

Setting The Record Straight – Some Things God Did or Did Not Do or Say, Part 1 - - Sunday AM 03/01/20

Introduction:

Recently I saw a posting reading “God did not take away the Red Sea, He parted it. God will help us find a way through our problems as well.” This got me to thinking, people seem to be confused about God. They attribute things to God, He either did not say or do. Then deny or forget things God said and did. We want to look at a few of those things.

I) Creation in *Genesis 1.1ff*

A) God did not use the mechanism of evolution to “create” in *Genesis 1 & 2.*

1. Creationist-Evolutionists believe God did not do what is recorded in Genesis, but He through the mechanism of evolution did the creating.
2. They interpret the days of *Genesis 1* to be long periods of time *Day Age Theory” or there is a gap between *Genesis 1.1* and *v.2* (Gap Theory).
3. God did not start with a single cell organism and then through evolution make a multi-cell organism. Eventually where there were complex organisms.

B) God used His word to create.

1. Create out of nothing, non-living became living.
2. “God said” is found in *Genesis 1.3,6,9,11,14,20,24,and 26* for a total of 8 times.
3. Followed by “and it was so” in *Genesis 1.9,11,15,21,and 24* for a total of 5 times.

4. In **verse 7** “God made” is followed by “it is so”.
5. God’s word created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it.
6. Man did not evolve into man but was man from the beginning, **Genesis 1.26-27**
 - a. **John 1.1-2** identifies Jesus as being the Word of God.
 - b. **Romans 1.16** see the power of God’s word to save.

C) God created everything after its kind (species). **Genesis 1.24**

1. Defining species -
 - a. Biology - A group of closely related organisms that are very similar to each other and are usually capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring.
 - b. A species is often defined as a group of individuals that actually or potentially interbreed in nature. In this sense, a species is the biggest gene pool possible under natural conditions.
2. Creatures do adapt to their environment – i.e. due to better nutrition people getting taller and bigger.
3. We can by selective breeding change certain characteristics of plants and animals.
4. We cannot selective breed in a new species or kind.
5. Let me make a spiritual application here – the seed produces after its kind. The seed is the word of God (**Luke 8.11**). What will the word of God produce? **Acts 6.7** “disciples” - - followers of Christ; **Acts 20.32**.

6. Without the word of one cannot be a Christian. With the word of God, one can only be a Christian.

II) The Kingdom of God

A) God through Jesus Christ did not establish a physical kingdom.

1. A lot of folks talk about the kingdom yet to be establish and the physical nature of that kingdom.
2. They believe Israel is still God's holy nation and still promised the land of Canaan.

B) God did establish the nation of Israel in the Old Testament

1. Book of Joshua tells of Israel entering the land.
2. Israel inhabited the land and fulfilled all His promises, **1 Kings 8.56.**

C) God never promised Israel would unconditionally inhabit the land but he did promise they would lose the land if they did not keep His Word, **Deut. 28.15, 64**

1. Which they did during the time of the Divided Kingdom and were taken into exile.
2. There is no promise of Israel being reconstituted in the New Testament.
3. Jesus said His kingdom is not of this world, **John 18.36.**

D) God through Jesus did say

1. He would establish His kingdom in that generation, **Mark 9.1**
2. He said tell us how to enter the kingdom, **John 3.3,5.**

3. The Bible tells us the kingdom of God is not eating or drinking but spiritual in nature, ***Romans 14.17***