



Gems of Genesis



PART 3

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As we've been looking over the creation account we have found some amazing insights from the Word. Isn't it amazing that for thousands of years the words of Genesis have been studied but never fully understood? We can never really grasp all that's going on in these verses. The Bible is truly the only book where the author is present whenever you read it. The scriptures are alive. This is not just a normal book. The Bible, even the Old Testament, is living and active. This is the very breath and word of the Almighty. Imagine the scriptures as a type of time machine where we can travel and experience and know the Lord YHWH more. In the first two lessons we have learned...

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- How Elohim / God declares the end from the beginning
- A study of Genesis is a study of prophecy, history, and the Messiah
- The Law of Moses isn't just "law" but teachings and instructions for us today
- Questions are an open door to the truth and learning
- The Holy Spirit inspired Moses to write Genesis through Deuteronomy
- The 7 days of creation are symbolic of a 7,000-year plan of man on earth
- The garden of Eden could possibly have been in Jerusalem, Israel
- Everything was made for Christ, by Christ, and through Christ
- The Hebrew language holds depth of meaning and understanding for us
- The Hebrew word of "God" is "elohim" and is actually plural
- The first and last Hebrew letters, the alef and the tav, appear throughout the Older Testament as a code word for the Messiah
- The alef is sign and symbol of strength and the tav is a picture of the cross
- There is a bigger picture of redemption through the cross found in the Hebrew
- "In the beginning God" created the universe but had you on His mind

- "You are God's handiwork, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," Ephesians 2:10
- Earth void and formless. Dark and from the darkness light came.
- Light comes from darkness. The LORD YHWH is all about separation.
- Elohim God said, "let it be" and there was. Life and death is in the power of the tongue.
- Creation is a covenant of fire - "brit esh"
- Every good thing comes from the Father of Lights in whom there is no shadows.
- Our Elohim God is a consuming fire. The word "light" is a code word for the Bible.
- The word is a "lamp" and a "light."
- Light and wisdom and the Word was created on Day 1 while the sun, moon, and stars were made on Day 4.
- The Bible is a fire shut up in our bones.
- Y'shua / Jesus is the Light and we are called to follow Him by shining the light and being a light to the world.
- The Holy Spirit hovered over the face of the waters and brought forth creation. The Holy Spirit hovered over Mary and she gave birth to Messiah. The Holy Spirit hovers over us and brings forth light as well.
- On the six days of creation the Almighty allowed animals and plants to reproduce after their own kind.
- The sun, moon, and stars were given for "signs, seasons, days, and years."

Now, at the end of the sixth day, the climax of creation occurred. Man was formed from the dust of the ground. So what makes you so special or better than the apes of the animal kingdom? YHWH said "let us make man in our own image." You, your friends, your loved ones, and even your enemies have been created in the image of God. The Republicans and the Democrats and all the crazies in between have been molded and made in his likeness. Even the terrorists and the Hollywood actors were created to represent the Father to the world. It's not the way we look that makes us different but who we are on the inside. We will go into depth on this subject next lesson as we look at how the LORD YHWH breathed upon man "and he became a living being or living soul." You don't want to miss that message! It could be one of the most fundamental changing Bible studies

that you have ever heard. Now in this lesson we will see how man was made and given Authority and told to be fruitful and multiply.

Then YHWH God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth." So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. YHWH God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth." YHWH also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This food will be for you, for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth - everything having the breath of life in it. I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. YHWH saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day," Genesis 1:26-31.

Man is made and then given authority. We were created by His power and blessed with all power. As perfect people we were then told to "be fruitful and multiply." The LORD YHWH didn't declare that the family must have a budget or fire escape plan. He originally told them to "be fruitful and multiply." This was the purpose of family in the Garden and this is the purpose of family today.

