

ILLUSTRATIVE BIBLICAL CONCEPTS

(God's Centered Creation (Physical Realm) - #9)

With a God centered creation you have both a physical realm and a spiritual realm with God Himself as the Sovereign Will, the Moral Truth and the Source of All Life at the center of it.

As we turn our focus to be upon the physical realm, we are going to see how God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and His divine nature can be clearly seen from what has been made in and through creation (Romans 1:20).

To see this, we are going to look at two parallel columns and compare them with each other. Each column represents the power and working of God's Spirit.

FROM WHAT HAS BEEN MADE (CREATION)	A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST
<p>1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</p>	<p>1 When we are born, we are born as triune beings in the image of God and we have a dual nature like creation which is both physical and spiritual.</p>
<p>2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.</p>	<p>2 Before we believe on Christ as Lord and Savior, we too inside are formless, empty and in darkness due to sin natures we inherited through the 1st Adam, but when we are born again and receive the Spirit of God, who lives inside us, the power of the Spirit God used to form and shape creation itself now begins to form and shape us conforming us to the image of Christ. Just as Creation itself is a reflection and testimony to God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and His divine nature, as we are transformed by the power of the Spirit into the image of Christ, we too become a living testimony to God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and His divine nature.</p>
<p>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. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.</p>	<p>3 - 5 The first work we see of the Holy Spirit in creation and in a person who is a new creation in Christ Jesus, is "light". Before coming to Christ, our hearts and minds are darkened, but as our minds and hearts are renewed and purified by the Holy Spirit, we become illuminated with the knowledge of God. Just like in creation, this is "good" when we come to the knowledge of God as it causes us to repent, to turn away from sin, to separate ourselves from sin (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life). John 3:19, Romans 13:1, 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 & Matt 5:14 all have key concepts concerning light and being separate from darkness.</p>
<p>6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.</p>	<p>6 - 10 We see God in the creation process create an environment of air, water and land. By understanding why God create's this environment give us insight into the very reason and heart of God's purpose in creating creation. He created this environment of air, water and land to support, "life". For God is alive and He is the God of life. Anything that God creates will reflect the very nature of God which is "life". Consider that God formed man's body from the land, in which it is also about 60% - 80% water and God then "breathed" into man "life". And so we see that the purpose God created our bodies, was to support and sustain life, just as he created air, water and land in creation to support and sustain life. Consider the two times God breathed upon mankind. Once when he formed Him to give him physical life and the second time as Jesus breathed upon His disciples to give them spiritual life.</p>
	<p>Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.</p>
	<p>John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.</p>
	<p>The work of the Holy Spirit in the believer 1st brings light and separates the light from the darkness. Then the Holy Spirit sets about creating within us an environment that will sustain and produce life. Through the Word of God, the Spirit creates an environment of Godly knowledge, Godly understanding & Godly wisdom. If air, water and land are the environment of life in creation, then love, faith and obedience is the environment of life by the Spirit in the believer.</p>
<p>11 Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.</p>	<p>11 - 13 In verses 11 - 13 we see God build in and establish the principle of sowing and reaping into the very fabric of His creation. Having seed-bearing plants and trees with fruit that have seeds in them, according to their various kinds. Meaning simply if you take an apple seed and plant it, you will not get an orange tree that bears orange fruit, no you will get an apple tree that will bear apples</p>
	<p>In Gal 6:7 this truth is stated as: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.</p>
	<p>So we see that seeds which come from the fruit, when planted, will produce plants and trees according to their various kinds which will in turn produce more fruit with seeds in them. As we compare how the Spirit works inside a believer let us look at:</p>
	<p>Gal 5:22&23a 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...</p>
	<p>If a person reaps what they sow and we know that the seeds come from the fruit... then as we live by the Spirit, we are sowing the seeds that comes from the fruit of the Spirit and we can fully expect to reap a harvest of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. If you sow love, joy and peace, then you can expect to receive a harvest of love, joy and peace.</p>
	<p>Finally, let us also consider the parable of the sower as it relates to seeds and how it talks about the sowing the Word of God into the soil where it is to sink its roots down deep into the soil and grow. The soil in the parable represents the heart and the mind of the hearer. It is the same for the believer in that we are to sow the Word of God into our lives so that it will sink its roots deep into our hearts and minds. The results we see in the parable, regarding the seed that falls on "good ground" produces a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. In Gen 1:10 we see that God looked at the soil He had made and saw it was good. So it was ready and prepared to support and sustain life. How important it is for us to let the Spirit of God use the Word of God to prepare the soil of our hearts and minds so that it may be fruitful and multiply.</p>