

We have now come at last to Genesis 1:1. By the way, just those of you who are out there in tape land, you'd be interested to know that last night I delivered a very simple message on God's eternal purpose, and the machine didn't work. And you'll never hear that message. And I don't know what we're going to do about it. We've got it on audio. But the video is dead. And I'm not surprised one bit. We'll figure out something. Somewhere, somehow, someday. Now I'm going to say something that may surprise you a little bit. I'm going to ask you not to go home and talk about this message. I'm going to ask you to kind of keep this in your heart. I learned, and you know, did you know the, don't ever talk about this one, would you? It's possible that if you dug around in all the tapes I've made, you would find some reference to what I'm saying today. But this is not something that I talk about.

I keep this, and I'm sharing it with four Romanian brothers here in hopes that it will be a north star to your ministry. Do you understand the term north star? There is a star in the heavens that does not move, and everything else moves. The sailors use it to find out where they are. The North Star. A constant reference point. In fact, I would say that of all the messages I've brought so far, these were for you. They're not for consumption. To help you find your Lord, to discover Him as the center of all things.

Now, you would think this morning the first thing I'm going to do, by the way, those of you who watch this on video, this may not be a video that gets made available very often, or very many people. You would think that I am about to tell you about Genesis 1:1 and in the beginning, God created the heavens and earth. No, that's not where I'm going to start this time. I may do that tomorrow morning. I would like to remind you of the message yesterday. It was a message about God's eternal purpose. And you remember when I closed, I said, I'm not going to give you a definition of the eternal purpose. You remember, we had a whole message, and yet I never came to a definition. I want to tell you that I hope you never define it. In fact, the moment you define the Lord's eternal purpose, you have moved over into the camp of Aristotle. Aristotle said, always start with a definition. And I think we've got something here that's indefinable, inexhaustible, unfathomable, and in some ways incomprehensible. In other words, we can't really ever grasp it.

[I have been speaking on the Lord's eternal purpose for longer than most of you have been alive. And I have never yet said, well, I may have in my young, brash days said, this is God's eternal purpose. I have not grasped the length, the breadth, the height, the depth of his eternal purpose. All I can tell you is that I hope it rages within you and that you again and again present some part of that purpose to God's people. It's like that great diamond. You turn it around and it just becomes many, many, many things. It changes in beauty and meaning. We talked about a kaleidoscope yesterday. The little thing you turn. And it's always different. Always glorious. Always indescribable. Always beautiful. But never quite comprehensible.

Now we come to Genesis 1 and 2. And I'm going to tell you a story. Before I say anything about it. You've probably never been to Italy. To the Sistine Chapel. You ever hear of the Sistine Chapel in Roma Dele? It's the place where Michelangelo, Michelangelo, something

like that, Michelangelo, okay, you said it, did all the great work up on the ceiling. Well, this is a story. It turns out not to be true. It may have been true in centuries past. I've been in the Sistine Chapel twice, and it's really true that you cannot take it all in. You'll walk into the room and you'll look up, you can see that, you can look over that way and see some more, and you'll look this way and see some more. But there's no way you can stand anywhere and see it all. So, I suppose perhaps a hundred years ago they had a vast mirror sitting on a huge table, and people could come in and look at the mirror and see the entire ceiling all at once. There's a point here. Can you guess what the point is? Are we going to guess? That's Genesis 1 and 2. It's that mirror. That lets you glimpse. You can't see the real thing or the whole thing, but the mirror helps you see some of it.

Now, it's from this point on, I really don't want you to do a whole lot of talking. I just want you to hold this in your heart. Keep it sacred. The scripture only gives us four chapters that allow us to glimpse his eternal purpose. There's a little of it in Colossians, a little of it in Ephesians, a verse or two in Corinthians, but there are four whole uninterrupted chapters that will help us understand his eternal purpose. Now, anybody want to venture what those four chapters might be? And if you already knew before you walked in this room, you can't say, I don't want you to look good when you're not. Anybody want to guess?

