

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 4, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Genesis 1:6-

Days 2 & 3 of Restoration

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	4 May	The Lord's Table.
Monday	5 May	Teen Youth Group Meeting.
Wednesday	7 May	2 Corinthians 12
Friday	9 May	Case for a Creator Video. 6:30 at the Church Movie and Pizza Night
Saturday	10 May	Ladies' Birthday Luncheon @ La Luna.
Sunday	11 May	Mother's Day.
Monday	12 May	Teen Youth Group Meeting.
Wednesday	14 May	2 Corinthians 13
Monday	19 May	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	21 May	Questions and Answers.
Monday	26 May	Memorial Day.

** This coming Friday, bring your friends and family to watch "The Case for a Creator" video along with "This Privileged Planet." Finger food signup on the back table. Pizza at the break.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

*The Keys to Life
Between Adam and Moses
The Gospel in the Stars*

MICHAEL AND SHERI PARKS
Global Hope Network
May 2008

PRAYER REQUEST: We need your immediate and fervent prayer for Afghanistan. Below is a request for prayer from our staff in Kabul . You may know there was a national celebration in Afghanistan this week where President Karzi, the president of Afghanistan , was to speak. There was a violent attack that almost killed him. Now it seems the Taliban are more bold and attacking police in Kabul near where some of our team live.

"This night some insurgents came a few kilometers close to where we live and fought with the police. I woke up because of a few explosions nearby at 5 am, this morning. We are grateful if you pray. It looks like that after the attack on the parade on Sunday, they have more courage now. Also they are controlling up to half the country by now, including two provinces bordering Kabul : Ghazni & Wardak."

We never assume we have forever to complete the work. Some have wondered at the urgency I have when sharing about our work...this situation is one of many. We are seeing amazing/miraculous events in several previously unreached regions. This cannot and is not to be taken lightly. We are helping widows and orphans, men and women in a broad area of Afghanistan . This will not go unopposed. Please pray.

PARKS PAGES: I am writing this letter as I leave Indonesia on my way to Sri Lanka. I never cease to be amazed and overjoyed at the work of the Lord around the globe. So often we only read of radicalism, violence, death, and hatred...and these things are there and I see them and come very close to them...but God...is always present, always working, always faithful, always loving.

We work closely with believers who are virtually surrounded by radicalism. We encourage them to reach those around them in love, compassion and the good news of Jesus. Remember they are just like you and I, people with the same needs, temptations, hardships, failures. But Jesus words to Paul were, '...my strength is made perfect in weakness'. So they go forth in their human fragility willing to sacrifice comforts they may 'deserve' to place themselves where they will be able to bring physical, emotional, and spiritual help to others.

FAMILY NEWS: The New BIG news. Since we stepped into the life as aid workers we have not stopped experiencing big changes. So now we prepare for the next chapter. After almost two years of leaving our home in Orlando...we are now moving back to the USA! After much prayer and counsel we believe it is God's will we return to Orlando where Mike will continue with his current responsibilities but also build out our organizations disaster response capabilities from the US.

Sheri spent most of Jan and Feb being sick to her stomach from a combo of morning sickness and flu, but is feeling better now. Home schooling is working better than French school for Carlos, Soccer season is coming up and this should be an additional incentive for performance. Ilana and Josiah are in gymnastics. We were looking at the kids the other night as they were getting sleepy and were amazed at how quickly they are growing up. Time goes so quickly and we just don't have a lot of time left for all that remains to be done. So, we work hard, love each other and life, and trust the Lord with the rest.

We have extraordinary financial needs at this time. First is the new baby. Our insurance does not cover maternity. We are determining the cost to have a baby and figure we will need about \$5000. to cover all the cost. Second is the expense of moving back which we estimate to be about \$20,000. The exchange rate today is over 1.59\$/1 Euro. This is causing us tremendous financial stress. At this time we have a target date of mid June to pack here and arrive in the US in early July (just in time for the baby in early Aug. and to get the kids in school). We know this is a lot in a short period of time, but we are moving in faith and trusting in God's provision. We thank you for your continued support and standing with us in ministry!

