

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! You are welcome as we learn together the words of life.

When we read Genesis chapter one, many of us only notice the act of creation. But what we often miss are the strategies and schedule that God Himself set in place to complete His entire work of creation.

People in the world say, "A wise person learns from those who have succeeded." Now, among us humans, no one has ever succeeded more than our God, right? When we look at the heavens and the earth, what we see is a masterpiece perfectly designed with no flaws or weaknesses. So, if we too desire to be successful, we must study God's schedule and how He ordered His work until we see the creation that stands before us today.

In the seven days of creation, God divided His work into three main categories:

1. Separation
2. Creation
3. Rest

1. SEPARATION

In the beginning, God first focused on separating.

In the first day, He separated light from darkness.

Genesis 1:3-4

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

On the second day, He separated the waters above from the waters below by creating the sky in between.

Genesis 1:7-8

7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

8 God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning the second day.

On the third day, He separated the waters from the dry ground, so that land appeared.

Genesis 1:9-10

9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

On the fourth day, He separated day from night, seasons from seasons, years from years by creating the sun, moon, and stars.

Genesis 1:16-19

16 God made two great lights the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,

18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening, and there was morning the fourth day.

Notice that by the fourth day, God had not yet created any animals. His work so far had been separation (apart from plants which appeared on day three).

What does this teach us?

It teaches us not to rush into doing anything before separation has taken place in our own lives. We must first separate light from darkness in our spiritual "week." Don't begin your week

without dedicating it to the Lord. Start with prayer, attend worship, and deliberately set aside what is evil. If you have wronged someone, make it right. If you are in debt, pay it back. If you have sinned, confess before the Lord. This is what God was demonstrating in the first days.

2. CREATION

After separation came creation.

Only after order was established did God create fish, birds, livestock, wild animals, and finally humankind on the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning the sixth day.

Lesson: Once we have separated ourselves from what is unclean or disorderly, then whatever we put our hands to do will also be “very good.” Like God’s creation, our works will be free from flaws

and weaknesses.

3. REST

Finally, after completing His work in six days, God rested on the seventh.

Genesis 2:2

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

This teaches us that we are not to act as though we are busier than God. If He rested, who are we not to rest? If you work nonstop day and night, week after week, year after year without ever pausing, then whatever you are doing will lose its quality. But when you align your week to God's schedule, you will surely see positive results whether you are a servant of God, a student, a worker, or a leader.

However, if worship is not important to you, if you never separate

yourself from sin, harmful friends, or ungodly conversations; if you never spend time praying, studying God's Word, or correcting your ways, but only think about money then your week will be wasted. You will be creating in darkness, and your efforts will amount to nothing.

When we speak of following God's weekly schedule, we don't mean you must literally do the same thing on day one, two, three, or four. Rather, within the span of your week, make sure each principle is present: separate yourself from sin, build what is good, and set aside time to rest.

Even if you cannot take 24 consecutive hours of rest, ensure you dedicate at least one full day's worth of time across the week to recharge, as God did.

May the Lord bless you.

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