And that's correct. I'll repeat it. Listen very carefully, brothers. What I'm about to tell you is really important and to me is very sacred. There are four chapters in Scripture that have nothing to do with the fall. The fall begins in Genesis 3. The devil is thrown into the pit in 19 or 20. We'll find out in a minute. It's all over with around Revelation 19-20. And then you've got 21 and 22, there's no sin. And the old creation has passed away. And Genesis 1 and 2 have no mention of the fall of creation or man. Now we have two chapters, let's call them two pages from now on, of something totally untouched by the fall of man or Lucifer or sin or anything, and then at the very end we have two more chapters, two more pages beyond sin and Satan and those four chapters give you a glimpse of some of the things on the heart of God for man. And I'm going to tell you something. They're inadequate. Genesis 1 and 2 is more inadequate than Revelation 21 and 22. Genesis 1 and 2 is really a hint. Revelation 21 and 22 are an unfolding.

Now, my brothers, here comes another very important sentence. There is a string. Do we still have our string here around here somewhere? There is a line. There is a connection that goes from Genesis 2 all the way to Revelation 21. There is a theme. We'll begin in Genesis one or two or three, because salvation begins in three. There are themes in Genesis 1 and 2 and 3. And those themes continue throughout all the scripture unbroken. And they emerge again in Revelation 21 and 22. Filled. Fulfilled.

And this is what I would encourage you to do. To minister one of those lines. All the way from the beginning to the end. But not all of them. Ever. Keep that a secret. But. Abel. Jonathan. Daniel. Pilu. You have no business ministering any of this unless you can also bring brothers and sisters to a deeper walk with Jesus Christ. And that you cannot do at this moment. And because that is true and because we're getting into things so holy that are in Scripture so

clearly, we're going to have to start giving some time to our mornings. We had one shot at that last week to just show you how bad off you are. Of course, last night, Brother Tim and Brother Timothy were highly engaged in profound spiritual things. They were out pursuing. What time did your brothers come home last night? A little after midnight. A little after midnight. Okay, I'm sure that this was very fruitful. Okay.

Now, get your Bibles open to Genesis 1 and 2. And you want a fresh sheet of paper for this. And I'll tell you what we're going to do for the dear brothers and sisters on video to keep you from being bored to death. We're going to turn off the video. And we're going to read without stopping Genesis 1 and 2. And you can do the same thing. Of course, you're not going to know we had a pause here because I'm going to come right back on it will appear. But there'll be a break in here and we're going to read Genesis 1 and 2 and then we'll catch up with you. If you'd like to turn the video off and read Genesis 1 and 2, fine. If you'd like to just come on back and not get in on all the goodies quite as much as we will, that's okay too. But when you come back, those of you watching video, I hope you'll all have a pen and paper.

We decided to just take Genesis 1 at first. For those of you who have just read Genesis 2, we're going to go through Genesis 1, and I'm going to give you all the major themes found in Genesis 1, except... I'm always finding more. So this isn't all. But I'm not cheating. This is not my imagination. All right, the first one is God. The first thing throughout Scripture is God. The second one is beginning. The heavens are number... Now these are not in order of importance. They're just in the order of the way they appear. The heavens, and they are important, and more than just going to heaven, and the earth, and that is very, very important. Okay, there is the sea, and there is the Spirit of God. And there are waters. And I would separate those two. Then there is light. Light. Then there is good and there is darkness and there is separation and there is a reference to evening and morning and those kind of fall in a little different category. You have to be careful with those. By the way, the Jewish day always began in the evening.

There's the first heaven. By the way, there are seven days. You might want to write that down, but I don't think it has any great bearing here. Just put that there are days. Okay, we have the sea again in verse 9. The waters now gather. Dry land appears. So we not only have earth, we have the land. The earth until now was covered with water. Now we have the earth coming up out of the water. Now we have plant life. We have fruit. We have a seed. This one goes on a line all by itself. We have seed that bears after its kind. That word seed, as you know, becomes terribly important throughout Scripture. And we have after its kind. I just want you to stop and think that God has a seed.