INDONESIA: The more the hurting and suffering are helped and blessed the more the enemy will sway people and situation to oppose. I am returning from Indonesia and Sri Lanka. In Indonesia on the island of Sulawesi we held a disaster response training with the local civil defense leaders in preparation to work together in the next up coming disaster which Indonesia seems to have regularly. The contacts made via the training will better enable us to coordinate a disaster response in Indonesia as well as lay the groundwork for long-term involvement.

In the coffee region of Toraga we initiated an agricultural project planting 100 coffee trees, installing a drip irrigation system. We also trained several farmers how to use the drip system, making and using compost instead of chemical fertilizers and how to make and use natural insecticide. As a few of you may know it has been a vision of mine since the days I ran Solid Ground Coffeehouse to be involved in a region we could grow coffee and help local people receive a 'fair wage' for their labor and break the cycle of poverty that most of people here live in. It surprised me how my heart was so filled with joy when I saw the coffee trees planted and the drip irrigation system working! But even greater was that the followers of Jesus will be able to provide for their families and teach others the same. This along with our on-going community health training to the desperately poor will improve people's lives and open opportunity to bring hope into the lives of many who live in darkness. We have a great staff on the ground and they need your prayers and support as they work within regions that are surrounded by radicalized groups. Please keep this project in your prayers as we are in severe need of prayer and finances. We also have opportunity for short-term teams. If you might be interested drop me a note.

SRI LANKA: In the beautiful tea estates of southern and central Sri Lanka we continue to train Sinhalese and Tamil people how to produce marketable items to help them get out of the cycle of poverty. With our partnering church we are creating opportunity to bring together two races of people who are still fighting each other in the northern portion of the island. The civil war has continued to intensify over recent months and violence has spread to the capital area where innocent civilians have been attacked without cause. By working and worshiping together, a bridge of peace is being built between them and we pray this will spread across this war weary nation.

SUDAN: We are expanding our projects to include a home for homeless boys whose parents have sent them away to our village for safety. They have nothing and often cannot make a living that is sufficient to live on. We will work with the community to assist them to care for these children providing them shelter, food, education and love. Please pray as there are many snares laid to try to destroy the work. I plan to travel there in April.

**Genesis 1:6-8
The Second Day.**

Gen 1:6 = The Expanse.

1:6 C.T. = The Elohim said, "Let there become an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it cause to divide the waters from the waters."

Gen 1:7 = The Design And Manufacture.

1:7 C.T. = And Elohim made the expanse, and caused to divide the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it became so.

Gen 1:8 = The Third Designation.

1:8 C.T. = And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

Summary:

1. The Holy Spirit evidently was heating the water which caused some to rise.
2. God then distinguished between the water liquid and vapor by placing an atmosphere between the waters.
3. They are further called the "waters below" and the "waters above."
4. The expanse is called "heavens" which is part of what is known as "the heavens" of verse 1.
5. This formed a _____ canopy, known as the "Ante-diluvian canopy."
6. Now there are two things known as "heavens," one of which speaks of His glory and the other declares the work of His hands. Psa 19:1
7. Anywhere in the atmosphere is a good place to praise Him. Psa 150:1
8. Insight, because of the darkness of the last days, will be as valuable as the atmosphere. Dan 12:3-4
9. Elohim is giving form to what was once "_____."

**Genesis 1:9-13
The Third Day.**

Gen 1:9 = Appearance Of Dry Land.

1:9 C.T. = Then Elohim said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place and let the dry land be seen"; and it became so.

Gen 1:10 = The Fourth And Fifth Designations.

1:10 C.T. = And Elohim called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters he called seas; and Elohim saw that it was good.

Summary:

1. Most ancient records indicate the _____ that there was only one land mass at the beginning of time.

2. Some called it Gowandaland or Pangaea and could be a historical basis for stories of the mythical city of Atlantis.
3. The indication is that the earth was fully covered with water and that either the “deep” got deeper (verse 2) or the land lifted up, or both.

Gen 1:11 = Vegetation.

1:11 C.T. = Then Elohim said, “Let the earth cause to grow green grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it became so.

Summary:

1. God designed the “dry land” which He called “earth” to contain the building blocks of plant life.
2. His design was for vegetation to reproduce itself.
3. His design was for plants to reproduce within its own species.
4. Plant life did not become animal life or even other plant life.
5. In God’s design, He caused certain “effects” that would become the “_____” of the next generation.

