



SESSION #4 ~ CREATION IN SIX DAYS?

Does It Really Matter?

Yes, it does matter what a Christian believes concerning the days of creation in Genesis 1. Most importantly, all schemes which insert eons of time into, or before, creation undermine the gospel by putting death, bloodshed, disease, thorns, and suffering before sin and the Fall.

Here are two more reasons:

1. It is really a matter of how one approaches the Bible, in principle. If we do not allow the language to speak to us in context, but try to make the text fit ideas outside of Scripture, then ultimately the meaning of any word in any part of the Bible depends on man's interpretation, which can change according to whatever outside ideas are in vogue.

2. If one allows [science](#) (which has wrongly become synonymous with [evolution and materialism](#)) to determine our understanding of Scripture, then this can lead to a slippery slope of unbelief through the rest of Scripture. For instance, science would proclaim that a person cannot be raised from the dead. Does this mean we should interpret the Resurrection of Christ to reflect this? Sadly, some do just this, saying that the Resurrection simply means that Jesus' teachings live on in His followers.

When people accept at face value what Genesis is teaching and accept the days as ordinary days, they will have no problem accepting and making sense of the rest of the Bible. Martin Luther once said:

I have often said that whoever would study Holy Scripture should be sure to see to it that he stays with the simple words as long as he can and by no means departs from them unless an article of faith compels him to understand them differently. For of this we must be certain: no clearer speech has been heard on Earth than what God has spoken.

Pure Words

God's people need to realize that the Word of God is something very special. It is not just the words of men. As Paul said in [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#), "You received it not as the word of men, but as it is, truly the word of God."

[Proverbs 30:5-6](#) states that "every word of God is pure Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you and you be found a liar." The Bible cannot be treated as just some great literary work. We need to "tremble at his word" ([Isaiah 6:5](#)) and not forget:

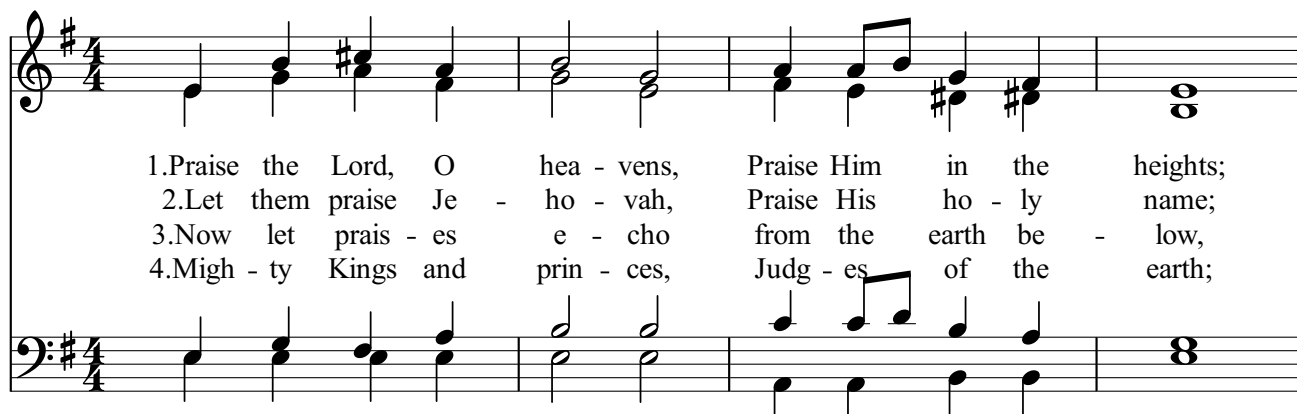
All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)).

In the original autographs, every word and letter in the Bible is there because God put it there. Let us listen to God speaking to us through His Word and not arrogantly think we can tell God what He really means!

