

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (1)

Message Three

The Experience of Christ as Life Portrayed in Genesis 1

Scripture Reading: Gen. 1:1-31

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.
Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.
Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse, and it was so.
Gen 1:8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.
Gen 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good.
Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind with their seed in them upon the earth; and it was so.
Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with their seed in them according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.
Gen 1:13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;
Gen 1:15 And let them be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to give light on the earth; and it was so.
Gen 1:16 And God made the two great light-bearers, the greater light-bearer to rule the day and the lesser light-bearer to rule the night, and the stars.
Gen 1:17 And God set them in the expanse of heaven to give light on the earth
Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night and to separate the light from the darkness, and God saw that it was good.
Gen 1:19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living animals, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven.
Gen 1:21 And God created the great sea creatures and every living animal that moves, with which the waters swarmed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind; and God saw that it was good.
Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.
Gen 1:23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living animals according to their kind, cattle and creeping things and animals of the earth according to their kind; and it was so.
Gen 1:25 And God made the animals of the earth according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.
Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.
- Gen 1:30 And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven and to everything that creeps upon the earth, in which is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.
- Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

I. The Spirit, the word, and the light were the instruments used by God to generate life on the first day of His restoration and further creation for the fulfillment of His purpose; the Spirit, the word, and the light are all of life—Gen. 1:1-5; Rom. 8:2; Phil. 2:16; John 8:12b:

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.
- Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
- Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
- Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- Phil 2:16 Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.
- John 8:12b ... he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

A. Christ as the Spirit is the reality of God—Rom. 8:9-10; 2 Cor. 3:17; John 16:13-15:

- Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
- Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.
- John 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you.
- John 16:15 All that the Father has is Mine; for this reason I have said that He receives of Mine and will declare it to you.

1. The Spirit of God, as the Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), came to brood over the waters of death in order to generate life, especially man, for God's purpose (Gen. 1:2; 2:7; 1:26).

- Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- Gen 1:2 But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters.
- Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

2. In spiritual experience the Spirit's coming is the first requirement for generating life—John 6:63a; 16:8-11.

- John 6:63a It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; ...
- John 16:8 And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment:
- John 16:9 Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me;
- John 16:10 And concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer behold Me;
- John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

- B. Christ as the Word is the speaking of God—1:1; Heb. 1:2:
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 Heb 1:2 Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;
1. After the Spirit's brooding, the word of God came to bring in the light—Gen. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:6; cf. Psa. 119:105, 130.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
 2 Cor 4:6 Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.
 Psa 119:130 The opening of Your words gives light, / Imparting understanding to the simple.
 2. In spiritual experience the coming of the word is the second requirement for generating life—John 5:24; 6:63b.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.
 John 6:63b It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; ...
- C. Christ as the light is the shining of God (Gen. 1:3-5; John 1:1, 4-5; 8:12a; 9:5); in spiritual experience the coming of the light is the third requirement for generating life (Matt. 4:13-16; John 1:1-13).
- Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
 Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
 Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- John 8:12a Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; ...
 John 9:5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
 Matt 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is beside the sea in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,
 Matt 4:14 In order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,
 Matt 4:15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:
 Matt 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God.
 John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not one thing came into being which has come into being.
 John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 John 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
 John 1:6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 John 1:7 He came for a testimony that he might testify concerning the light, that all might believe through him.
 John 1:8 He was not the light, but came that he might testify concerning the light.
 John 1:9 This was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
 John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him.
 John 1:11 He came to His own, yet those who were His own did not receive Him.
 John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
 John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- D. The separation of the light from the darkness for the purpose of discerning day from night is the fourth requirement for generating life—Gen. 1:4-5; 2 Cor. 6:14b.
- Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.
 Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

2 Cor 6:14b ... For what partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?

II. The separating of the waters by producing an expanse between them on the second day, signifying, spiritually, the dividing of the heavenly things from the earthly things through the work of the cross, is the fifth requirement for generating life—Gen. 1:6-8; Col. 3:1-3; Heb. 4:12.

- Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.
- Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse, and it was so.
- Gen 1:8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
- Col 3:1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.
- Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

III. The appearing of the dry land is the sixth requirement for generating life; this took place on the third day, corresponding to the day of resurrection—Gen. 1:9-13; 1 Cor. 15:4:

- Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.
- Gen 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas; and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind with their seed in them upon the earth; and it was so.
- Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with their seed in them according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- 1 Cor 15:4 And that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures;
- A. In the Bible the sea represents death, and the land represents Christ as the generating source of life; after the land appeared, every kind of life—the plant life, the animal life, and even the human life—was produced out of the land (Gen. 1:11-12, 24-27; 2:7); this typifies that the divine life with all its riches comes out of Christ.
- Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind with their seed in them upon the earth; and it was so.
- Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with their seed in them according to their kind; and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living animals according to their kind, cattle and creeping things and animals of the earth according to their kind; and it was so.
- Gen 1:25 And God made the animals of the earth according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Gen 2:7 Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.
- B. On the third day Christ came out of death in resurrection to generate life for the constituting of the church—John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3.
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- C. Dividing the land from the waters signifies separating life from death; from the second day (Gen. 1:6-7) God began to work to confine and limit the waters of death that covered the earth (cf. Jer. 5:22):
- Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.
- Gen 1:7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse, and it was so.
- Jer 5:22 Do you not fear Me, declares Jehovah; / Do you not tremble at My presence; / Who have set the sand as a boundary for the sea / By an eternal statute, so it cannot pass over it? / Although its waves toss, they cannot prevail; / Although they roar, they cannot pass over it.
1. Eventually, when God's work is completed, in the new heaven and new earth there will be no more sea—Rev. 21:1 and footnote 3, Recovery Version.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the ³sea is no more.

note 3 The sea is a result of the waters of judgment, which God used to judge the preadamic world (see *Life-study of Genesis*, Message Two). The work of God's re-creation was to recover the land by restricting the result of the waters of judgment (Gen. 1:9-10; Jer. 5:22). The living creatures of the preadamic world, after being judged by the waters, became the sea's inhabitants, the demons. After they have been dealt with by Christ and His believers (Matt. 8:29-32; Luke 10:17; Acts 16:16-18; 19:12) and the sea has given them up to the judgment of the great white throne (20:13), the sea will not be needed. Since the work of God's re-creation, God's intention has been to abolish the sea by dealing with Satan and his demons. Hence, *the sea is no more* indicates that Satan and his evil followers will all be dealt with and will not be found in the new heaven and new earth.
 2. Furthermore, in the New Jerusalem there will be no more night—v. 25 and footnote 2.

Rev 21:25 And its gates shall by no means be shut by day, for there will be no ²night there.

note 2 In the new heaven and new earth there will still be the distinction between day and night, but in the New Jerusalem there will be no such distinction, for there, God Himself as the brighter light will shine continuously day and night.
 3. This means that both death and darkness will be eliminated.
- D. The plant life is the lowest form of life, a life without consciousness, corresponding to the earliest stage of the divine life in a newly regenerated believer—Gen. 1:11; cf. 1 Cor. 3:6:
- Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth sprout grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit according to their kind with their seed in them upon the earth; and it was so.
- 1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
1. The countless varieties of the plant life typify the rich expression of the unsearchable riches of the life of Christ in their beauty for man's sight (Gen. 2:9), in their fragrance (S. S. 1:12-13), and in their nourishing man and animals (Gen. 1:29-30).

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

S.S. 1:12 While the king was at his table, / My spikenard gave forth its fragrance.

S.S. 1:13 My beloved is to me a bundle of myrrh / That lies at night between my breasts.

Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.

Gen 1:30 And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven and to everything that creeps upon the earth, in which is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.

2. The trees (2:9; Exo. 15:23-25; S. S. 2:3; 5:15; Isa. 11:1; John 15:1; Rev. 22:2), the flowers (S. S. 1:14), and the grains as food for man (John 6:9, 13) and as offerings to God (Lev. 2:1-3, 14) are all types of Christ.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Exo 15:23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore its name was called Marah.
- Exo 15:24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?
- Exo 15:25 And he cried out to Jehovah, and Jehovah showed him a tree; and he cast it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He tested them.
- S.S. 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, / So is my beloved among the sons: In his shade I delighted and sat down, / And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
- S.S. 5:15 His legs are pillars of white marble, / Set upon bases of gold; / His appearance is like Lebanon, / As excellent as the cedars.
- Isa 11:1 Then a sprout will come forth from the stump of Jesse, / And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
- John 15:1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.
- Rev 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
- S.S. 1:14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna flowers / In the vineyards of En-gedi.
- John 6:9 There is a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many?
- John 6:13 So they gathered them and filled twelve handbaskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over among those who had eaten.
- Lev 2:1 And when anyone presents an offering of a meal offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.
- Lev 2:2 Then he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests, and he shall take from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as its memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 2:3 And what is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire.
- Lev 2:14 And if you present a meal offering of firstfruits to Jehovah, you shall present for the meal offering of your firstfruits new grain roasted with fire, crushed grain of the fresh ear.

