EPISODE 3

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOMS OF GOD

We can study God, but we can't put Him under a microscope or test Him in a laboratory. we can confidently know about Him and what He chooses to reveal to us through the study of the holy scriptures.

When the bible gives us instruction, it truly tells us the will of God and the best way of life. The Bible tells us of God and reveals to us what the *nature, heart, and mind* of God are, as much as we can comprehend.

The Bible is a library of books written in different literary forms. Some portions of the bible give a <u>historical account</u>, others are <u>poetic</u>, and some are <u>prophetic</u>.

in (2Timothy 3:16,17) it tells us all scripture is given by inspiration of God and profitable for.......

- 1. doctrine,
- 2. for reproof
- 3. for correction
- 4. for instruction in righteousness.

the reasons given are

- 1. That the man of God may be complete
- 2. That the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

We come to the bible knowing the unique importance of the book of Genesis.

- 1. The book of Genesis sets the stage for the entire drama of redemption.
- 2. Genesis gives the foundation for the doctrines of sin, the fall, redemption, and justification.
- 3. Genesis shows us the origin of the universe, the order, and complexity of the solar system, the atmosphere and hydrosphere life, man, marriage, good and evil.
- 4. There are at least 200 quotations or allusions to Genesis in the New Testament. Genesis is important in knowing God as the creator.

When God began to transform the earth into something beautiful and compatible with His great plan, He started with the work of the Spirit of God. The earth was without form and void; darkness was on the face of the deep. The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters: It starts off in genesis 1:1 with in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The verb created is singular, it means to fashion anew. God renewed what was in a chaotic state. God changed chaos into cosmos, disorder into order, emptiness into fullness. The heavens and the earth mean all of the creation of the cosmos.

In our last episode, we discussed the greatness of our God and that on the first day of creation He saw that the earth was in a chaotic mess and that darkness was on the face of the deep. He spoke and said, "light be" and divided the light from the darkness. so, the evening and the morning were the first days.

The simple fact of God's creation is even more amazing when we consider the greatness of God's universe. A typical galaxy contains billions of individual stars; our galaxy alone (the milky way) contains 200 billion stars. our galaxy is shaped like a giant spiral, rotating in space, with arms reaching out like a pinwheel, and our sun is one star on one arm of the pinwheel. it would take 250 million years for the pinwheel to make one full rotation. This is only our galaxy; there are many other galaxies with many other shapes, including spirals, spherical clusters, and flat pancakes.

The average distance between one galaxy and another is about 20 million trillion miles. Our closest galaxy is the <u>Andromeda galaxy</u>, about 12 million trillion miles away. <u>wow wow</u> wow. For every patch of sky, the size of the moon, if you could look very deep, you would see about a million galaxies. God declares in <u>Isaiah 48:13</u> "indeed <u>my hand</u> has laid the foundation of the earth, and my <u>right hand</u> has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together."

Do you realize how big God is??? God is <u>bigger and greater than all His creation:</u> (Isaiah 40;12). Who has measured the waters in the hollow of <u>His Hand</u>, and measured heaven with a <u>span</u> and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? God created the heavens and the earth. We must forever put away the idea that anything *happens* by chance. Chance merely describes the statistical probability of something happening. *Chance* itself can neither do nor perform anything.

The book of Genesis tells us that in six days God created the heavens and the earth and on the seventh day God rested. Many wonders if this was a literal day (in the sense we think of a day) or if it was a geological age. Some say that God created the world in six days, and others say he created it in six vast geological ages. I want to refer to 2:Peter chapter 3:8, but beloved do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years, is as one day. I quote this verse because we as children do not always understand what is in the Father's plans or how He brings His plans into being. He teaches us step by step as we seek Him and learn from Him. He has given us an instruction manual, the Holy Bible to follow, and His Spirit to help us gain understanding. God created everything by speaking into it, by his word. Remember God is a supernatural God and the creation of the world was a supernatural feat. (Achievement, accomplishment, triumph). in vs 6 of Genesis 1, On the second day of creation, God makes an atmospheric division. Then God said, "let there be a firmament amid the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters. (Let there be a firmament, the idea of a firmament is of an expanse or space.) (The waters of the land are separated from the water vapor in the sky). Then God said, "let there be a firmament amid the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus, God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so. God called the firmament heaven. The evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:9. Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together: the idea is that before this, the earth was covered with water. Now the waters are gathered together into one place and let the dry land appear, and it was so. The gathering together of the waters he called seas. Genesis 1:11 Then God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth, and it was so, and the earth brought forth grass, the herb, that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind, and the evening and the morning was the third day. so, God established the plant kingdom on the earth.

Genesis 1:14 then God said, "let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth." and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. the evening and the morning were the fourth day. I would like to make mention here, notice that God created the plants and trees on the third day, which require light to grow. When we plant a garden, we need the sun and the rain to produce the fruit on the fine. Here the sun was not created and placed in the heavens until the fourth day. God, Himself produced the light, for God is light, which we previously discussed in episode 2.

Genesis 1:20 then God said, "let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let the birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind, and God blessed them, saying "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." The evening and the morning were the fifth days.

Genesis 1:24 then God said, "let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind; cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind," and it was so. and God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind, and God saw that it was good and He establishes the animal kingdom.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and the cattle, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." so God created man in His image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, "be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. and God said, "See, I have given you every herb, that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it shall be for food. Also, for every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in

which there is life, I have given every green herb for food." and it was so. then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was <u>very good</u>. (Proverbs 25:2) tells us "It is the Glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

God's specific plan is to fulfill His eternal purposes.

- 1. The mission of Jesus <u>was foreordained</u> before the foundation of the world. (1st peter 1:20) He (Jesus) <u>was foreordained</u> before the foundation of the world.
- 2. Eternal life was promised before time began. (Titus 1:2) in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.
- 3. The mystery of the gospel (the cross) was foreordained before the ages; (1 cor. 2:7) but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God foreordained before the ages, for our glory.
- 4. The grace given unto us was given before the world began; (2 timothy 1:9), who has saved and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his purposes and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.
- 5. (Eph. 1:4) believers in Jesus Christ were chosen in him before the foundation of the world, just as he who chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

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