2021 01 10 FIRST THIINGS FIRST .

*NOTES: just some thoughts*

Bible Readings: Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

Genesis 1:1-5

**1**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2**And the earth was a [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-2a)]formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-2b)]surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-2c)]surface of the waters. **3**Then God said, “[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%201%3A1-5&version=NASB#fen-NASB-3d)]Let there be light”; and there was light. **4**God saw that the light was good; and God 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, one day.

1. IN THE BEGINNIING – GOD
2. CREATED - THE SOURCE OF ALL
3. HEAVEN AND EARTH – full stop – what was their condition, they must have been perfect if God created them – like the long distant photos of stars and constellation etc or if the big bang happened in Gods plan then earth was waiting – God the Creator knew the exact timing of cooldown for life to begin.
4. BUT the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness covered in darkness.
5. There was the depths of the water that covered much of the earth. Or all of it see pt 6. It was covered by darkness – if the earth had been destroyed it could have been a dense cloud of destroyed matter that blocked the suns light or the natural cloud of the cooling of the earth.
6. The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters – no time span is given – it could have been in the eternal past or yesterday for a day is as a thousand years with the Lord and a thousand years as a day[[1]](#footnote-1) – eternity has no time. Time was created for humans. See verses 14-16 where God appoints the sun and moon to be time keepers for us.
7. The critical thing here for me is God, God spoke – Lord Jesus is the ‘Word’ and the Spirit ‘hovered’ over it all. One God, one action, one will.

‘First things first’ in a timeless eternity and God brought us to be in this eternity in eternal unity with Himself.

Psalm 29 gives us the response of one man to Gods glory and majesty. Could we rewrite his words to express our own feelings or our own thoughts:

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“Glory” – how does this word translate in us and by force of that coming to us – then coming out of us – at first I thought it is clearer to us in a sun set or sunrise than a slum which is not only dangerous but smells. As I think of this I begin to wonder – we see a sunset and stop and marvel and maybe our spirit is lifted, our mood calmed or excited or maybe we continue on, our mind filled with what we are doing or what someone said or … whatever.

What is it like living in violence or places like slums – does a blade of grass bring a lifting of spirit, bring a glimpse of Gods glory?

What of a helping hand or ‘nod’ from someone – these surely show the glory of God? Is not Gods Presence everywhere!

Even if totally alone and in danger or empty enough to die – there will be a touch of God – no need to look – let God find the way to show you – just receive.

*‘First things First”*  God is the first cause and is everywhere as is the wind and the movement of the water and the air on this earth – thus we can give glory to God anywhere by a private smile or softening of the face.

Mark 1:4-11

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*“First things First”* the story unfolds –the order is there - the reality of past statements and communications from God through the prophets over the centuarys are showing themselves in this world, this eternities story.:

1. The forrunner of the Messiah was coming on the scene - rulers and important people had some one run before them and announce and clear the path for the ruler. John is calling people to get ready for the Messiah is coming – what is his priority in clearing the way – calling us to know that we have abused God the Creator by our ‘sins’ our pushing God out of the decision making in our lives and playing at “knowing good and evil – being as God”[[2]](#footnote-2). To know in ourselves and repent, turn away, acknowledge and receive forgiveness and live!
2. “I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Jesus has immersed us in Gods Holy Spirit, into Himself and the night of his arrest Jesus said that Holy Spirit would bring/reveal himself, Jesus to/in us.
3. Jesus came to be baptished and the heavens were violently ripped open and then the contrast of the dove descending. Perhaps this gives us some indication of the extremness of coming into this world,
4. and then the Father spoke - ‘this is my beloved Son and I am well please with him”. What was God pleased with in Jesus? He was 30 years old, lived and worked at home, a quiet life it seems, the thing is that Jesus always chose Gods way, he studied the bible of his day (Old Testament), he had never sinned eg put his will before Gods and had always, in all his actions shown Gods love to people – he was innocent – the new Adam grown up – now his calling was about to begin.

Whatever age we are or where we are in life or health or relationships – today really is the first day of the rest of our lives – so make it alive!!!!

1. 2 Peter 3:8 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Genesis [↑](#footnote-ref-2)