IV. The light-bearers appeared on the fourth day as the seventh requirement for generating life to produce the higher forms of life—Gen. 1:14-19:

- Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;
- Gen 1:15 And let them be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to give light on the earth; and it was so.
- Gen 1:16 And God made the two great light-bearers, the greater light-bearer to rule the day and the lesser light-bearer to rule the night, and the stars.
- Gen 1:17 And God set them in the expanse of heaven to give light on the earth
- Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night and to separate the light from the darkness, and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- A. According to the revelation of the whole Bible, light is for life; light and life always go together—Psa. 36:9; Matt. 4:16; John 1:4; 8:12; 1 John 1:1-7.
- Psa 36:9 For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
- Matt 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."
- John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

- John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- 1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life
- 1 John 1:2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);
- 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 1:4 And these things we write that our joy may be made full.
- 1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- 1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;
- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

B. Life depends on light, and the higher the light, the higher the life:

1. The indefinite light of the first day (Gen. 1:3) was sufficient for generating the lowest forms of life; the more solid and more definite light from the light-bearers—the sun, the moon, and the stars (v. 16; Psa. 136:7-9)—on the fourth day was necessary for producing the higher forms of life, including the human life.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

Gen 1:16 And God made the two great light-bearers, the greater light-bearer to rule the day and the lesser light-bearer to rule the night, and the stars.

Psa 136:7 To Him who made the great lights, / For His lovingkindness is forever;

Psa 136:8 The sun for ruling the day, / For His lovingkindness is forever;

Psa 136:9 The moon and the stars for ruling the night, / For His lovingkindness is forever;

2. This signifies that for our spiritual rebirth, the light of the “first day” is sufficient, but for the growth in the divine life unto maturity, more and stronger light, the light of the “fourth day,” is needed.

3. The light-bearers were for signs, seasons, days, and years (Gen. 1:14), which are all shadows of Christ—Col. 2:16-17.

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

C. The sun (Psa. 136:8) signifies Christ (Mal. 4:2; Luke 1:78-79; Matt. 4:16; Eph. 5:14); the overcoming saints were also likened to the sun by the Lord Jesus (Matt. 13:43).

Psa 136:8 The sun for ruling the day, / For His lovingkindness is forever;

Mal 4:2 But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

Luke 1:78 Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high,

Luke 1:79 To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Matt 4:16 The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen."

Eph 5:14 Therefore He says, Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Matt 13:43 Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

D. The moon (Psa. 136:9) can be considered a figure of the church, the wife of Christ (cf. Gen. 37:9; S. S. 6:10):

Psa 136:9 The moon and the stars for ruling the night, / For His lovingkindness is forever;

Gen 37:9 And he had still another dream and told it to his brothers and said, Now I have had another dream: There were the sun and the moon and eleven stars, bowing down to me.

- S.S. 6:10 Who is this woman who looks forth like the dawn, / As beautiful as the moon, / As clear as the sun, / As terrible as an army with banners?
1. The moon has no light of its own but shines in the night and reflects the light of the sun.
 2. Likewise, the church shines in the dark night of the church age by reflecting the divine light of Christ—2 Cor. 3:18; cf. Phil. 2:15.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Phil 2:15 That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,
- E. The stars first signify Christ and then the overcomers—Num. 24:17; 2 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 22:16; Dan. 12:3:
- Num 24:17 I see Him, but not now; / I behold Him, but not near. / There shall come forth a Star out of Jacob, / And a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, / And He shall crush the corners of Moab / And break down all the sons of Sheth.
- 2 Pet 1:19 And we have the prophetic word made more firm, to which you do well to give heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
- Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.
- Dan 12:3 And those who have insight will shine like the shining of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars, forever and ever.
1. Although Christ is the real sun, He does not appear as the sun during the present age of night; rather, He shines as the bright morning star—Rev. 22:16.

