Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Walking with God brings life

Bible portion:

Genesis 1:1-10

Focus:

God's perfect beginning

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A daily devotional for lent season

40 Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Matthew 1-3

Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

Quote

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

A. W. Tozer

The creation is the act of God by which the universe came into being. Epics found in other religions and civilizations described creation as the result of divine combats and struggles in other worlds between deities, true or false or presumed. Genesis 01:01 states: God was the sole, sovereign Master of the universe. Then 01:02 claims: the earth was formless, void, and dark in creation. Did it mean God's creation was imperfect, faulty, and so on? There exists a gap between Genesis 1 verses 1 and 2. Then it is claimed in 01:03 God directed His work of creation by verbal command and a freely determined plan. His creation is always perfect. He created all things "out of nothing (creatio ex nehilio)" and everything out of no substance but from His substance. Somewhere, however, it went wrong is the substance of this article.

God created everything perfectly. According to Ezekiel 28:12–19, one among His creations was a signet of perfection who was in Eden, the garden of God. He was an anointed cherub placed by God as a guardian on His holy mountain. He was blameless until he turned violent and sinned due to the abundance of his trade and was driven out. His heart was proud of his beauty. He was wise but corrupted by his splendour. God cast him down. He became a laughingstock to all peoples who knew him so far and came to a dreadful end. We know this person as the serpent who spoke wisely to Eve in the Garden of Eden and brought about the fall of humanity.

Isaiah 14:12–17 narrates about the morning star,

fallen from heaven, who was cut down to the ground on being said in his heart: "I will ascend to heaven, set my throne above the stars of God, sit on the mountain of assembly, ascend to the tops of the clouds, make myself like the Most High." He was, however, brought down by God to Sheol, the depths of the Pit. He made the earth tremble, shook the kingdoms, made the world like a desert, and overthrew its cities. God cut this person to size who destroyed and emptied the earth by his free-fall from heaven. The fall of the serpent or Satan from heaven destroyed the earth and all God's creation.

In Luke 10:18, Jesus said: "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning." How and when did Jesus see the fall of Satan? Proverbs 08:01, 22–30 spoke of Wisdom/Sophia, an equivalent to Word/Logos of John 01:01ff, who was there before all creations, beside the Lord at the beginning of His act of creation, like a master worker or little child, as His delight. The Voice from heaven at the baptism and transfiguration of Jesus declared, "Jesus, the Beloved Son of the Father." Jesus was there before all creation with God as "Co-Creator." Jesus witnessed the downfall of Satan and the destruction he brought on earth by his fall.

Prayer Point

Pray for creation and nature.

Genesis 01:03–02:03 speaks of God's recreation. It is true that humanity fell because of sin. Jeremiah 18 speaks of the clay and the potter. It was said that the vessel the potter was making got spoilt in the potter's hand and on the wheel. The potter reworked the clay to make it good for him. The Lord said: "Israel was the clay and God was the Potter. The clay was in the hands of the potter just as Israel was in My hands. Can I not rework you?"

Prayer: "Dear Lord, we are clay in Your hands. If we are spoilt in Your hands, we pray that You rework on us and rewind us in this Lenten season as useful vessels in Your hands to Your liking. Amen."

-Rev. Dr. Ananda Maharajan