

**The  
Foundations of Faith  
in the  
Concourse of Creation**

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## INTRODUCTION

Nothing exists without God.

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (Gen. 1:1) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." (Col. 1:16-17)*

God is the sum of all knowledge.

*"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33)*

Jesus is God.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. - That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. - And the Word was made 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." (John 1:1-5, 9, 14)*

Without God, there is no light.

*"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)*

Without God, there is no life.

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)*

The Father, Jesus, and Holy Ghost are one God. Man was created in that image.

*"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen. 1:27) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one." (1 John 5:7-8)*

Man's purpose is to please God.

*"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Rev. 4:11)*

Without Faith, it is impossible to do.

*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6)*

Faith is a gracious gift.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Eph. 2:8)*

Faith is given through the spoken Word of God.

*"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:14, 17)*

Faith's Law justifies without Mosaic Law.

*"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:24-28)*

Disobedience of either law is sin.

*"What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. (Rom. 7:7-9) And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14:23)*

Sin brings death.

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 6:23) Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ez. 18:4)*

Mosaic Law condemns. Faith's Law redeems.

*"But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." (Gal. 3:23-25) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:8-10) "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:5-7)*

It is evident that God, through His Word and Spirit, creates all things; from the tiniest particle to the greatest faith.

*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13)I*

## FIRST DAY

### *Conversion*

Just as man's body had no shape until "God formed the dust," man's soul will be eternally void unless God moves upon it. The Holy Spirit is the unseen God at work; forming and fashioning what He has created.

*"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." (Gen. 1:2)*

God plans, His Word proclaims, and His Spirit performs. The harmony of the "three are one."

*"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Gen. 1:3-5)*

You will notice a pattern developing. God said it, it was so, and it was good. The very first thing needed is Light. It separates itself from darkness, revealing it. Darkness is the absence of light. It is an empty void much like a life without "the Light of the world," Jesus. Light illuminates every imperfection. Without light there is no revelation of darkness or sin. The Word of God is the Light that reveals to man his dark and sinful soul. God's Word alone reveals the need and fulfills it.

*"And the Word was made 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." (John 1:14) "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Ps. 119:130) "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12) "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)*

Light is the beginning of all life; physical and spiritual.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-4)*

## SECOND DAY

### *Baptism*

*"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." (Gen. 1:6-8)*

The firmament (atmosphere) was surrounded by water; water above and water beneath. You might say it was "baptized, immersed" in water. The picture is two fold. First it represents the physical immersion of a new believer in believer's baptism.

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Mat. 28:19) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41) "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." (Acts 8:37-39)*

Secondly, it represents the total immersion of the new convert in Christ, "*the Living Water.*"

*"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:5) "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out*

*of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 4:10 & 7:38) "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Gal. 3:27)*

God called the firmament heaven. Those in Christ are, in the eyes of God, seated in the heavenlies with Christ. It's a confirmed confidence; a sure hope

*"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:" (Eph. 2:5-6) "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Phil. 1:6) "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:2-3)*

Being immersed in Christ is indeed heaven on earth. We are encompassed above and beneath with the Love of God. Nothing can remove us nor harm our new found life.

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col. 3:1-3) "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)*

## THIRD DAY

### *First Growth*

*"And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day." (Gen. 1:9-13)*

There is much to ponder in day three. Dry land must have water for growth to occur. There must be a continuous unbroken cycle of the sun's rays raising the water from the seas, the wind that carries the clouds over the dry land, and the cleansing rain that falls to moisten the good earth. If the seed is planted in good moist earth, it will grow. The leaves of plants provide the spices for food and the healing remedies for the body. The trees produce fruits that bear seed so other trees may sprout and grow. Without water, nothing grows, soil turns to desert, and death prevails. Too much water and plants rot. God designed a perfect gentle cycle for bringing just the right amount of water in just the right form to cause the earth to flourish. God's Word is the seed and the water at once for the soul. There must be good soil to absorb the gentle rain and nourish the seed that it may grow and yield fruit. It is the Light of the Son, the gentle breeze of the Spirit, and the gentle cleansing of the Living Water that gives growth and maturity out of the good soul that receives the Word of God. There must be life from seeds, green growth, before anything else can live. The smallest of plant life is the basis of the ecology of life on earth. The giants of earth depend on it; from leaf eating elephants to plankton eating whales. Faith's giants begin with faith as small as a grain of mustard seed.