Note that YHWH told them to 'be fruitful' before He told them to 'multiply.' Growth for the sake of growth is not a good thing. Life is not all about numbers and material possessions. Biblically, fruit should abound before growth occurs. Think of a woman with a large growth in her stomach. This could be a child or this growth could be a huge tumor. Growth does not always equal health. Yet, healthy beings grow naturally. A tree that receives water and sunlight will grow on its own. This is the same with our families and our ministries. Growth occurs as fruit abounds. As you produce the fruit of the Spirit you will spiritually mature.

When the LORD YHWH instructed Adam and Eve to be fruitful, He used the word "parah." This Hebrew term means to "grow, increase, bear fruit like a vine, bring forth, to open." This word parah is used many times throughout the Scriptures in reference to the fruit of a vine. You are not the vine, but you are to produce life and goodness from the vine. This can be better understood when you reference the words of Y'shua. "Remain in me, and I

will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing," John 15:4-5.

Fruit is nothing more than the life giving seed source of a plant. The primary point of life is to bear the fruit, or life, of the Almighty Vine. Mankind was created to represent the LORD to all creation. We were made in his image and bear his likeness. You are to produce the same life as the Savior. Remember that the book of John calls Messiah the 'word made flesh,' so the Savior is the Living Word or Living Bible. Therefore, to bear the fruit of the Vine of Messiah is to bear the fruit of the Bible. To put it plainly, you are to live out the Divine Will. To be fruitful, you are to be established within the Savior and His Word.

So, when the LORD YHWH told Adam and Eve to 'be fruitful' He was telling them to connect to the Vine and establish their life and home as a place where the Almighty would be honored and therefore bring forth life. This wasn't all though. They were also to 'multiply.'

The word for multiply here is "rabah." This Hebrew term means to 'increase, excel, enlarge, continue, nourish, store, to shoot out like an arrow, to cast together, to multiply, ten thousands.' First the you are to bear fruit and then pass along your faith to others. Our faith is to be passed along from generation to generation and person to person. Rabah is a Hebrew word similar to "rabbi." As you multiply your faith the great Rabbi or teacher will lead you into all truth.

Many commands throughout the Bible, like using the Name of YHWH and keeping the set apart feasts, are to be performed 'throughout their generations.' This is the essence of the Biblical faith which was to be established in the home and then reproduced or multiplied. It is through reproduction that the family lifestyle is passed on. There are generational curses and generational blessings. Think about Adam for a few minutes. Adam and Eve were to obey the Creator, model obedience to their children, and raise their kids to follow the LORD YHWH. The problem is that sin entered the world and the sins of the fathers soon become the sins of the children.

Because of Adam's disobedience death came into the world. Following his father, Adam's son Kain killed his own brother Hevel. Again, like begets like. Death brought death and wickedness increased. "And it came to pass,

when men began to multiply on the face of the earth...and God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD YHWH said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them," Genesis 6:1,5-7.

Now, the family of Noah has the opportunity to bear fruit and reproduce the life of the Vine. Through faith, Noah takes his family into the ark and he and his household are saved from the flood. "And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: And Elohim blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,'" Beresheet/Genesis 8:18 & 9:1. Notice that Noah's faith was not personal. He believed and his whole household was saved.

The same words spoken to Adam are repeated to Noah. The same purpose given to Adam is now given to Noah. Our families come from Noah and are blessed by Abraham. "I will bless those that bless you, curse those that curse you, and all the mishpachah will be blessed through you," YHWH spoke this to Abraham in Beresheet/Genesis 12:3. How are we blessed through Abraham? Through the God of Abraham! Just remember that the first function of the believer is to be fruitful in abiding in the Word and then reproduce that life in other generations. The LORD YHWH revealed Himself to Abraham, then to Isaac, and then to Jacob and consequently has become known throughout time as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. YHWH is the God of the family of Abraham, his children, and his grandchildren. Abraham was indeed fruitful when it came to imparting belief to his children! "For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. And he went up from thence to Beersheba. And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake," Beresheet/Genesis 26:22-25. And to Jacob, "YHWH said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins," Beresheet/Genesis 35:11. The same family mission given to Adam is passed to Noah and to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It was the nation of Israel that was fruitful and multiplied in bondage of slavery in Egypt. These people were chosen by the LORD YHWH to be a Light to the world and share the hope of the one true God. They were set apart by their obedience to the Word and their devotion. "All the

commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers," Deuteronomy 8:1.