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.
 2. The stars also signify the overcoming saints—Dan. 12:3; cf. Rev. 1:20.

Dan 12:3 And those who have insight will shine like the shining of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars, forever and ever.

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.
 3. The light from the stars is needed particularly when the moon wanes; likewise, the shining of the overcoming saints as the heavenly stars is needed particularly in the time of the church's degradation—2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 20-21.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the second death.

Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.

Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;

Rev 2:28 And to him I will give the morning star.

Rev 3:5 He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments, and I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

Rev 3:21 He who overcomes, to him I will give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

F. The ruling of the fourth-day light-bearers also strengthened the separating of the light from the darkness in Genesis 1:4; both are requirements for the growth in life.

Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

V. The living creatures in the water and in the air were generated on the fifth day—vv. 20-23:

Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living animals, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven.

Gen 1:21 And God created the great sea creatures and every living animal that moves, with which the waters swarmed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.

Gen 1:23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

A. This is the animal life with the lowest consciousness, corresponding to the first step in the believers' growth in life—cf. 1 John 2:13:

1 John 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, young children, because you know the Father.

1. The animal life in the sea typifies the riches of the life of Christ in the power that overcomes death (signified by the salt water) in His living; just as fish can live in salt water without becoming salty, Christ and His believers, who have the divine life, can live in the satanic world without being “salted” by the world’s corruption—cf. John 14:30; 17:15-16.

John 14:30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and in Me he has nothing;

John 17:15 I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them out of the hands of the evil one.

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

2. The animal life in the sea also shows the riches of Christ’s life in feeding man with His riches—6:9a; 21:9.

John 6:9a There is a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; ...

John 21:9 Then when they got out onto the land, they saw a fire of coals laid there, and fish lying on it and bread.

B. The bird life is higher than the fish life; fish can live in the death waters, but birds can transcend the death waters:

1. By growing further in the divine life, the believers are able to transcend all the frustrations of the earth—Isa. 40:31.

Isa 40:31 Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; / They will mount up with wings like eagles; / They will run and will not faint; / They will walk and will not become weary.

2. The bird life typifies the riches of the life of Christ as seen in His being the eagle for carrying God’s redeemed to His destination (Exo. 19:4; Deut. 32:11-12; Rev. 12:14) and in His being the turtledoves or pigeons for offering to God for the sins of God’s people (Lev. 1:14; 5:7).

Exo 19:4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

Deut 32:11 As the eagle rouses his nest, / Hovers over his young, / Spreads his wings, takes them, / And bears them up upon his pinions;

Deut 32:12 So Jehovah alone led him, / And there was no strange god with Him.

Rev 12:14 And to the woman there were given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time from the face of the serpent.

- Lev 1:14 And if his offering to Jehovah is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall present his offering of turtledoves or of young pigeons.
- Lev 5:7 And if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring as his trespass offering to Jehovah for that in which he has sinned two turtledoves or two young pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

VI. The living creatures on the earth were generated on the sixth day—Gen. 1:24-31:

- Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth living animals according to their kind, cattle and creeping things and animals of the earth according to their kind; and it was so.
- Gen 1:25 And God made the animals of the earth according to their kind and the cattle according to their kind and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind, and God saw that it was good.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.
- Gen 1:30 And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven and to everything that creeps upon the earth, in which is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.
- Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

A. The cattle and the animals on the earth are a higher life with a higher consciousness than that of the fish and the birds, a life that can accomplish something on the earth:

1. The animals and the cattle on the land typify the riches of the life of Christ as seen in Christ as the conquering lion (Rev. 5:5) to fight for God's economy, as seen in Christ as the sheep and oxen for offering to God for the fulfillment of God's full redemption (Lev. 1:2-3, 10; 3:1, 6, 12; 4:3; 5:6; John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:19; Rev. 5:6-9), and as seen in Christ as the ox to bear the responsibility and to labor faithfully for the accomplishing of God's will (Matt. 20:28; John 5:17; 6:38).

