

Genesis in Biblical Perspective  
The Gospel of Christ from Genesis  
Creation: An Eyewitness Account – Genesis 1:1-31

This study will begin by looking at the commentary on Genesis 1 found in Isaiah 45:18, 19—

**18** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the LORD, and there is no other. **19** I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.

This is the word of God.

In Isaiah 45 God says, “I made it and I didn’t make it to be empty. I made it to be inhabited.”

Now Genesis 1:1–31—

**1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **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. **9** And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. **14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **16** And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. **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.” **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. **24** And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. **25** And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **26** Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. **28** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.  
May God bless this His Word to the heart of His people.

This is the second study in Genesis and it deals with the creation week. Here is the focus of this. Why is this historical narrative of the creation in the Bible? There are some interesting applications that come from this but there is a singular purpose. The Hebrew language has a certain tense that is used whenever an historical narrative is being given. That is the tense used in Genesis 1. It is not a science book but it would be consistent in everything that it affirms in true science. What is God’s story about creation here for? It is God’s agenda for His glory is to create a home, a world, and then a people to inhabit it for His glory. In other words, God’s agenda is to create a world which becomes a home for a people that He designs to occupy it for His glory. That is what God is declaring very forthrightly in Genesis 1. Isaiah knew this and that is why he said, “The Lord made the heavens and the earth. He established it to be inhabited.” God made a world and then a people for that world all for His glory.

How did He do it? Beginning with Genesis 1:1 which was covered in the depth in the first study says, “*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*” This very first sentence in the Bible is a declarative sentence. On November 8, 1981 the New York Time, not exactly a flaming Christian fundamentalist journal, wrote about a result of a test done by an organization called Technion, an early company on technology based out of Israel. They

tested a program by putting the literary style of the first five books of Moses in the Bible, the vocabulary and the data into this program. An analysis is produced from the data put into the program and the analysis says this; one author wrote all five books. One can thank Technion for providing that information but the Bible has already given that. These are the books of Moses. Moses is the human author inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Divine author.

Genesis is an eye witness account of creation. Carl Sagan in his book on origins, titled *Cosmos* says, "The Cosmos (that is the world) is all that is or ever was or ever will be is all there is." One may say, "How do you know that Carl? You weren't there. By the way, Carl, did you know anybody who was there?" No he did not. I know who was there at the beginnings of the heavens and the earth. I have His narration. I have His story. His story tells me my story. I cannot understand my story without His story.

This is what He says in His story, "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" That is the first sentence of the first book of the Bible and it has seven Hebrew words. Any Hebrew who saw those seven words would know that something was being said symbolically. Those seven words would tell a Hebrew that what they are about to hear is perfect. The first sentence in the Bible is seven words. The first subject is the only subject that it could possibly be from that sentence and that is God, Elohim. The first verb is an astounding verb that is only used five times in the Bible and every time it is used God is the subject. "In the beginning, God **created** (*bara*)..." This is not the word used for creativity. People are creative because they are made in the image of God but people cannot create anything, meaning people cannot bring into existence something from nothing. That is what *bara* means, from nothing comes everything. God creates by His Word everything from nothing. In this one simple sentence is all of science.

Science in terms of origins deals with five things; space, time, matter, energy (power), and order. All of this is in the first sentence in the Bible; "*In the beginning* (time), *God created* (power/energy) *the heavens* (space) *and the earth* (matter)." Then for the following verses from Genesis 1:2 to Genesis 2:4 comes the ordering of creation; how it is ordered, it continues and how it continues to exist.

The declaration of Genesis 1:1 is followed by an initial primal description of the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:2; "*The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*" Here is a picture of the waters of depth foreboding and yet immediately comfort is given for the first statement of the ministry of the third person in the trinity is revealed in the Bible, "*the Spirit of God was hovering...*" The Hebrew word for hovering is an interesting word that refers to the same meaning of a hen that hovers over her chicks and of the eagle that hovers over the nest taking care of its young. Also, in this description the earth here is formless and void. The Hebrew words used for "formless" (*tohu*) and "void" rhyme (*bohu*). *Tohu* meaning unformed and *bohu* meaning unfilled. So beginning in Genesis 1:3 all the way through Genesis 2:4 the reader will get "un-*tohu*-ed" and "un-*bohu*-ed." God is going to get rid of the *tohu* and the *bohu* in

those passages. Instead of an unformed creation there is going to be a perfectly formed creation and instead of an unfilled creation He will inhabit it with His crowning touch, man made in His image.

