

Theme: Creation was formed and filled by God to reveal His glory.

I. Intro – Why Are We Here?

- A. Why did God create? What is God's goal?
- B. God's goal gives us a blueprint for history
- C. God's goal gives us a purpose for living
- D. God's goal gives a blueprint thru consummation

II. The Progress of Creation

- A. Creation described as formless and empty
 - 1. Description before God speaks (1:2; judged?)
 - 2. תהו – unproductive wasteland (Dt 32:10; Job 6:18)
 - 3. בְּהוּ – empty
 - 4. תהוֹ נְבֹהוּ – unproductive, chaotic, cursed (Is 34:11; Jer 4:23)
 - 5. Not God's intention for creation (Is 45:18)
 - 6. Also “the deep”, “darkness” – bad condition
- B. God creates by His powerful Word
 - 1. Repetitive description of creative process (orderly)

- a. Announcement – “And God said”
 - b. Commandment – “Let there be”
 - c. Separation
 - d. Report
 - e. Naming – And God called
 - f. Evaluation – “It was good” – not Monday (Waltke)
 - g. Chronological framework -
- 2. Process – God forms and fills creation (see table)
 - a. Note clear structure – key to chapter
 - b. Idea – order from chaos; now productive, blessed

C. Conclusion: creation is now very good! (v31)

III. Creation: Revealing God's Glory

- A. God's goal is to display His glory
 - 1. It displays God's glory (Ps 19:1; Is 40:25-26)
 - 2. It displays God's wisdom & power (Jer 10:12; Rom 1:20)
- B. Creation, man, and the glory of God

1. It shows us the glory of God (Ps 19:1-4; Rom 1:19-20)
2. Creation reminds us to worship (Ps 8:1-4)

IV. Responding to God's Creative Work

A. Do we see the importance of creation?

1. Creation is handiwork of God! (litter, waste)
2. Creation is revelation of God! (pay attention)

B. Do we learn from creation?

1. Creation teaches God is powerful – (worship)
2. Creation teaches God is orderly – (obey law)
3. Creation teaches God is giving – (be thankful)

C. God's work of re-creation – in us

1. God brought creation from tohu wabohu to blessed
2. God does the same for us! 2 Corinthians 4:6
3. Salvation – regeneration; sanctification; bless
4. Communion Feast – upon Christ

God's Goal for Creation

Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 19:1-4

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Communion

Hebrews 13:15

10 In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, Deuteronomy 32:10

18 Caravans turn aside from their routes; they go up into the wasteland and perish. Job 6:18

11 The desert owl and screech owl will possess it; the great owl and the raven will nest there. God will stretch out over Edom the measuring line of chaos and the plumb line of desolation. Isaiah 34:11

23 I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. Jeremiah 4:23

18 For this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:18

Forming the Formless "The Resource"		Filling the Empty "The Utilizer"	
Day One	Light	Day Four	Lights
Day Two	Firmament Sky Seas	Day Five	Inhabitants Birds Fish
Day Three	Dry land Vegetation	Day Six	Land animals Human beings

heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Ps19:1

25 "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40:25-26

12 But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. Jer 10:12

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. 3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:1-4

19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:19-20

1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? Psalm 8:1-4

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6