Later, the Messiah gave the same calling to his followers. Instead of saying, "be fruitful and multiply" He said "go into all the world and make disciples." It might sound different but it is the same message. In essence, Y'shua said "have my life within you and then reproduce my life over and over again." A disciple is a disciplined follower of Y'shua. Like Peter, James, and John the disciples of today are to be those who walk with the Messiah and share His message with others. This call to be fruitful and multiply is to bear the fruit of the vine and then multiply your life in others. So, here is a question - what if everyone had your same devotion - would more or less get accomplished? What if everyone prayed like you do - would there be great revival or not? What if all Bible believers in the world read the Bible as much as you did last week - would the Earth be better or worse? Your calling is to be fruitful and to multiply just like Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel, and the disciples. Is there anyone that you personally working with to grow and develop their faith? If not, maybe it's time you take the Word off the page of the Bible and actually do it! Be fruitful and multiply!

This revelation bears a question though... how exactly do you accomplish this fruit bearing? What are you to do to bring forth godly actions and fruit? The answer of this question is found in the Garden of Eden. Notice the very first actions of Adam after creation. "Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then YHWH blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done," Genesis 2:1-3.

Let's not focus on the Sabbath day so much that we create division and drama. Let's also not skip past the seventh day and the very first thing mankind experienced. Adam is created and then immediately enters the rest of the Father. Pause for a moment and get this! For the six previous days the Almighty uses the power of the tongue to fashion the universe. Then after man is made, the Father rests. Like an artist who finally completes his best masterpiece and places his paintbrush down, YHWH rests from His work. And mankind gets to enjoy the day of the Sabbath. This is something we should do as well. We spend way too much

time being busy and so little time resting. We are active but rarely stop to just enjoy the LORD YHWH. Honestly, when was the last time you simply rested in Him?

As believers we do a horrible job abiding in the LORD and resting in His presence. Part of this is because we forget one of the most important rulings in the entire Bible. Exodus 20 says to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it set apart." We forget and ignore the command that says to remember. And this is even one of the Big 10! It hasn't always been like this though. In yesteryear, Bible believers would honor a day of rest. Simpler times led to a simpler faith when the businesses were shut and families gathered for time together weekly. Worship days would often lead to afternoons naps or study. Back then, work and even card games were often forbidden! Today, Sabbath comes and goes like any other day. Most of us don't observe a day of rest or a day of worship as we should. Even those who submit to the Torah don't often keep the Sabbath with a restful attitude. Sure, we might not punch the clock but true Sabbath rest is greater than just not earning a paycheck. Biblical rest is trusting the LORD YHWH and abiding in Him. This is what we really need today.

Now, notice that the Sabbath is a day and not just a worship hour. Too many Bible believers show up at 11am sharp and leave at 12 noon dull. This is not the idea of the Sabbath day. The LORD YHWH gave us an entire day, an entire 24-hour period, to simply stop creating and just be. We could argue and debate on which day is the proper Sabbath day but such a conversation really doesn't help us much. Instead of focusing on the details of which day is the Sabbath, let's discover what should be happening on the Sabbath.

The first day of Adam's existence was a day of doing nothing. Or was it? We can view the Sabbath as a boring waiting period, like a person waits impatiently at the dentist office before an appointment. Or we can view the Sabbath as a mind frame, a state of being, and a place to experience each and every day of the week. The Sabbath rest promised in the Scriptures remains for us today. Hebrews 4:9-11 makes this very clear, "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of YHWH; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience." The Sabbath has not been done away with or superseded or passed over or left in the dust or

forgotten by God or ignored or changed. The Sabbath remains. Infact, we are in the Sabbath now.