That development begins in Genesis 1:3. At this point in the study each of the seven days of creation will be looked at in more detail. One may be thinking at this point, "Does Harry believe in a 24 hour day creation?" Bible scholars deal with the word "day" six different ways. These are people who take the Bible seriously. Hebrew cosmology, that is the Hebrew view of life, makes many contributions to the world culture and one of them is the concept of a week as a basic unit of time. It does not come from the Romans or the Greeks but the Hebrews. The Hebrews got it from the narrative of Genesis 1. God's work was a week, six and one. The Hebrews were the ones who introduced that into culture. One may say, "What about the day? Is it a seven day 24 hour week?" The six views of the Bible scholars and my view which is one of the six will be shared in the next study and will answer that question. The next study will look at Genesis 2:1-3 which is where the Sabbath day is talked about and from there the six views will be shared as well.

So at this point the days of creation will be addressed by day. The six days are put together very consciously. The first three days of creation are dealing with the *Tohu* problem, things that are unformed. The creation is being formed in Days 1, 2, and 3. Then what formed on Day 1 will be filled with Day 4. What is formed on Day 2 will be filled with Day 5. What is formed on Day 3 will be filled with Day 6. The last three days will fill what the first three days formed. So the last three days of creation deal with the *Bohu* problem, the things that are unfilled.

**Day 1**, Genesis 1:3-5; **3** *"And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day."* Here is the end of the first day where God declares what He has done is good and in this day He has brought light. There was already darkness and as light is brought there is a separation that exists between light and darkness. The light is named Day and the darkness is named Night and now the daily cycle is instituted; evening, then morning, evening then morning etc. This was so because of God's spoken Word and now God's Spirit is hovering and His Word is working.

**Day 2**, Genesis 1:6-8; **6** *"And God said, "Let there be an expanse (separator) in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse (this is God's expansion joint i.e. what is used in pouring concrete) 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."*

God is creating the heavens and the earth on the second day. This is a book of origins and as the heavens and the earth are being formed there is light and darkness, the first day and secondly there is a separation of the waters. There are the waters that are drawn up and the waters that are down. This is

clearly a picture of the first heavens, the sky, beyond that the second heavens, the third heavens, the dwelling place of God. So here is the first heaven, the sky and that is a separator of the water that is covering the earth, the deeps, and the water that becomes the canopy around the earth. This will become extremely helpful in understanding something that is going to be covered later called the Flood, as those waters are brought down. Here the expanse is established and interestingly this is the only day where God does not say it is good. I think the reason for this is that the third day is something that is moved right into because it is bringing to fruition the formation of everything in the heavens and the earth. What yet needs to be done? Here is the third day.

**Day 3**, Genesis 1:9-13; **9** *“And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.”*

On the third day the Lord does not use the word separate but He now gathers the waters into a heap. He gathers the waters up into His storehouse. What is being stored for? He gathers up not only the oceans but the deeps in the storehouse and the He calls to appear the dry land which begins to burst forth with vegetation. The closest thing to the climate that would have existed at this time of creation with the canopy of water would be that of a hothouse, a greenhouse. I lived in a subtropical climate when I lived in Miami and I would cut the grass on Monday and I would be going to get gas again to cut it on Wednesday. It is unbelievable how things would grow. If one did not shear back, cut down or prune down one's house would get taken over in a heartbeat. Now, multiply that in growth in an uncursed world in that canopy, that hothouse and one can just see that picture of the sprouting taking place of all kinds of plants, seeds and trees from that land that God has brought into existence by gathering the waters into the storehouses in the deeps.

At this point in the Scripture, *Tohu* has been solved. It is no longer *Tohu*, unformed, because now the heavens and the earth are formed. Now God will inhabit it. The fourth day He inhabits what He formed on the first day.

