

DAY TWO -- PREPARING FOR LIFE

Sunday, September 27, 2026 -- GENESIS 1-11 series -- msg 6 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

GENESIS 1:6-8

English Standard Version (ESV)

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.

REVIEW:

1. God uses Moses to RECORD the beginning of all things.

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

- This collection is called 'Moses' or 'the Law' or 'the Torah'
- **Genesis 1-11** (All the Families of the Earth)
Creation, Marriage, Fall, Cain/Abel, Wickedness, Flood, Ark, Tower of Babel
- **Genesis 12-50** (One Family God Uses)
Abraham → Issac → Jacob → Joseph

2. God uses Moses to REFUTE the false narratives of the Beginning.

- Egyptian mythology of Nun, Atum/Ra, Ptah
- Mesopotamian/Babylonian mythology — Enuma Elish — Apsu,
- Sumerian mythology — An, Enlil, Enki
- Canaanite/Ugaritic mythology — El, Baal, Yam, Mot
- Darwinism -- and every other origin narrative apart from God.

3. God does all things with PURPOSE and ORDER.

- Verse 1 – *In the beginning God created EVERYTHING.*
- Verse 2 -- He is present as He starts a process of formation.
- Verses 3-5 He creates light and separates darkness by His word.

KEY OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT:

1. Notice the simplicity. God speaks. Creation obeys.

And God said,

And God made...

And God separated...

And God called...

PSALM 33:6, 9

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made..."

*"For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm."*

- See at how **God's CREATION** obeys Him:

- Oceans obey Him.
- The Atmosphere obeys Him.
- Light obeys Him.
- Stars obey Him.
- Wind and waves obey Him.

- See how **God's PEOPLE** disobey Him.

Adam and Eve (Gen. 3), Cain (Gen. 4), the generation before the Flood (Gen. 6), Babel (Gen. 11), Lot's wife (Gen. 19), Pharaoh (Exodus 5–14), Israel repeatedly in the wilderness, Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10), Moses at Meribah (Num. 20), Achan (Josh. 7), Israel throughout Judges, Saul (1 Sam. 13, 15), David (2 Sam. 11–12), Solomon (1 Kings 11), the kings of Israel and Judah repeatedly, Jonah (Jonah 1)

Over 110 times we see explicitly stated disobedience.

JEREMIAH 7:24

"They did not obey or incline their ear to the LORD..."

2. Notice God separates and brings order. vs 6-7

*"Let there be an **expanse** in the midst of the waters..."*

expanse = Hebrew word רָקִיעַ (*raqia'*) also translated firmament

God establishes a great space between the waters. But for what purpose?

*"let it **separate** the waters from the waters."*

Then verse 7:

*"And God **made** the expanse and **separated** the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse."*

Genesis isn't describing a universe that gradually organizes itself. God organizes it.

THE NATURE OF 'THE EXPANSE':

Waters ABOVE the expanse. Waters BELOW the expanse. What does this mean?

Perhaps a water-vapor canopy over the earth?

This was a popular view for a long time. But not necessary.

What Scripture says clearly, we proclaim.

What is uncertain, we do not reconstruct.

Here, we see WHO did it. THAT He did it. WHY He did it – to separate.

He separates the ocean water from the atmospheric water.

3. Notice GOD commands -- **AND IT IS SO.** vs 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.

ISAIAH 46:9–10

9 *remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,*
10 *declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, ‘**My counsel** shall stand,
and I will accomplish all **My purpose**,’*

ISAIAH 55:11

11 *so shall **My word** be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose.*

We need a **REALITY CHECK** on GOD’S WORD.

God’s Word is not advice.

God’s Word is not a suggestion.

God’s Word is as REAL as the world it creates.

ISAIAH 40:8

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

4. GOD NAMES – Because everything **BELONGS TO HIM**.

And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

PSALM 24:1:

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein.”*

CONCLUDING MEDITATION/APPLICATION— DAY TWO OF CREATION

God SPEAKS, God SEPARATES, God NAMES, God PREPARES FOR LIFE

ISAIAH 43:1

*But now thus says the Lord,
He who **created** you, O Jacob,
He who **formed** you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you;
I have **called** you by name, **you are Mine**.”*

*trickster/supplanter
struggler w/God*

This God of **CREATION** is also the God of **SALVATION**!