

Study Guide for Sept. 28th, 2008. A trip to the zoo: Genesis 1:20-25, 29-30.

Introduction: What did you enjoy most about your last visit to the zoo? What birds or animals particularly strike you as demonstrating the wonder of God's creativity?

I. God fills the expanse of sky and sea. (Gen. 1: 20-23)

A. What does God create on day 5? How does this relate to his work on day 2?

B. What is the verb translated "teem" (vs. 20, 21) used to describe in the following...?

1) Gen 8:17:

2) Ex. 1:7:

3) Ex. 8:3:

C. What blessing does God give to these creatures (vs. 22)?

D. What does the abundance of these creatures say about the character of God?

E. The reference to "great creatures of the sea" is probably not to whales, but to a mythical sea monster in Egyptian and Canaanite legend. (Job 26:12, Ps. 73:13-14 Ps. 89:10, Is. 27:1, 30:7, 51:9). What significance do you see in its reference here?

F. Read Luke 12:22-26 What affect should observation of God's creation have on us?

II. God fills the land with living creatures. (Gen. 1:24-25)

A. What categories of creatures are described in vs. 24?

B. How does this aspect of God's creation relate to his work on day 3?

C. How many times is the phrase "according to their kinds" repeated?

D. What significance do you see in this phrase?

E. How would you respond to someone who claims all life evolved over time?

III. God gives what is needed to sustain life. (Gen. 1:29-30)

A. What provision does God make for man (vs. 29) and for the animals (vs. 30)?

B. Read and relate Gen. 9:1-3 to vs. 29-30. What possible conclusions do you see?

C. Relate Psalm 104: 24-30 to the creation of animal life and what we learn of God.

D. Read and relate I Tim. 6:17-19 to the revelation that God is the sustainer of life.