**Day 4**, Genesis 1:14-19; **14** *“And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.”*

Here the kingdom of the heavens now has their kings that He has placed in the sun by day and the moon by night and the stars. With the breath of God's mouth, the speaking of His Word, He flung the billions upon billions of stars into existence. It is interesting to note that even though there is this big distance between the sun and the moon God has so arranged it that when one looks up into the skies they basically look the same size; the symmetry yet the expanse, the randomness yet the order as God begins to fill the earth that He has now formed. One Day 4 He has established signs, seasons and the rulers of the day and night, the sun, moon and the stars. Now to the fifth day which God formed on the second day is next.

**Day 5**, Genesis 1:20-23; **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.”* **21** *So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.* **22** *And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”* **23** *And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.”*

On the second day the heavens and the waters were formed so on the fifth day He fills the heavens with the birds and He builds in the teaming reproduction of the birds. Then He fills the waters with fish through the incredible phrase, “Let the water swarm with swarms...” and the living creatures of the sea are also teaming in reproduction. Here God has given life to the heavens and the waters as He builds in reproduction. The only thing left now is to fill the land that was formed on the third day. This leads to the sixth day.

**Day 6**, Genesis 1:24-31; **24** *“And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.”* *And it was so.* **25** *And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.* **26** *Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”* **27** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.* **28** *And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”* **29** *And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.* **30** *And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”* *And it was so.* **31** *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”*

God now fills the land. The animals begin to come forth, the species and their kinds with the laws of reproduction and it seems as if in the initial original creation that this land is one continent because it is in singular. This land is now filled up with the animals and then comes the Divine pause. There is a shift in the narrative. The Divine pause is that God moves into consultation with Himself; "Let us make man in Our image." There the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in Divine covenant and consultation bring forth the design, made in His image, man and to properly image him, male and female, He made him. Then, God moves in this pause from Divine consultation to Divine communication. Everything up until now He has by spoken Word and law built in what would happen with the birds, animals, fish, trees and everything and now He comes not with a commandment that is built intrinsically but a commandment that comes to the man.

He communicates to him and calls him to do three things in this covenant of creation. First He says to man, "Have dominion over My creation. I made you to be the vice regent over it." Secondly He says to man, "I call you to work, subdue it." Work is not the product of sin in the Fall but it is the commandment of creation. He says to the man, "I want you to be the vice regent and the steward over all of My creation and I command you to subdue. Go to work." Thirdly He says to man, "Be fruitful and multiply." He is calling the man, male and female, to reproduce and fill up the land. The seventh day will be covered in the next study however God stops at the end of the sixth day and looks at everything. He does not say, "It is good." He said, "It is *very* good." The word used here is a lyrical word in the Hebrew called *me'od* meaning He literally sings over it.

When C.S. Lewis brings forth the Christ type in creation, which is through his character Aslan, the lion, he brings it forth through singing it into existence. Can one not see the delight that God has here? This God that does not need us, this God who has perfect fellowship in the trinity, this God in all of His perfections who is absolutely all powerful and all sufficient, now has delighted in His work, crowned it with us who are made in His image and then sings over it. "It is very good!"

Here are five life transforming truths from this text. The first truth is in creation God made a home and then a people for His own glory. Now in redemption God is making a people and then a home for His own glory. Remember the author of this text is the Holy Spirit and He is using Moses to write it. Moses is in the wilderness and the time is around 1500 B.C. Moses and the people who are with him are considered the children of Abraham whom God called out to be Himself and said, "I will make you a nation and I will give you a home" meaning the Promised Land. For 430 years the people had been in bondage, now they were set free and in the wilderness. These people are going through the wilderness and God says, "I'm going to bring you over the river to the home I have prepared for you." The encouragement is the narrative of the creation where God shows that He made a home and then a people and those people fell into sin but God will not be stopped. Yet the immediate promise is ultimately looking to One greater than Moses, One greater than Abraham, a greater Seed than the nation, Israel, and that is the children of Abraham

spiritually, the people of God who will be purchased by the Son of God through the Word of His power as He says, "I made a home and I made a people. Now I'm redeeming a people and I'm making you a home." In fact He has gone away to prepare it for us, a new heavens and a new earth in which dwells glory forever.