During creation, each day passes with a blessing. The LORD YHWH makes the atmosphere and blesses it and then there is evening and morning the first day. The Father makes the plants, blesses them, and then there is evening and morning. This pattern continues. The second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth days go by with blessing and completion. The Sabbath occurs on the seventh day but we never read of it ending. The Bible never says "there was evening and morning" about the Sabbath. Why not? Because this was man's original intention. We were created and formed to rest in Messiah. You were made in His image and granted His presence. Humanity was originally set to rest in YHWH and never leave such dependence! The Sabbath is a picture of that rest, that abiding, and that peace. Consider these words from the prophet Isaiah..."This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength," Isaiah 30:15.

As much as we often reject the Sabbath we also reject the rest of YHWH. Read that passage from Isaiah 30 again BUT this time read the last section that is often ignored, ""This is what the Master YHWH, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." This might be the saddest verse in the entire Bible. The LORD wants to bless us with strength, salvation, rest, and provision but we reject His offer. We reject Him when we reject His rest!

Quietness, rest, trust, and repentance are four things we too often scoff at and deny. First, who likes to be quiet? The television and radio blast us from sun up to sun down and it's just awkward not to talk when others are near. Rest is easy to avoid because of our busyness. Trust is tough, as too often we live by what we can see, feel, or hear. And repentance? Saying you're sorry and changing behavior may actually be the easiest of these four areas. Quietness, rest, trust, and repentance - hard and foreign as it may seem, this is the Almighty's map to His presence. Finding such takes a daily commitment to slip away and seek Him.

It is only when we rest in Him that we can experience His power and presence. Think about it. It's not when you are busy with life that you often feel His presence. Instead, the still small voice comes to us as we pause to seek Him through prayer or worship or study. This is how we keep the Sabbath rest today. It's called "walking in the Spirit" or "waiting

on the LORD" or "abiding in the vine." We will be fruitful and multiply as we rest in YHWH.

Grapes simply rest in the vine. They don't try to grow and be plump. They are fed from the vine and grow naturally. "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My Name He may give to you," John 15:4-8,16. Fruit-bearing is the proof of discipleship because a believer will reproduce the life (the fruit) of Y'shua. You have no fruitfulness apart from union and fellowship with Messiah. In fact, a branch out of contact with the vine is useless. Abiding in the vine means that you fear the LORD YHWH and are constantly thinking of Him. The fruit spoken of in this passage is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. As you walk out your faith you will produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. You need to be fruity and express the goodness of Y'shua in your life. As you do this, you will attract people to you so that you can share the Gospel.

Genesis shows that it was before the fall when Adam was told to "be fruitful and multiply." Adam had an unhindered relationship with the Almighty and literally walked with the LORD. As you seek Him with an earnest heart you can experience the same. It's still the Sabbath day and there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of YHWH. Let's go back to Hebrews 4:9-11, "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience." It's interesting that we are to "make every effort to enter that rest." The rest of the LORD doesn't just come. It takes effort to experience his peace. His presence must be pursued!

We have to take every effort to enter into his rest. Yes, it takes effort and attention and purpose and decision to trust the Lord and abide in him. We

see this two-pronged approach in the book of Matthew. "Come to Me all who labor and are heavy laden AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. For I'm gently and lowly in heart, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light," Matthew 11:28-30. Here we see that we can find rest when we take his yoke upon us. You only find something when you're looking for it. When we are seeking him and honoring him with our thoughts, He has promised that we will find the rest. First we come to him. Then we take His yoke upon us. His yoke is easy because He is doing all the work and we are simply resting.

Adam walked with YHWH in the cool of the day. Adam had an unfiltered unhindered relationship with the almighty. It wasn't until he showed selfishness and the desire to receive for self alone that he lost connection to the peace and rest of the LORD. We'll dig into the fall and how Adam lost the glory of Creation in future lessons. Right now let's finish our study with a focus on the Sabbath rest.

There's a special Hebrew word we need to consider when it comes to "rest." It's also an Aramaic term meaning "daddy." This is the Hebrew phrase "abba." We find "abba" in the book of Romans where Paul speaks that our spirit that cries out "abba Father" or "daddy daddy." Paul understood the power of crying out to the Father when you need comfort, rest, and peace. "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father," Romans 8:15.

