

FIFTH DAY – LIVING CREATURES

The restoration of creation consists of two divisions of three days.

- Days 1-2-3 are scientifically unique because they operate without a solar system.
- Days 4-5-6 operate with a solar system.

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4	5	6

This lesson is will study **four aspects** of the creation of the Fifth Day Living Creatures (chayah neshesh) (Gen.1:20-21)

1. There are four divine activities on the Fifth Day.

- **God said (amar/ kal impf) Divine power**
 - (Gen.1:20) “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.”
- **God created (bara/ kal impf) Divine creation**
 - (Gen.1:21a) “Let the water teem with living creatures”
- **God saw (raah/ kal impf) Divine good**
 - (Gen.1:21b) “and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.”
- **God blessed (barak/ piel impf) New Divine concept [first time used/ intensive action]**
 - (Gen.1:22-23) “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

Something new is introduced on Fifth Day. A three- fold Divine Blessing was pronounced upon everything created with chayah neshesh on the Fifth Day (Gen.1:22).

2. Note the phrase, “It was so.” It refers to something divinely decreed in eternity past at the Eternal Life Conference (Eph.1:4; 2:10).

This phrase was used on the Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth Days of creation, **but not** on Day One or on the Fifth Day.

It is interesting that Day One introduces the **Light** of God (Gen.1:3-5) and the Fifth day introduces the **Life** of God (Gen.1:20-23). This phrase is used twice on Sixth Day (Gen.1:24, 30).

3. Chayah neshesh is translated “living creatures with soul life” in Gen.1:20-21.

These living creatures are **fish** that live in the water and **birds** that fly above the land (Gen.1:20).

Fish include great sea monsters (tannin/ Isa.27:1) and creeping things (ramas) of the water (Gen.1:20-21; Ps.104:25-28).

The first four days were not given chayah neshesh. Chayah neshesh was reserved for the Fifth and Sixth Days. Prior to the Noachic Flood mankind were vegetarians (Gen.1:29). After the Flood, all of mankind were allowed to be carnivorous, but not the chayah neshesh blood (Gen.9:1-7; Lev.17:10-13) Shadow Christology of the Mosaic Law (Heb.9:18-28).

4. Jesus used fish of the Fifth Day to teach doctrinal principles.

(Job 12:7-8) “But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; and let the **fish of the sea** declare to you.

Jesus used FISH in the Book of Matthew six times to teach doctrinal principles related to God and the believer’s life. We will examine them according to their order in Matthew.

- (Matt.4:18-20) “As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him”.
- (Matt.7:7-12) “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
- (Matt.12:38-40) Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.”³⁹ He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
- (Matt.14:13-21) “When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said.¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.
- (Matt.15:29-39) “Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down.³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.³¹ The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing.

And they praised the God of Israel.³² Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”³³ His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”³⁴ “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”³⁵ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground.³⁶ Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.³⁷ They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.³⁸ The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.³⁹ After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

- (Matt.17:24-27) “After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes, he does,” he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?” “From others,” Peter answered. “Then the children are exempt,” Jesus said to him.²⁷ “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

(John 16:24) “**Until now** you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, **so that** your joy may be made full.”

(1 John 5:14-15) “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, **if (3cc) [maybe] we ask anything according to His will**, He hears us. And **if (1cc) [and it’s true / rare condition “if”] we know that He hears us in whatever we ask**, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”