The second truth is God's powerful work in creation was accomplished by His Son through the moving of the Holy Spirit and His Word. Now God's gracious work in redemption is accomplished by His Son through the moving of the Holy Spirit and His Word. How did God do this work of creation? Here God has brought forth the creation, forming it and filling it. The Holy Spirit is hovering and the Word of God is there. So where is Christ in this? The Bible says that Christ is the One accomplishing it. John 1:1-3 says, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*" Here is God the Father the author of creation. Here is God the Holy Spirit hovering and Jesus is the Preeminent Sovereign bringing the creation. Another Scripture that reveals this is about Jesus is Colossians 1:15-17; "*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*"

Here in the book of Genesis God is creating through Christ and the two instruments Christ is using to bring about creation, a home and a people, are the Holy Spirit hovering and the Word spoken in power which brings order and life. How is God in redemption making a people and a home? He is using the same Christ, through His Word and by His Spirit, to create a people and ultimately a home for them.

The third truth from the text is God's Spirit and God's Word will always overcome darkness with light and will always bring cosmos out of chaos. Here in Genesis 1:2 the darkness and the deep are shown and then the Spirit of God comes. Christ then brings the Word and speaks and light is brought forth. The darkness is dispelled. So it is in one's personal life. Is there chaos? Is there hurt? Is there challenge? Christ is the answer. How does Christ answer? His Word and His Spirit will dispel the darkness and bring out of the chaos of sin the order of grace and mercy.

The fourth truth from the text is the focal point of all creation is the glory of God revealed in man, male and female. Man has been made in His image, male and female, who stands as a statement of the glory of God. In other words, Genesis 1 is not a telescope to get a big picture; it is a microscope to bring one to a focus. God starts with the big picture, the heavens and the earth. He forms it. He fills it. He pauses. Now He crowns it with man made in His image. This is why it is so important to teach one's children where they came from. It is also important to understand that any academic institution that denies the free enterprise of 'where did I come from' 'why am I here,' that rules out the reality of an eternal God and substitutes it from some notion that something comes from nothing or that the space, time and matter is eternal and a person is just some

cosmic accident or mutation; this is at the core and the dignity and purpose of humanity. God is bringing it to a focus not to tell us it is all about us but that it is all about Him and His glory. He made the home for us and made us for the home, made in His image, to reflect His glory but we are the crown of it. God made us to be the steward of His creation. Away with this drivel of mother earth because the earth is not one's mother and time is not one's father. There is a God who made us, designed us and made us for a purpose. We are His vice regents, His stewards. We are not a mutated accident that has crawled up out of a slim heap. Creation is not this pantheistic notion of this environmentalism. This is God's earth. "This is my Father's world." He made us to inhabit it, enjoy Him in it and to bring it unto Him with His glory as God brings the microscope upon the design of dignity and purpose of humanity.

The fifth truth from the text is we are here as a result of Divine purpose and power and our joy will only be found in the Divine purpose of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever. I do not know what all captures one's heart but I do know all of what captures mine. I know the sin that easily entangles me but whatever it is that I begin to order my life around will only bring darkness and chaos. When the Word, the Spirit and Christ Preeminent takes hold of our lives and God's glory is the delight of our soul, then comes life, joy and satisfaction. Life, joy and satisfaction are not found in one's bank account, one's ownership of property or the things of this world. The voice of the Preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes says, "Everything under the sun is vanity." It is only in God that one uses everything under the sun for His glory, and then is life evermore.

The takeaway is singular and simple. Hebrews 11:1-3 says, **1** "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." The eyewitness of creation for multiple purposes to declare to us His agenda, "I want a people and I'll make them a home," this God has revealed to us where we came from, how we got here and why we are here and now by faith do you believe it? One may say, "I'll go with science." Do not do that because science starts with all kinds of presuppositions. One may say, "We got here out of nothing." How does nothing produce something if it is really nothing? That is a leap in the dark to believe that. I am asking you to walk in the Light. This makes sense.

