

13. In Six Days the Lord Made Heaven and Earth.

In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is. *Ex. 20, 11.*

God said, "Let there be *light*" and elemental light flamed out of the darkness. And God divided the light from the darkness, and there was day and night; and the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a *firmament* in the midst of the waters." And the waters under the firmament were divided from the waters above it. What mighty movements of waters on the earth and above the firmament, that is, the starry sky! And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the *dry land* appear." And it was so. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth." And, behold, the young world teemed with beauty and abundance of *vegetation*. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, "Let there be *lights* in the firmament of the heaven." And it was so. Sun, moon, and stars stood forth to mark days and months and seasons and years by their courses and to give light upon the earth, thus serving man, the center of the universe. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth," and the waters brought forth denizens of the sea and sky, *fishes and fowl*. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind." And it was so. And God made *man* in His own image. And in all these and in all growing things was the power to reproduce their kind. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

In six days God created heaven and earth. These days are natural days, as our days are, for they are marked by evening and morning.

Prayer.

O Lord, let us not reject Thy holy Word. Preserve us from all those who seek the destruction of true doctrine for setting up and establishing their shameful idolatry. Let not Thy precious Word, the bright and unchanging light, which now shineth among us, be overpowered or put out, that we may in true faith call upon Thee, give thanks to Thee for all the wonderful works of Thy creation, and ever praise and honor Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Lord. Amen.

The angel host, O king of kings,
Thy praise forever telling,
In earth and sky all living things
Beneath Thy shadow dwelling,
Adore and praise their Maker's might,
Whose wisdom orders all things right;
To God all praise and glory!

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