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1. In the beginning, on the first day of God’s Creation, God the Father through Christ created the Heavens and the Earth, which at first had no form. Then, God spoke. When God speaks, what He commands immediately happens. And there was light. The light was good, it was without sin or death, and it separated itself from the darkness. The Day was separate from the Night. The evening was separate from the morning. And there was one day, the first day.

the Earth. And it was so just as God wanted it. God set the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night. He set the stars to demonstrate His glory. All of it was good, without sin or death. There was a fourth evening and a fourth morning. And there were four days, the fourth day.
2. On the second day of God’s Creation, God spoke to create an expanse in the midst of the formless waters. This expanse is the sky. Again, when God spoke, the expanse came into being. And it was so. Just as the Day and the Night had been separated on the first day, the sky above and the waters below were separated on the second day. There was a second evening and a second morning. And there were two days, the second day.
3. On the third day God spoke to create dry land. It happened just as God commanded. And it was so. The dry land separated the Earth from the Seas. God saw that all His Creation was good and that there was no sin or death. Then God spoke and created plant life. And it was so. There were many different kinds and they were all good. There was a third evening and a third morning. And there were three days, the third day.
4. On the fourth day God spoke to create the sun, the moon, and the stars. These lights would mark the passing of signs and seasons, days and years. They would give a new type of light to
5. On the fifth day God spoke to create living creatures in the Seas and birds to fill the skies. There were many different kinds of these creatures in the Seas and skies. Then, God spoke to bless these creatures so that they would multiply throughout His Creation. There was a fifth evening and a fifth morning. And there were five days, the fifth day.
6. On the sixth and final day of God’s Creation He spoke to create creatures on the land. And it was so just as God said. Once again, all of this was good. There was no sin or death during the six days of God’s Creation. There were many different kinds of creatures created on this day. Then, God did an extraordinary thing. He created man in His own image. He made us in the image of Christ. And God gave humanity dominion, power, and authority over everything on Earth that He had created.
7. Just as God had blessed the creatures in the Sea and in the air, God gave an even greater blessing to Adam and Eve, the first

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human beings. He spoke and blessed them with fruitfulness so that they would be able to subdue the Earth. He spoke and gave them authority and power over the fish and the birds. He spoke and gave them dominion over every living thing that moves on the Earth.

“By the Word of the Lord the Heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.”

(Psalm 33:6, 9)

8. God spoke with His creative power one last time as the sixth and final day of Creation came to a close. God gave every plant, every tree to those made in His image for food. At this time, God did not give the meat of animals to be eaten by Adam and Eve. Why not? Because there was no death before Adam’s sin. Plants and fruit did not have to die to be eaten, but animals did. God also gave these plants to His other living creatures to eat. And everything that God spoke was immediately so.
9. As God saw everything in His Creation that He had made, He knew that it was just the way He wanted it. All of it was very good. Not a hint of imperfection in His work. Not a bit of corruption or sin. Not a single thing in the first six days that died. It was also very good because of the power and majesty

that God had demonstrated by creating everything in just six days. No other living being could speak the universe into existence in the way that God had, in the time that God had, with the wisdom that God had. There was one final evening, the sixth evening, one final morning, the sixth morning. And there were six days, the sixth day.

10. God had done what only He could do. He had finished His Creation in six days. He had shown all His excellence, His sovereign control, the magnificence and splendor of everything that He does. And there was no flaw in His Creation. But what was the purpose of God’s work? Soon, Adam’s sin would lead to creation itself being cursed. The perfect work of God would be marred by evil, sin, and death. Was this part of God’s plan? Surely, it was, and all for the purpose of exalting His Son, Jesus Christ, in the Gospel.

Application #1

As we come to the close of Genesis 1, what should we take away? We should fear God and stand in awe of Him. By the Word of the Lord the Heavens were made. He spoke. By the breath of His mouth everything was made. He spoke. He spoke and gathered the waters of the Sea. He spoke and put the deeps of the ocean in storehouses. And because of His great power all the Earth should fear Him. All the world should stand in awe of

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Him. Because He spoke, and it came to be. He commanded with His Word, and things stood firm.

Application #2

We should trust in the plans of God and not in our own counsel. God brings all the counsel of every nation on Earth that ever was to nothing. When people plan their ways, God frustrates their plans. Because God is Lord of the Universe, its Creator, His counsel stands forever and what He plans in His heart will last eternally.

Application #3

We should know that as God’s people, we are blessed to have the God of Creation, the God of Genesis 1, as our God. Because of who God is, blessed is the nation, blessed are the people, who can call Him their Lord, whom He has chosen as His people. We are blessed to have God as our God through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him. Believe in the God who created the universe in six days because only He could do it this way.
Six evenings, six mornings, six days. He can and He did.

Genesis 1:1-2:1

Genesis 1:1-5, The First Day of Creation

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

“Let all the Earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!”

(Psalm 33:8)

Genesis 1:6-8, The Second Day of Creation

6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven.

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Genesis 1:9-13, The Third Day of Creation

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⁹ And 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 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Genesis 1:14-19, The Fourth Day of Creation

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Genesis 1:20-23, The Fifth Day of Creation

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Genesis 1:24-31, The Sixth Day of Creation

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have

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dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Psalm 33:6-12

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. ¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!