- Rev 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.
- Lev 1:2 Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When any one of you presents an offering to Jehovah, you shall present your offering from the cattle, of the herd or of the flock.
- Lev 1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.
- Lev 1:10 And if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall present it, a male without blemish.
- Lev 3:1 And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he presents it from the herd, whether male or female, he shall present it without blemish before Jehovah.
- Lev 3:6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to Jehovah is from the flock, he shall present it, male or female, without blemish.
- Lev 3:12 And if his offering is a goat, then he shall present it before Jehovah.
- Lev 4:3 If the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him present a bull of the herd without blemish to Jehovah for a sin offering for his sin that he committed.
- Lev 5:6 And he shall bring his trespass offering to Jehovah for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a sheep or a goat, as a sin offering; and the priest shall make expiation for him on account of his sin.

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1 Pet 1:19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;

Rev 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Rev 5:7 And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which bowls are the prayers of the saints.

Rev 5:9 And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Matt 20:28 Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father is working until now, and I also am working.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.

2. Through further growth in the divine life the believers in Christ are able to live on the earth a life that is useful for the fulfilling of God's will—cf. Rom. 5:17; 1 Cor. 3:2; Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 15:10, 58.

Rom 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 3:2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. But neither yet now are you able,

Gal 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ completely.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

B. The human life is the highest created life, the life that can express God in His image and likeness and can exercise dominion for God:

1. Adam, the first man, typifies Christ (Rom. 5:14; 1 Cor. 15:45, 47; Psa. 8:4-8; Heb. 2:6-9) as the center of God's creation (Col. 1:16-17), as the Head of all creation (v. 15) and of all men (1 Cor. 11:3), as God's expression in God's image and likeness (Heb. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15), and as God's representative to rule over all things created by God (Psa. 8:6-8; Matt. 28:18).

Rom 5:14 But death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come.

1 Cor 15:45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor 15:47 The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

Psa 8:4 What is mortal man, that You remember him, / And the son of man, that You visit him?

Psa 8:5 You have made him a little lower than angels / And have crowned him with glory and honor.

Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:

Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, / As well as the beasts of the field,

Psa 8:8 The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, / Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

Heb 2:6 But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?
 Heb 2:7 You have made Him a little inferior to the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;
 Heb 2:8 You have subjected all things under His feet." For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing unsubject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,
 Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.
 Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
 Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
 Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
 1 Cor 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.
 Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
 2 Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
 Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
 Psa 8:6 For You have caused him to rule over the works of Your hands; / You have put all things under his feet:
 Psa 8:7 All sheep and oxen, / As well as the beasts of the field,
 Psa 8:8 The birds of heaven and the fish of the sea, / Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
 Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

2. God's intention that man would express God in His image and represent God with His dominion is fulfilled not in Adam as the first man (1 Cor. 15:45a), the old man (Rom. 6:6), but in Christ as the second man (1 Cor. 15:47b), the new man (Eph. 2:15), comprising Christ Himself as the Head and the church as His Body (1:22-23; 1 Cor. 12:12; Col. 3:10-11).

1 Cor 15:45a So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul"; ...
 Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
 1 Cor 15:47b ... the second man is out of heaven.
 Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
 Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
 Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
 1 Cor 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
 Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
 Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

3. It is fully fulfilled in the overcoming believers, who live Christ for His corporate expression (Phil. 1:19-26) and will have authority over the nations and reign as co-kings with Christ in the millennium (Rev. 2:26-27; 20:4, 6).

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil 1:22 But if I am to live in the flesh, if this to me is fruit for my work, then I do not know what I will choose.

Phil 1:23 But I am constrained between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for this is far better;

Phil 1:24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Phil 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

Phil 1:26 That your boast may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my coming again to you.

Rev 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

Rev 2:27 And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

4. It will ultimately be fulfilled in the New Jerusalem, which will express God's image, having His glory and bearing His appearance (4:3a; 21:11, 18a), and also exercise God's divine authority to maintain God's dominion over the entire universe for eternity (v. 24; 22:5).

Rev 4:3a And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, ...

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

Rev 21:18a And the building work of its wall was jasper; ...

Rev 21:24 And the nations will walk by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

Rev 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.