

SCENE 1, ACT 6

Genesis 1:24-31 (p. 2)

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*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,
and let them rule over the fish of the sea"*

Genesis 1:26

More lessons from a good creation

"Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule"

And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

What does God order?

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26*

God's job for his "dirt people"

*"Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea
and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth,
and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26b*

God's blessing for "fillers" and "subduers"

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth and subdue it."
Genesis 1:28

The Sixth Day "giving" work of God

*Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant . . .
I give every green plant for food." And it was so.* Genesis 1:29-30

Resources for further study of Genesis 1-3

The CRCNA's "Our World Belongs to God" has a wonderful statement of creation at
<https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

The Belgic Confession, especially Articles 13-14, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession>

Richardson's "A Theology of Sexuality in the Beginning" at http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Davidson_SexGen1_AUSS.pdf

John MacArthur's sermons on Genesis at <https://www.gty.org/library/resources/sermons-library/scripture/1?book=1&chapter=0>

Commentaries I like include John Sailhamer (*Expositor's Bible Commentary and Genesis Unbound*); Bruce Waltke (*Genesis*, Zondervan, 2001); H.C. Leupold (*Exposition of Genesis*, Baker, 1959); Allen P. Ross (*Creation and Blessing*, Baker, 1988).

Study Bibles I like include Zondervan's *NIV*, Nelson's *New King James Version*, and Crossway's *ESV*.

Francis Schaeffer's Genesis trilogy: *The God Who Is There*, *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*, and *Genesis in Space and Time*.

J. Logon Duncan's sermons on Genesis at <https://www.fpcjackson.org/resource-library/sermons/by-scripture/genesis>

John Calvin's commentary on Genesis 1-23 at <https://www.ccel.org/ccel/calvin/calcom01.html>

Alexander Maclaren's "Sermons on Genesis" at http://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible_book/genesis_maclaren.html

Charles Hummel's "Interpreting Genesis 1" in http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Hummel_Gen1_JASA.pdf

Isaiah's Creation Hymn

*Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up,
let righteousness grow with it; I, the Lord, have created it.*

Isaiah 45:8b

After a week of inductive study, this week's reading invites us to celebrate creation with Isaiah. Chapters 40-45, the opening six chapters of Isaiah's encouragement to exiles like us, are a great hymn to the God who creates. This week we'll read six stanza of Isaiah's hymn and reflect on God's continuing creative work in our lives.

Monday: Read Isaiah 40. Pray for God's leading this week.

How does God's strength (vs. 28-31) compare with that of the idols (vs. 18-20). Yes, the same word for image!

Tuesday: Read Isaiah 41. Pray for God's help this week.

How does God being our helper direct our understanding of "helper" in Genesis 2?

Wednesday: Read Isaiah 42. Pray for the Spirit's leading.

How does the Spirit who continues to give breath (vs. 5) help you apply this Servant Song?

Thursday: Read Isaiah 43. Pray for a new experience of God's salvation. How are you experiencing the "through the waters" work of God in your life?

Friday: Read Isaiah 44. Pray to know God's power over idols.

How does God's creative work help you discern the idols in your life?

Saturday: Read Isaiah 45. Pray for God's righteousness to be revealed. How have you experienced God's purpose (see verse 18) in creating you to inhabit his earth?