

## In Step with Jesus 192

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**Key Text: “Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. 13 My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. (Isiah 48: 12-13)**

### Introduction

Last week we started reading Genesis chapter 1. We read the first thirteen verses and one important lesson we learnt is that the existence of God was not an issue for discussion or explanation. The first verse simply stated that God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning. There was no explanation about who God was, where He came from, where He lived or how He came to be. He is God and that is final. God’s conversation with Moses in Exodus 3: 13-14 gives us a deeper insight into how God presents Himself as the self-existent one. **“Then Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’”** **14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”** God is who He is and shall continue to be. With or without human acknowledgement, God remains the great I AM. He is light, and there is no darkness in Him. He is good; therefore, He thinks good, speaks good and calls goodness to be. Today we shall read the remaining verses of Genesis chapter one. Let us see what the Holy Spirit will teach us as we continue our walk with Jesus Christ.

### Genesis 1: 14 - 31

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>[e]</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill

the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>[h]</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> 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.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> 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.

## **Reflections**

Our reading shows that God is not just the creator of the universe, but also a creator of intention and order. God revealed His orderliness in the manner in which He created the world. In the first three days of creation, God created light and space, including dry land, and then He created the first set of living things, which are plants. In the last three days of creation, as we can see from our reading, He followed the same pattern. On the fourth day, God revisited the issue of light and created the Sun, the Moon, and the stars to lighten the day and night and to mark the seasons of life. On the fifth day He revisited His work in the firmament and the waters and created the birds and sea animals. On the sixth day, He revisited His work on land, and created the land animals, including human beings. God is indeed a God of order, and we can learn from Him. Sometimes, all we need to do to eliminate stress and anxiety is to introduce order in our lives. I pray that the God of order will grant us the grace to see the beauty in order and follow His pattern of orderliness, so that we can dwell in His peace and serenity all the days of our lives.