

Creation – 5 Plants

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Introduction

We are examining how God spoke (inspired) Creation into existence.

God took seven days to create and rest as a teaching ministry to us. There are three primary reasons God took 7 days.

1. God taught us a work cycle and the importance of rest.
 2. God shows the progression of our Salvation.
 3. God used the days of Creation to teach of Jesus.

Today we will begin to look at the Days of Creation.

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Day 4

Genesis 1:9-13

Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear”; and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

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God has a goal in mind – the creation of man. In order for man and animals to survive, he will need ground to walk on and food to eat.

Earth and water are foundational to life. Earth, air, and water contain the building blocks for plants to make molecules (amino acids, nucleic acids, and sugars) that are essential for life.

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Good created the plants to be food.

Genesis 1:29-30

And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so.

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Our bodies are composed of cells. Though small, they are complex "cities" creating and using complex molecules necessary for keeping us alive.

We eat because we need energy (sugar and lipids) and we need the "building blocks" (nucleic acids, amino acids) to build and maintenance our cells and bodies.

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Plants produce not only enough sugar and nutrients for themselves, but enough to supply the needs mankind and all the animals.

God also created us with the ability to "taste" our food. We are able to find great enjoyment feasting on the various tastes of sweet, salty, sour, and even bitter.

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Plants not only provide us with food but are essential to the air we breath.

Man and animals breath in Oxygen and breath out Carbon Dioxide. Plants do the opposite. They take in Carbon Dioxide and release Oxygen.

When you take a breath, thank God that He created plants!

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According to evolutionists, plants did not evolve until millions of years after the Cambrian period. However, studies have discovered pollen above the Day 3 rock, which is Precambrian. Other studies done around the world have given similar results. The pollen can be linked to both modern and extinct species. These findings verify the Biblical account of Creation and discredit evolution.

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Day 3 - Salvation

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On Day 3 God created Dry Land and plants. In all the chaos in this world, God gives us His Word for a sure foundation. It is unmovable and trustworthy. It is the foundation that we can live and build our lives upon.

Like all living things, we need to eat. The same is true for the believer. The believer needs to spend time in God's Word daily in order to grow in Spiritual Maturity.

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Day 3 - Jesus

Tale of Two Trees

God will plant a garden for man. In that garden, God provided for all of man's needs – physical, emotional, and spiritual. In the garden, God also placed two special trees:

1. The Knowledge of Good and Evil
2. The Tree of Life

God warned that one tree if eaten from would result in death. We do not know if God said anything about the Tree of Life, but eating the fruit of it would result in living forever.

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Day 3 - Jesus

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Man ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and sin entered the world. At this point death (separation) came into the world.

The Tree of Life can be identified with Jesus. He is the Only One who can grant us Forgiveness and Eternal Life. However, it came with a cost – not to us but for Him.

Jesus was nailed to the cross (the Tree of Life) and the consequences of sin were paid for in full.

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So What ...

Jesus paid the debt for our sin and offers forgiveness and salvation to us as a free gift. Gifts must be accepted in order to be received.

Have you accepted God's gift? If not, you can do so right now by admitting that you have sinned and need forgiveness. You can ask God to forgive you based on what Jesus' death upon the cross. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins – 1 John 1:9

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So What ...

For you who know Jesus as your Savior, we do not know how much time we have.

Jesus is coming back, and we the church have a job to do. We have been entrusted with the message of salvation to share with the world.

Let us dedicate ourselves to holy living so the world can see we are different. Pray that God will give you the opportunity to share His truth this week.

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