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should*

*believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that [seed] on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." (Luke 8:11-15) "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:3) "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Mat. 17:20)*

When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into all Truth through faithful obedience, our lives will yield fruit that pleases the Master and provides seed for new growth in others. Let us consider the "fruit," singular, of the Spirit.

*"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come." (John 16:13) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal. 5:22-23)*

All of the descriptions given describe facets of the righteousness of Christ. To bear fruit, I must obey Truth and allow Christ to live through me. It is Christ's righteousness that will light the darkness of other men through the faithful.

*"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" (Phil. 2:5)"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" (Col. 1:26-27) "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:" (2 Cor. 4:3) "Let your light so shine before*

*men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Mat. 5:16) "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20) "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)*

## FOURTH DAY

### *Hope*

*"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day." (Gen. 1:14-19)*

The moon has no light of its own though it lights the night with a brilliant glow of reflection. It serves to remind us that, though unseen, the sun still remains in the center of our orbit and we can know it still gleams brightly. The moon is a picture of believers reflecting the Light of Christ to each other and the world as a sure testimony of His unseen presence. We may wax and wane in our faith and sometimes reflect nothing at all to others, but the faithful never abandon their light. Some believers may not shine as fully as others, but every reflection verifies the presence of Christ in us. The infinite number of stars in heaven reminds us of the infinite points of Truth in the Word of God that are new every morning and for every new trial that comes our way. They align themselves together in constellar patterns to picture for us the majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ. The stars are not always visible, but they are always there. The darker the night, the more brilliantly they shine. The deeper the hole in which we find ourselves trapped, the brighter the starlight. The Stellar lights are always constant and present. God is always faithful and present. The love we show other believers is a reflection of the infinite love of God to us.

*"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants." (Ps. 119:89-91) "And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood*

*and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him." (Lam. 3:18-24) "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." (Ps. 139:7-12) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34-35) "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:" (1 Pet. 1:22) "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" (Phil. 2:15)*

The ministry of believers is to love and minister to one another and reconcile unbelievers to their Creator by giving them the Word of God's Truth and love.

*"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:18-21) "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have*

*ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb. 6:9-10) "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Pet. 4:8-10) "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-25)*

## FIFTH DAY

### *Blessing and Obedience*

*"And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day." (Gen. 1:20-23)*

This is the first time in scripture that we find the word "blessed." Carefully consider the context of the word. God's blessing is not a provision or a bounty, but rather, a command. Provision and bounty already existed; Light, water, food. and fruit in abundance. God's blessings are His commandments, because they put us where we need to be to enjoy God's provision. His blessings are preceded by His provision and sustained by it. The command was, *"Be fruitful and multiply."* We are to make full use of His provision, not hoard it.

*"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Gen. 22:17-18) "And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store." (Lev. 25:19-22) "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have*

*not known." (Deut. 11:26-28) "The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways." (Deut. 28:8-9)*

We are to reproduce "after our kind." We are to make disciples of Christ through our obedience, instruction, and example; just as Christ taught us through the same. There was no worry involved over sustenance or provision. It was never a consideration. Obedience never questions supply. It simply trusts the Master. Through obedience we can partake of the infinite bounty of provision the Creator has ready at our disposal. It resupplies us as needed and is never lacking.

*"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah." (Ps. 3:8) "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." (Pro. 10:22) "By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked." (Pro. 11:11)*

Cows can graze and graze without depleting the supply if there is enough good soil, water, and light. God's blessings bless us continually if we obey. There is no height nor depth we can go to remove ourselves from the preordained care of our Creator as long as we remain within the boundaries He has set for us. Fish cannot fly and birds cannot breathe water and will live full lives within their ordained environment.