Even in Israel today, "abba" is usually the very first word that a toddler or child learns to say. They don't learn to say "mama" or "dada." Instead, they say "abba." This is the cry of Hebrew children when they are sick or cold or wet or hungry. Abba! Abba! Daddy daddy! There's nothing like being comforted by the words or the hands or the loving arms of your daddy. It's not surprising then that the word Abba is the center and focal point epicenter of both the English and the Hebrew word for "Sabbath." Go ahead. Look at the word afresh and anew - "sABBAtH." Even the Hebrew "shABBAt." The Father is right in the middle of our rest. The Sabbath rest is all about the father. Entering into his rest is his gift for us, just like it was for Adam. For Adam and done no good deeds and was given rest. He had said nothing spectacular and was able to enter the rest of YHWH. Adam just was with YHWH. That's still what Abba wants today. It is indeed the same for us. Instead of doing we need to focus on being one with

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The Sabbath rest was made as a gift for you. It is a time and space to be at peace. Is a mindset to grasp and understand. The Sabbath rest is a faithful trusting in the ancient ways and ancient words of Abba. Hopefully those sad words spoken about or by the prophet Isaiah will not be true for us. And let us remember a similar call by Jeremiah the prophet... "Thus says YHWH: Stand in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where the good way is and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls," Jeremiah 6:16-17.

True rest is found in abiding in Abba and trusting him no matter what. We are still in the Sabbath day of creation. Let's consider one final thought about abiding in Abba and creation. Often times when someone passes away we say something like "may they rest in peace." We know that believers are not necessarily "resting" but are in heaven rejoicing and living their Eternal existence with the Lord.

But isn't that the greatest rest of all? In Heaven awaits streets of gold, crystal seas, and no stress of sin or schedules or silly situations. Pause and think for a moment just how beautiful heaven really is? Imagine the majesty of the mansions and the glory of the great City. Messiah loves you so much that he went to prepare a place for you to live and enjoy. Now, remember that it took the LORD six days to create the heavens and the Earth. The peak of Everest the depth of the Pacific, the hanging moss the great gorilla, were all made in 6 days. That shooting star and sting ray were formed in just a few days. Imagine the Almighty taking only 24 hours to make the plants, the bugs, the mammals, the fish and so much more. All it took was six days to make this breathless world. Now consider these words about rest and the Messiah... "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am," John 14. Now, consider that it took the LORD 6 days to make the earth while Y'shua has been working on heaven for over 2,000 years. We can't compare the beauty of heaven with that of the earth! And this is the ultimate rest that we have been promised. Abba says rest in Him. His Sabbath rest is like experiencing heaven on earth.

Remember that we have learned that YHWH declares the "end from the beginning." The Sabbath of Eden is a picture of eternity. Indeed, it was on the Sabbath that the prophet John received the book of Revelation, "I was in the Spirit on the LORD's day, and heard behind me a great voice." The Revelator was resting and received a fresh word from Heaven. We can do the same. A Sabbath rest is a revelation of Messiah for John and for us. May we experience His power and presence in our lives greater. His rest is definitely a gem of Genesis. Praise Abba that as we abide in the Vine we can be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth with disciples.

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Gems of Genesis



STUDY NOTES

Genesis 1:1-5 says, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 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. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.”

James 1:17, “Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.”

Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD.”

2 Thessalonians, 1:6-9, “God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might”

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,” Psalm 119:105

Proverbs 6:23, “For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.”

“And if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we are liars and we do not walk in truth,” 1 John 1:6

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“Before the mountains were settled... when He marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside Him as a master craftsman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men.” (Proverbs 8:22–31)

Genesis 1:3, "God said "Let there be light, and there was light, and the light was good."

Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it give light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing made had being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not suppressed it and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," John 1:1-5, 14.

1 Peter 2:9, "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

"God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day," Genesis 1:4-5.

"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. 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. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day," Genesis 1:11-13.

"And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. 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. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day," Genesis 1:14-20.