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On this week's episode of Chosen and Cherished, we got to talk about how God has a purpose for each one of us. His purpose for us has eternal value. If you'd like to hear the episode, here's the link... <https://summitpoint.org/chosen-and-cherished/>

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Genesis 1:14-31

On the first day, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. On the second day, God said, "Let there be an expanse of water over the earth separated from the water on the earth," and it was so. On the third day, God said, "Let the water be gathered so that there is dry ground, the earth, and let there be vegetation," and it was so. God was meticulously carrying out His purpose in wisdom... which would culminate on the 6th day with the creation of His image bearers... mankind. Today, I get to see what He did over the next several days...

Vs. 14-19 ~ Day 4

God spoke the lights into existence. These were different than the light from the first day. Like the lights of the first day, these lights would separate the daytime from nighttime. These natural, physical lights would also serve as signs, seasons, days, and years. This is still true today! We know each day as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west (which, of course, isn't really how it happens because the earth revolves around the sun... the sun does not revolve around the earth... We tend to make ourselves the center of the world in all kinds of ways... but that doesn't change God's design). We know the time of the month based on the type of the moon we see (full, half, crescent). We know all kinds of things from the lights.

God put these lights in the heavens so that we could see them from any part of the earth. That's amazing!

God gave the greater light, the sun, to rule the day, and the lesser light, the moon, to rule the night... and He gave the stars. This is so incredible. The sun is so bright you can't look directly

into it. The moon reflects the light of the sun. It is the lesser light... I can stare at it all I want, and my eyes will be just fine. But these lights rule the day and night. Even a full moon affects the current in the ocean.

These lights serve as a lesson for me... Jesus is the sun, and I am the moon. He is greater. My job is to reflect His glory. I have no light of my own, but I can still shine the light of Jesus. That is a gift He gives me.

God spoke this 4th day into existence, and it was so... and it was good.

Vs. 20-23 ~ Day 5

I love how it always says, "And God SAID." He spoke it and it was. On this day, He spoke into existence swarms of living creatures in the water and swarms of living creatures in the skies... all according to their kinds. There is no movement of one kind to another kind... only changes within the kinds. From the moment of creation, an octopus could not become a whale. A fish could not morph into a man... or anything else. God spoke each species into life and each species was created according to its kind.

And God blessed all sea creatures and all flying creatures! He blessed them. Every creature matters to God. He provides food for the birds of the air and food for the fish of the sea. He blessed them with the opportunity to be fruitful and multiply and fill the seas and the skies with more birds and fish. God loves to fill and multiply life! And He calls it good.

Vs. 24-31 ~ Day 6

Next, God spoke life into existence on the land. First, He spoke living creatures... according to their kinds... livestock and creeping things (they probably weren't yucky until after the fall) and beasts... each according to their kind. When God has things repeated, He does it for a purpose. He's making a point. We did not evolve from other kinds... He spoke every single kind of sea and sky and land creature into existence. Let me never minimize His miraculous power. Only God has the power to create from nothing... and He does it with His word. He calls His creation good. Yes, it is good.

Then God said, "Let US make man in OUR image." Wow. The truth of God in three persons... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... was revealed from the beginning of time. Man is the only creation of God that is made in His image, after His likeness. What does that mean? First, it means dominion. He gave us dominion over ALL the rest of His creation. Just in case I'm worried that women were left out, vs. 27 says, "male AND female He created them."

And God blessed mankind. I know from reading ahead that mankind at this point only consisted of 2 people... Adam and Eve (or as my daughter said when she was a toddler, "Madam and Steve... hahaha). God knew when He created them that there would be more. The blessing He gave was similar to what He spoke to the birds and the fish, but there was more. He told mankind, male and female, to be fruitful and multiply just like the rest. Then He added, "and have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every living thing on the

earth." As His image bearers, He gave us dominion. He gave us intelligence and wisdom. He gave us the ability to love like He loves. He gave us the ability to create... not from nothing, but still able to imagine and learn and discover electricity and WiFi and how to build houses with hammers and nails... and how to make hammers and nails.

God told His image bearers to eat from all the plant yielding seed and tree with the seed of fruit. He told all His other creatures with the breath of life to eat the vegetation as well. There was no eating of other animals. There was no death. Not yet. There was also no creature that went rogue and said, "I don't care. I'm eating a fish!" No. He spoke what they were to eat, "and it was so."

God has all power, all authority, all wisdom. Anything that happens runs through His sovereign hands. Anything He allows, He uses for His greater purpose... and He works even what is not good in and of itself for the good of those who love Him.

"And God saw EVERYTHING that He had made, and behold, it was VERY good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." I was always told that God called everything good, but He called man VERY good. That's not what it says. He called EVERYTHING He had made VERY GOOD. He finished creating... His whole creation plan was finished... like an artist looks at his painting as he makes each stroke of the brush and says, "it's good." But when he finishes his picture, he looks at his finished work of art and says, "Now it's beautiful... it's complete... it's very good."

Why is this a big deal to me? Because I tend to always look for ways to make myself the center of the world. I remember taking my kids to a camp that had turned one of their buildings into seven rooms with each room representing a day of creation. At one point the guide said, "Look around. God created all of this for YOU. He made this all for YOU." No... He created all of this for Himself and for His glory and He shares it with me. But He is the center. I was made to glorify Him, and when I put Him at the center, that is when I am most satisfied.

God painted a picture. With every stroke of the brush, He looked and said, "It's good." No mistakes. He made a big deal out of the ones with His image stamped on our souls. And when He completed His picture, He looked and said, "Yes, it is very good."

Father, I see in this passage that You have imagination and order and wisdom. You are sovereign. You speak, and it is so. And what You create is good. My only response is to worship You for who You are. Amen.