

God does not speak just so He can hear Himself. Everything He says and does is to instruct us (All Scripture is Profitable...).

As we walk through the days of Creation, we will see that each day has a plan and purpose. Each day points to some unique characteristic of Jesus in who He is and/or what He has done.

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Though all three members of the Trinity are involved in Creation, Scripture is clear that Jesus is the Creator. This declares that Jesus existed before His birth in Bethlehem. Mary was the instrument whom Jesus moved through to become flesh and step into human history.

Jesus as Creator

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John 1:1-5, 10, 14

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. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ... ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Colossians 1:16-17

For by Him [Jesus] 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. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

This verse teaches that Jesus not only made this physical realm, but the Spiritual as well. While false religions attempt to keep chaos away, we see here that it is Jesus is the sustainer. Jesus is the focal point of all that has been created.

So What ...

We are about to embark on a Journey of How God Spoke (Inspired) the universe into existence.

On each day we will look at the amazing things Jesus created and how they point to Himself and our salvation.

Genesis 1-11 gives us the history of creation, sin, culture, and the hope of redemption. They are also the most attacked.

Pray that God will use this study to sure up the foundations in your life. If you have not accepted Jesus' forgiveness for your sin, then there is no time like the present. Talk to us and let us show you from Scripture how you can have your sins forgiven!