Gen 1:12 = The Earth Responds.

1:12 C.T. = And the earth caused to come out green grass, herbs yielding seed according to its kind and trees bearing fruit with seed in them after their kind, and Elohim saw that it was good.

Summary:

1. The title “Mother Earth” probably began from a realization of this fact.
2. Elohim has already established a context of the “mother” having a “Primary Cause.”
3. The Hindu’s took the earth as the “Primary Cause” of plant life and thus the thought evolved that the earth was a goddess to be worshipped.
4. The earth does nothing apart from the Divine _____ of its Creator.

Gen 1:13 = The Third Day Closes.

1:13 C.T. = and it became evening and it became morning, a third day.

Summary:

1. The earth responds to the divine command.
2. Unconscious and inanimate objects are under His complete control.
3. Conscious objects are yet to be reckoned with.
4. The problem of _____ (formless) is solved.
5. There is now an environment so that population can occur, solving BOHU.
6. At the end of the 3rd day is:
 - A. Darkness and Light.
 - B. Liquid water and water vapor, separated by atmosphere.
 - C. Oceans, dry land and vegetation.

Principle: God made the earth suitable to accommodate mankind.

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- E. The Plan Revealed through Three Star Books:**
1. **Book One: The Redeemer, First Advent.**
 - A. **VIRGO.** The prophecy of the bruised seed.
 - B. **LIBRA.** The work accomplished in grace.
 - B. **SCORPIO.** The work accomplished in conflict.
 - A. **SAGITTARIUS.** The fulfillment of the promised victory.
 2. **Book Two: The Redeemed.**
 - C. **CAPRICORNUS.** The prophecy of the promised deliverance.
 - D. **AQUARIUS.** Results of the work bestowed in grace.
 - D. **PISCES.** Results of the work enjoyed in conflict.
 - C. **ARIES.** The fulfillment of the promised deliverance.
 3. **Book Three: The Redeemer, Second Advent.**
 - E. **TAURUS.** The prophecy of the coming Judge of all the earth.
 - F. **GEMINI.** The Redeemer's reign in grace and glory.
 - F. **CANCER.** The Redeemer's possession safe from conflict.
 - E. **LEO.** The fulfillment of the promised triumph.
- F. Summary Of The Twelve Signs:**
1. **VIRGO.** This sign portrays that through the Virgin will come the Desired One who will be offered as a Sin Offering and will return again. (Who is the Messiah)
 2. **LIBRA.** This portrays that the redemption price of the lost was paid at the cross by the Victim who received a Crown. (Why the need)
 3. **SCORPIO.** This sign portrays the Conflict between the Enemy and the Messiah. The Messiah is bruised on the heel but will crush the head of the Dragon. (Identify of the opposition)
 4. **SAGITTARIUS.** This sign portrays the two-fold nature of the Conqueror who is deserving of Praise. The Judgment is

5. **CAPRICORNUS.** This sign portrays the Goat of Atonement is offered as a Sacrifice by God. He dies and is resurrected. (How there can be a relationship with the Redeemed)
6. **AQUARIUS.** This sign portrays the blessings poured forth for the Redeemed who believe and will be awarded later. (The result of a relationship with the Redeemer).
7. **PISCES.** This sign portrays that the Redeemed are blessed though bound as is their enemy while they undergo undeserved suffering until their Redeemer comes. (The plight of the Redeemed)
8. **ARIES.** This sign portrays that the Slain Offering is prepared for the Victory while the Responder (the woman) is preparing for her Husband. The Redeemer conquers all enemies to deliver His Redeemed. (The consummation of blessings)
9. **TAURUS.** This sign portrays that the Messiah is coming to bring forth wrath upon His enemies which are also the enemies of the Redeemed. (How and For Whom is the Coming)
10. **GEMINI.** This sign portrays the returning God-man who will tread the enemy underfoot as He returns in glory to be exalted. (Who is The Victor)
11. **CANCER.** This sign portrays that the minority of Believers will be gathered from all time into the Eternal State. (The Redeemed's eternal possessions)
12. **LEO.** This sign is the portrait of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" who destroys His enemies via the Cup of divine wrath. (The end of evil)