

In Step with Jesus 191

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Key Text: 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. (Genesis 1:3-4)

Introduction

Today we begin another phase of our journey with Jesus Christ. Jesus has led us to deep treasures of wisdom and knowledge over the past five to six years. There are days we wish we could sleep a little longer on Sunday mornings but every effort we make to study, write, or attend the fellowships have been so rewarding. I just want to pause to say thank you to our faithful God. We may not have had dramatic results for the work we do, but I know that we shall meet people in heaven as a result of this work that God called us to do at this time of our lives. Therefore, let us press on to know the LORD because His going forth is as sure as the morning (Hosea 6:3). If we continue to follow Him, our paths shall be like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. (Proverbs 4:18)

We shall take our readings for this season from the very beginning of the bible, the book of Genesis. We have been reading books from the New Testament, but we saw that New Testament texts were repeatedly pointing us back to the Old Testament. So, it is high time we go back to the basics to review our foundation and allow the word of God to remind us about who we are and where we came from, so we can know where we are going and why we need to go there. Let us read Genesis chapter one. We will read to verse thirteen today.

Genesis 1: 1-13

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.

Reflections

Genesis is one of the most remarkable books of the bible. From its very first verse, it presented the existence and creatorship of God as facts that required no proof or explanation. Moses, who we know as the author of Genesis, simply stated that God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning. The expression, 'Heavens and the earth' implies the universe. So, the first verse of the bible identified God as the creator of the vast universe, which includes our earth. The second verse zoomed in on our earth and started explaining the state of our earth until God started speaking. Some scholars have argued that there was a time period of millions of years between the first and second verse of Genesis chapter one, but I think that God is more concerned about showing us the condition of our earth before He spoke life into existence and how He created our beautiful world for us. The bible says that the earth was shapeless, dark, and empty. In other words, it was meaningless. However, even in that meaningless state of the earth, the spirit of God hovered upon the face of the waters, so there was water and nothing else on earth until God decided to give it shape, light and life.

The reading is clear concerning what God made on each day of the week, but I want us to pay attention to the process of creation. The process of creation was that God spoke, and then He saw, and each time He saw, He saw that what He had spoken into existence was good. If I rewrite these verses in human terms, I will say that God thought good, spoke good and saw good. God's thinking was full of beauty and positivity. He was imagining good, speaking good and seeing good.

There is no doubt that the world around us is dark and empty and it can be natural for us to focus on the negativity and emptiness that surround us. However, the verses we read today remind us that today's world is brighter than when God first brought light and life into being. Therefore, as followers of Jesus, rather than getting fixated on the dark and the empty, we can emulate God and start thinking and speaking of light and richness. We need to say the things we want to see rather than focus on what we see. That is faith. When we start thinking and speaking good, we shall see good as surely as God saw good when He spoke light and life into existence.