

THE SIXTH DAY- BUSIEST DAY

“This is the day which the Lord has made (asah / kal pf); let us rejoice and be glad.” (Ps.118:24)

Sixth Day was the busiest day of creation-restoration. It brought forth cattle, creeping things of the land, beasts, and mankind. Like Fifth Day everything created was a chayah nephesh (living soul).

This lesson will study SIX aspects of Sixth Day – Busiest Day recorded in Gen.1:24-31 - Friday.

1. Sixth Day is unique from the other five days of creation-restoration. Sixth Day has three sets of divine creative activities. This makes it the busiest day of all creation-restoration.

Set one (1:24-25) – God makes land animals – There are three divine activities in set one.

- § God said (amar / kal impf)
- § God made (asah / kal impf)
- § God saw (raah / kal impf)

Set two (1:26-28) – God creates mankind (male and female) – There are six divine activities in set two.
[Note the three bara activities.]

- § God said (amar / kal impf)
- § God created (**bara** / kal impf)
- § God created (**bara** / kal pf)
- § God created (**bara** / kal pf)
- § God blessed (barak / piel impf)
- § God said (amar / kal impf)

Set three (1:29-31) – God’s grace provision of food – There are two divine activities.

- § God said (amar / kal impf)
- § God saw (raah / kal impf)

2. In the third set of Sixth Day, the demonstrative particle (hinneh/ behold/ interjection) is used to point out something newly asserted. It is used twice for special emphasis on God’s grace.

- § 1:29- God said, behold (what God said is very important for mankind.) – God has provided logistical grace for everything with chayah nephesh (Matt.6:26).
- § 1:31 – God saw, behold (what God saw is very important to mankind) – God’s grace is very good (Phil.4:19).
- § Hinneh (behold) is used twice to teach the doctrinal principle that **God’s grace is all sufficient** (2 Cor.12:9; Matt.4:4).

3. Sixth Day is unique in Hebrew grammar because it has a definite article assigned to it (ha shishi yom) (1:31). The other five days did not have a definite article assigned to them.

The Hebrew definite article signifies that the divine work of creation-restoration is completed on Sixth Day. On the Seventh Day, God will rest from His work.

4. The dry land of Third Day played an important role in the creation-restoration of Sixth Day.

Third Day - "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so." (1:9) "And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good." (1:12)

Sixth Day - "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind; and it was so." (1:24) The earth will also bring forth the body for mankind - "Then the Lord God formed man of dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."(2:7)

5. Bara creation is used three times on the Sixth Day for creation of soul and divine delegated authority (1:27).

- God **created** mankind's soul in image likeness of Godhead (1:27a; Matt.10:28-31).
- God **created** male and female souls (Gen.1:27b; 2:7, 21-23). [The male and female of mankind were made to rule (radah/ kal impv) and subdue (kabash/ kal impv) the earth together (Gen.1:26-28; James 3:7).]
- God **created** husband's position of authority (1:27c; 1 Cor.11:7-10).

Thus, mankind was made superior to the other categories of creation (Psa.8:3-8; Heb.2:5-8; Eccl.3:19-22; 12:7; Psa.104:29; Job 34:14-15). It is the uniqueness of the creation of man's soul that gives him special worth to God (Gen.9:6; Matt.6:26).

The word of God is the food for man's soul (Matt.4:4; 1 Pet.2:2; Heb.5:13-14/ milk and meat).

6. The land animals of Sixth Day were made "after their kind" (Min) but it is not said of not mankind.

Mankind was made in the image (tselem / immaterial soul) likeness (demuth / invisible soul) of the Godhead (Matt.22:20; Isa.40:18-26).

By physical birth, all mankind has this special Godhead genetic code (tselem demuth).

This is what separates mankind from the other categories of Fifth and Sixth Days of creation with chayah nephesh (James 3:9).

As a result of spiritual birth, mankind can be conformed to the image likeness of Jesus Christ, God only begotten Son (Col.1:15 –16 and Heb.1:3; Rom.8:29; 2 Cor.3:18; Col.3:10 / please read them in this order).

"Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family." (NIV, Heb.2:11; 13:12; Eph.5:25-27)