*"And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:29) "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" (Acts 17:30) "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4) "(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." (Eph. 5:9-10) "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this*

*calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thes. 1:11-12) "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen," (Eph. 3:17-21)*

## SIXTH DAY

### *Order and Design*

*"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Gen. 1:24-31)*

Man was the crown of Creation; the pinnacle of perfection. He was made in God's own image. Consider the echoes of God, Father, Son, Spirit, in man. Man is body, soul, and spirit. The family also represents a trichotomy; Father, mother, and child. Each child is a new body, soul, and spirit, and represents the father and mother in a single person, as the child is all of each. Each child is a new and different manifested attribute of the parents in an infinite variety. The more we study the human gene structure, the more this infinite interrelated variety becomes evident. Each child, at once, a paradox of uniqueness, conformity, and a perfect image of the original designer, God.

Uniform uniqueness in creation visually illustrates the unchanging infinite attributes of the Creator; a reflection of God.

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9:6-7) "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb. 13:8) "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." (Ps. 102:25-27) "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:" (Job 5:8-9) "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." (Ps. 145:3) "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?" (Rom. 11:33-34) "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;" (Eph. 3:8)*

God granted man complete dominion over His creation. All that He had made He gave to man for his use and needs. Again, having already provided for them, God blessed them with a command. *"Be fruitful...replenish the earth and subdue it."* Man was in charge, but still had work to do. Believers are joint-heirs with Christ, but we have things to do. We have all that's needed to do the work, and more, but work we must. There is nothing that God will not supply us to do His will. God wanted man to have the same pleasure He experienced. He wanted man to want to be His companion and freely gave unto him all that he needed or could ever want. His design and purpose

were defined and performed for the benefit of man. Not only did God say it was good, but sealed His approval with “*very good.*”

*"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:31-32) "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Rom. 8:16-17) "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:2-3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:" (Eph. 1:3, 10) "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," (2 Tim. 1:9) "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." (James 4:8)*

## SEVENTH DAY

### *Rest*

*"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." (Gen. 2:1-3)*

Seven is the number of completion in scripture or finished work. The seventh day of creation was special to God. Rest is not a time to recoup from labour, but, rather, a time to reflect upon and enjoy the fruits of labour. It is a time of pleasure; a time of observation and interaction. God sanctified or set apart the seventh day for posterity as a memorial to man of His infinite power and omniscience. It was to be a time of enjoyment with their Creator. A time to give thanks and honor to their Benefactor and trusted Friend. The day is special to God.

*"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Ex. 20:8-11)*

Man forsook God and willfully shunned His friendship, bringing a curse of death, separation from God. God Finished a new work on Resurrection Day and now we celebrate His grand redemption of "paradise lost," when He defeated man's ultimate enemy, death, by rising from the dead on the "first day of the week."

*"And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for*

*ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Gen. 3:22-24) "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;" (Prov. 1:24-26)*

Jesus was promised and sent to redeem man from his own way and return him to the paradise he once enjoyed. We used to take Saturday and Sunday off from work, but now, men take neither.

*"I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Isa. 42:6-7) "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Mat. 1:21-23)*

A new day, a new law, and a new covenant; sealed for eternity with His own blood freely given to redeem His beloved man from the curse of sin. Christ now sits on the Mercy Seat in the heavenly Holy of Holies, interceding for and helping every penitent needy soul that petitions His infinite grace. One day believers will rest in the eternal bliss of a new heaven and earth, but for now, we can rest in the steadfast provision promised and given to the obedient. He has called unto men and the few who answer are set apart, sanctified, to be the "friends of God."

*"Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:2-3) "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved*

*you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."(John 15:9-14) "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Mat. 26:27-29) "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." (Heb. 9:15) "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." " (Rev. 21:1, 6-7)*

## CONCLUSION

Only the willfully ignorant fail to see God in His Creation. It reflects, reports, and retains all the nuances and attributes of our Supreme Sovereign, Jesus. Men have access by faith into His riches, glory, and friendship.

*"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." (Col. 1:12-18) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Rom. 5:1-2)*

**AMEN!**