

JANUARY 1

Read Genesis 1–3

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

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

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And 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.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give

light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And 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.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his 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 fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing,

and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

26 ¶ And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 ¶ These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river

is Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs,

and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

CHAPTER 3

NOW the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the

day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11. And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman

whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said,

Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

“Genesis” is a Greek word meaning “beginning” or “generation.” Therefore, the Book of Genesis is the book of beginnings, or generations. It is generally agreed that Moses was the author of the Book of Genesis, as well as the next four books of the Bible. Of course, Moses was not alive when the events in Genesis occurred; but the Holy Spirit directed Moses in his writings (see II Peter 1:20,21).

The simple statement, “In the beginning God...” cannot be improved upon by scientists or historians. It completely refutes atheists, agnostics, and any others who deny that God is the Creator.

God's personality is seen in chapter 1, for He speaks, sees, names, and blesses. Evolutionists may claim that matter just “came into being” and that life just “happened” through a gradual process, but God plainly tells us that He created the heaven and the earth.

Chapter 1 records the first six days of creation. On day one God created light; on day two He created air and water; on day three He created land and plants; on day four He created the sun, moon, and stars; on day five He created birds and fish; and on day six He created animals and man.

Chapter 2 records, “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on

the seventh day from all his work which he had made.” We also see in this chapter the first garden, the first law, and the first marriage.

In chapter 3 we see the fall of man—temptation enters the world. God is not the author of sin, nor does He tempt men to sin. This is the work of Satan. He came to Eve under the guise of a serpent; he never appears in his true character. He is a deceiver and liar, and he is out to destroy all who will allow him.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew” (Proverbs 3:20).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

As you prepare to take the Treasure Path to Soul Winning course, please read the article titled “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning,” which is a link back on the DailyKJV.com main page.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

CARRIE LANE

HYMN FOR TODAY

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

by Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

It is always challenging to approach a new year and to realize anew that our days upon this earth are so rapidly passing. How important it is that we pause with the psalmist and pray for a “heart of wisdom” that will enable us this year to live each new day in a way that brings all glory to our God.

In January of 1874, the many friends of Frances Ridley Havergal received a New Year’s greeting with the heading, “A Happy New Year! Ever Such May It Be!” Following this greeting appeared her text, still considered to be one of the finest New Year’s prayers of consecration ever written.

*Another year is dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
in working or in waiting another year with Thee;
another year of progress, another year of praise,
another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
another year of training for holier work above.
Another year of dawning, Dear Father, let it be,
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.
Amen.*

One can well imagine that those who received this greeting card from Miss Havergal that year read her words thoughtfully. They were written by one who had already become widely known throughout England as “the consecration poet.” It was said of her that she always lived her words before she wrote them. Her life was one of constant and complete commitment to God. Her many talents—an accomplished pianist and vocalist, proficiency in seven languages, a keen mind (memorization of the entire New Testament, Psalms, Isaiah, and the Minor Prophets)—were all dedicated to serving God and others during the new year. May that be our challenge for this new year as well!

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1484

ULRICH ZWINGLI WAS BORN.

Ulrich Zwingli was a great Swiss reformer. On his thirty-fifth birthday, January 1, 1519, he became chief pastor in the great Minster Church in Zurich, where he expounded the Scriptures to great audiences. His sermons were fearless and Scriptural. He especially attacked the celibacy of the clergy, the worship of the image of Mary, the selling of indulgences, and other abuses of the church.

Zwingli broke from Rome in 1522 and became one of the great personalities in church history. Let us thank God today for those who went before us spreading the Gospel so the message might come down to us. Thank God today for the person who led you to Christ, and for those who led that one to Christ, and for the great men and women of God who have blazed the trail before us.

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BASIL THE GREAT DIED.

He died at Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he was bishop. It is said that he was a pulpit orator, an orthodox theologian, a tender and loving shepherd of souls, and a wise beloved bishop. He died at the age of fifty. His writings included works defending the deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

1937

JOHN GRESHAM MECHEN DIED.

Mechen was a Presbyterian theologian and a great defender of the faith. He left Princeton Theological Seminary, it is said, because of modernism, and in 1929 founded the Westminster Theological Seminary. He protested against the liberalism of the Presbyterian board of Foreign Missions, and established an independent mission board. Later he left the Presbyterian Church to found the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He was never married. He died of pneumonia on a preaching engagement in North Dakota at the age of fifty-six. Let us pray today for our Presbyterian brethren. Thank God there are some who have held faithful to the Word of God. Let us pray God’s blessings on them that their tribe may increase.

1870

WILLIAM EVANS WAS BORN.

William Evans was an American Bible teacher born in Liverpool, England. He was considered one of the foremost Bible teachers in the nation. He offered more than forty volumes on Biblical interpretation

and is supposed to have been the first graduate of Moody Institute in 1892.

1895

J. EDGAR HOOVER WAS BORN.

J. Edgar Hoover was for years the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He gave evidence that he was a Christian, and it is said that at one time he considered the ministry. He wrote many articles on the value of Sunday school, etc. He was born in Washington, D.C. Let us pause for a few moments to thank God for and pray for the F.B.I. and law enforcement officers everywhere.

**ON THIS DATE IN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
KWANZAA ENDS.**

1808

AFRICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (EDUCATION) FOUNDED.

1854

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK COLLEGES, chartered as Ashmun Institute in Oxford, Pennsylvania.

1863

PRESIDENT LINCOLN SIGNED EMANCIPATION

PROCLAMATION which freed slaves in rebel states with exception of thirteen parishes (including New Orleans) in Louisiana, forty-eight counties in West Virginia, seven counties (including Norfolk) in Eastern Virginia. Proclamation did not apply to slaves in Border States.

1831

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON PUBLISHED FIRST ISSUE OF ABOLITIONIST JOURNAL, The Liberator.

1804

JEAN JACQUES DESSALINES PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE OF HAITI, the second republic in the Western Hemisphere.

1912

NAACP LISTED RECEIPTS. Second annual report of the NAACP listed total receipts from May through December, 1911, of \$10,317.43. Organization had local chapters in Chicago, Boston and New York.

1916

FIRST ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY PUBLISHED.

1956

SUDAN PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.