Some would say, "There is space, time and matter and it got energy, life and order by chance. It just kind of happened." That is like someone saying "Harry I kind of like this sanctuary, this building and I understand it has been here since 1988. How did it get here?" Then my answer would be "There was this plane that took off in Seattle on a construction project to South America and then there was this plane that took off from Miami going up to Canada and it had construction materials. The air control tower guy fell asleep and the two planes collided over Birmingham and all that construction material fell to the ground. We then came out to this hill and lo and behold this building was here." There is no scientific verification that order comes from disorder. In fact, the second Law of

Thermodynamics tells one that the opposite of this happens; if one leaves things alone they run down, they do not run up.

Moses brought the truth of God's narrative of who man is and how man got here right into the face of the cosmogonies, the creation myths that were all around Moses like the tribalized gods and pagan polytheism. Moses comes right up to them and says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then He formed it and filled it. He made a home and He made a people." Moses faces all of this straight on simply, lovingly and truthfully and even today it has not changed a bit since then. The pagan myths still exist today. People still believe that there was a big bang yet there was nothing to have a big bang with but it was still there, they say. The pagan myths are multiple. The polytheism is rampant and standing against it is the Truth of God's Word. It is not a leap in the dark. It is walking in the Light, day by day by day. In the midst of it, God says to the people who ruined the home with their sin, "I won't be stopped. I'm going to make another people, a people by that same Preeminent Son who will die for them on a cross. With that same Word and that same Spirit I will gather those people to Myself and they are on a journey right now. They are aliens right now but just like I made a home and a people for it, I'm now making a people and I'm making you a home. If you believe Me you can trust Me for your soul and for eternity."

One may be saying, "Harry you don't know the big things in my life." I would say, "I know I don't and I know they are big things. I am not belittling them but this God just told you..." and the stars." There are 400 billion stars in our galaxy and we know of over 400 billion galaxies. Do you think there is anything in your life that is too big for God?" One may say, "Harry I'm not a big person with big things but would God even care about my little things?" I would say, "Oh yes. This is the God who puts the little pad behind the woodpecker's brain so he doesn't kill himself. This is the God who creates 75,000 miles of blood vessels in your body so you could get out of bed this morning. This is the God who creates those little conduits and impulses that run all throughout your system so that you can speak, laugh, cry, talk, hug, walk and run. This is the God who put 75 billion cells in you and the white bloods cells He made sure were equipped to fight off anything that would invade you. Is there anything too small for God? No, He has even got my hairs numbered and mine are in a subtract mode." That is the God that one needs to trust.

When I came to Briarwood in the fall of 1999 I had the challenge in concert with Dr. Barker to do a funeral of a dear elder here. In ministering to that elder, sitting beside him and knowing the time was near, they were sharing about another elder in the church who had lost a child. One is never prepared to stand beside the graves of one's children. One is prepared for their children to stand beside theirs but when people came to this elder in the history of this church, he would say, "Oh I grieve but praise the Lord I have got one more that is Home." That is what I try to tell everybody when they lose that loved one or when we stand on the edge of eternity, the loved one in Christ is Home and you are not. The God who saves us by His grace, through His Word and His Spirit is making

us His people for His glory and He is making a home for us. His Word did it “In the beginning...” and He will do it to take us to the end.

Isaac Newton made a model on the solar system. This skeptic came in and looked at it and he said to Isaac Newton, “Did you make this model?” Newton said, “No.” The skeptic said, “Well then who made it?” Newton said, “I don’t know. I just walked into the lab one day and it was here.” The skeptic said, “Come on. You made it. Somebody made it.” Isaac Newton looked at him and said, “You mean you presuppose that somebody had to make this model but yet what you think it’s a model of and all of its glory in the expanse just happened?” It did not just happen. God has got an agenda and He is not through yet. Be His people in Christ. He has a home for you.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for the moments together in Your Word. In the stars Your handy work we see. On the wind You speak with majesty. Surely You’ve come to set Your people free and take them home. Praise Your name forever more. If one has never made that commitment to receive Christ and you want that new heavens and that new earth as your home in Christ and for Christ to be at home in you as His people then just come to Him now and say, “I’m a sinner. I cast all my cares upon You and trust in what You did on the cross for me. Save me. Make me Your home and take me home.” Now and forever more I pray this in Jesus. Amen.