

DAY FIVE -- SWARMS IN SEA AND AIR

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GENESIS 1:20-23

English Standard Version (ESV)

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REVIEW: GOD CREATES...

- Day One:** God created _____ and separated light from darkness.
Day Two: God separated the waters from the expanse, made the _____.
Day Three: God separated land and sea, He made dry ground and vegetation.
Day Four: God made the sun, moon and _____.
Day Five: God made the sea and air creatures.

PSALM 19:1

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

KEY OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT:

1. GOD spoke and the Seas and Skies _____ with creatures. vs 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.'"

- A. We see the _____ of HIS COMMAND. vs 20 And God said...

PSALM 33:9 *For He spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded and it stood firm.*

MAN'S CREATIONS

VS

GOD'S CREATIONS

Submarine

Airliner

Computer

_____, butterfly

Living organism (cell complexity to instincts)

Great _____ and pain

Long, _____ progress

____—many failures

From created things.

His _____

Instantaneous

Perfect, no failures (Good)

From _____!

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B. We see _____ LIFE from His command. vs 20 *swarm with living creatures*

- *living creatures* = Hebrew *chayyah nephesh* (breathing souls)

Day THREE we saw reproducing _____ LIFE (vegetation).

- DNA production of cells (growth)
- simple organisms (simple life cells)
- production of energy (from photosynthesis -- light, water & CO₂)

Day FIVE we see reproducing _____ LIFE.

- DNA production of cells (growth)
- more _____ organisms (extended system processes)
- ‘animal’ from *animalis* or ‘having _____’
- organisms that get energy from consuming other _____
- they have a _____ system (sensory awareness)
- they sense, move, _____, habituate various activities

C. We see the _____ LIFE of His command. vs 20

*Let the waters **swarm with swarms** of living creatures*

*Let **birds** fly above the earth **across the expanse** of the heavens*

- *swarm with swarms* (a verb and noun – literally the same in Hebrew)
The Hebrew expression for _____, multiplying, and moving.
- *let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens*

Notice: God intends the _____ of life. John 10:10

Notice: God made _____ to result in more _____.

Day 3 – Trees and plants with reproducing seed.

Day 5 – Swarms of sea life and flying creatures

2. GOD CREATED — AN ASTONISHING _____ OF LIVING CREATURES vs 21

- *So God created...* (same as Genesis 1:1 *bara* = created)
 - God is the subject. Not the creation.
 - His creation work is the emphasis.
- *the great sea creatures*
tanninim = *the great creatures / dragons / serpents of the deep*
- *and every living creature* _____
from Angel Fish to Goblin Sharks to Archer Fish to Telescope Fish etc.

PSALM 104:24–26

- 24 *O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.*
- 25 *Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.*
- 26 *There go the ships,
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.*

- *and every winged bird according to its kind.*
from the ‘wandering _____’ with an _____ foot wingspan
to the ‘_____ hummingbird’ with a _____ inch wingspan
to bats, to parrots, to eagles, to peacocks, to _____!

The **immense diversity** of sea creatures and flying creatures reveal
a great deal about **character and nature of our Creator-God**:

- His _____ -- His ingenuity -- His wisdom -- His detail
-- His majesty -- His delight -- His power -- His _____

3. The FIRST _____ of the Bible: BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY vs 22

*“And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill
the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’”*

A. Notice that God’s blessing comes in the form of a _____.

- God has a _____.
- God has a _____.
- God has _____ (blessing) intended for His plan and design.
- God gives good commands to His creation in order to bless it.
- When God’s creation _____ His commands, the blessings are _____.

B. Notice that God’s blessing includes the ability to _____ for more blessings.

- Life is a _____. Life brings God _____. (Psalm 139:14; James 1:1)
- Apparently, more life, means more blessing... to God and creation.
- It is God’s intention to fill the earth with _____. (Gen 1:28; 9:1; Ps. 127:3-5; 115:14)
- God is so **generous** that He shares His ability to _____ more life with His creation.
- God’s **grand design is so perfect** that life can actually _____/_____!

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GOD DELIGHTS IN HIS CREATION

LIFE!

God doesn't merely create life. He _____ in life!
(He wants the earth filled with it.)

VARIETY!

God doesn't merely possess creativity. He _____ it in astonishing abundance!

DESIGN!

God doesn't merely make things that work.
He makes creatures of breathtaking COMPLEXITY, _____, and _____!

If GOD delights in and cares about a little sparrow...

God _____ and _____ about all those who follow Jesus and suffer for it.

MATTHEW 10:29-33 Jesus speaking...

29 Are not **two sparrows** sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** **Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.** **32** So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, **33** but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Does this passage bring you COMFORT or _____?