PRAISE THE LORD, O HEAVENS

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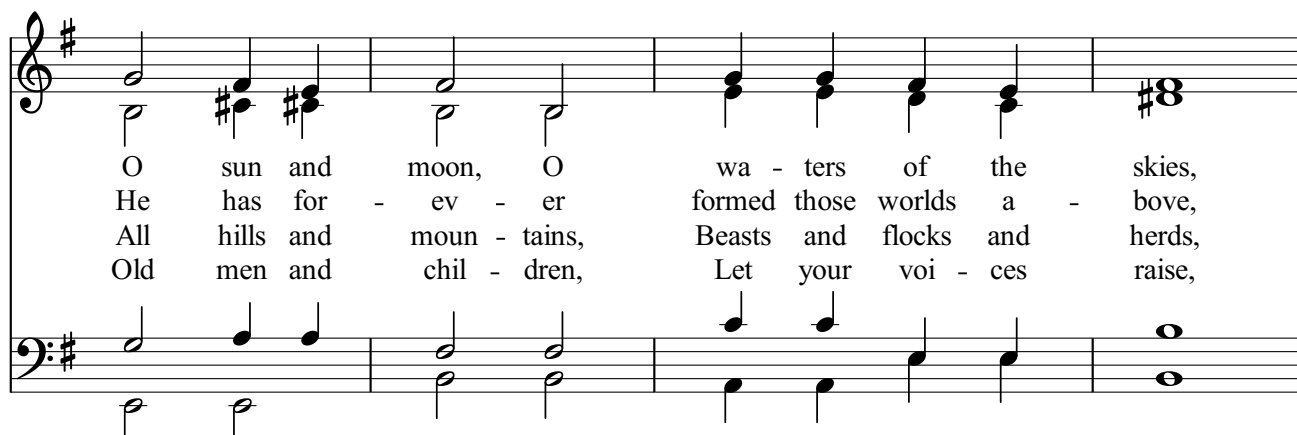
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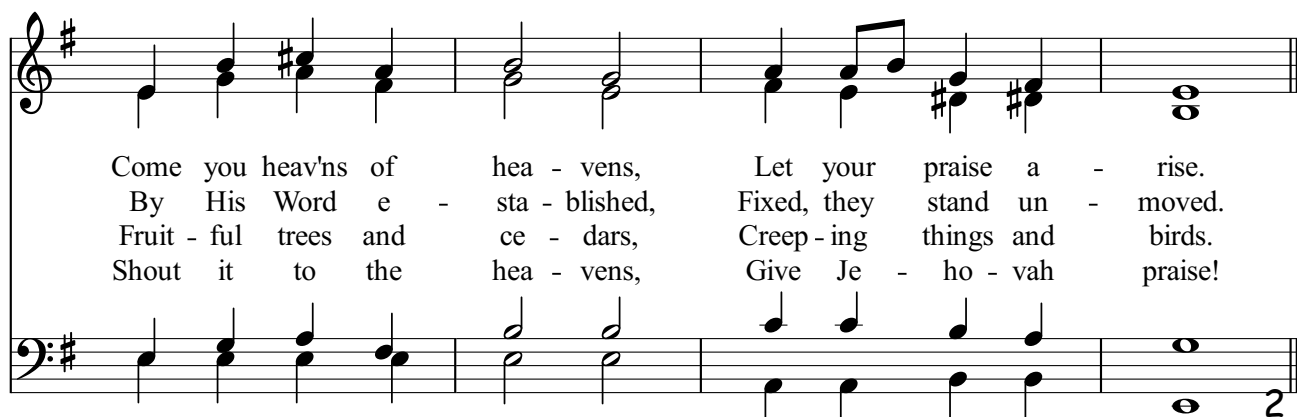
1. Praise the Lord, O hea - vens, Praise Him in the heights;
2. Let them praise Je - ho - vah, Praise His ho - ly name;
3. Now let prais - es e - cho from the earth be - low,
4. Migh - ty Kings and prin - ces, Judg - es of the earth;



Praise Him all His an - gels, Praise Him stars of light.
He is their Cre - a - tor, Come, His praise pro - claim.
Winds that do His bid - ding, Fire and hail and snow.
Both young men and maid - ens, Sing God's glor - ious worth.



O sun and moon, O wa - ters of the skies,
He has for - ev - er formed those worlds a - bove,
All hills and moun - tains, Beasts and flocks and herds,
Old men and chil - dren, Let your voi - ces raise,



Come you heav'ns of hea - vens, Let your praise a - rise.
By His Word e - sta - blished, Fixed, they stand un - moved.
Fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, Creep - ing things and birds.
Shout it to the hea - vens, Give Je - ho - vah praise!