So you have plants. Then you have trees. And you have a tree with its seed in it. There is a tree with a seed in it. That's a different one from the trees. Did I say there's day and night? Did I mention that? No. All right, there's more. Okay, that's, Okay, go back up there with morning and evening and put a day and a night, would you? Put a day and a night with it. Now watch this one.

There's a sun and a moon. By the way, I will be skipping some because I know not to put

them in there. But you will be impressed. Have you used the word fruit before? Yeah. Okay, now I want you to put the word multiplication. Multiplication. To multiply. And you might even put in there sex.

Okay, there are no cattle. But if there are cattle, there has to be among them what? Melting. Hmm? A lamb, okay. So there is implied in the cattle a lamb. Creeping things are on the earth. And in Genesis 19, see what happens to the creeping things. That's not in Genesis. I think it's 19. Could be 20. I don't know. We'll find out later when we look it up. I'm not trying to impress you with the fact that I know a lot of numbers that go with words and sentences. I just want to point out to you that after its kind is really standing around here a lot.

We have man. We have image. We have corporate man. Corporate. What shall we do? Let them. That's more than one man. That's mankind. That's a corporate body of mankind. A more than one man. No, I'm going to make it a corporate man. I mean, okay, I could use... I have to use the word that was taught to me. I'm going to use the word corporate man. A bunch of man. A whole bunch of bunch of bunch of man. All right.

There is rulership. And you might want to just look at some of the things man is to rule over. And one of the things he's to rule over is creeping things. I don't know. The Lord repeats this one three times. It must be terribly important to him. He created man in his image. Okay, we have a... We have a male man and we've got a female man. We've got a gender here. We've got a man and a woman. Pulu? Thank you, Brother Pulu. Along with rulership, you have the word subdue. Put the word subdue alongside the word rulership. Okay, from this point on, I'm going to ask Daniel to tell Pulu, who had to go answer the phone, of what goes on from here. We're reading along here, and what else do we see?

We see that man was told to eat fruit and plants, and that it is your food. Eat a tree. Eat the fruit that comes from trees. So, we got the tree again here, don't we?

Brother Joe, we've come to the end of our list. Folks, we'll be back with you in just a moment with Genesis 2. Don't go away. There are no commercials.

Genesis 2, I hope you have two, and that you will come now with us to Genesis 2, and we will find some topics, themes, lines, okay? Okay.

In verse 1, you have completion. Everything is finished. It's completed. Not the word finished so much as completed. Well, I'm going to put down the word rest, but I want you to make a note that you may not find this. It's there, but you may not find it. In your assignment, you're about to get an assignment. Also, you will not find the seventh day, so don't look for it. We find God making something holy.

You might find something here in the word cultivation. I haven't, but you might. Now, you find breath of life. You're going to find the tree of life. This is the breath of life. We've already found the spirit of God. Now we find the breath of life. He gave him soul life. He breathed into him soul life. A garden. Now, here is the big one. Will you be able to find a garden in your

looking? Only the wisest will find a garden. God made a garden.

Now, folks, we've got a home. I'm going to use the word home, but I want you to put out beside it habitat. A habitat for man, a place for man to live. This is extremely important. And now, gentlemen, not only a garden, and not only a place for man to live, a habitat, but we have the tree of life in the middle of the garden. So I'm going to give you a big hint for finding the garden. Look for a middle. Look for a middle. I'm going to skip the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Most people, most scholars, believe that somewhere in the first part of Genesis 2, there was the fall in heaven. And that's why the tree of knowledge of good and evil comes. That fall did not take place on earth.

All right, gentlemen, a river. Capitalize the word river. Gold. Bdellium - pearl. Just a little mark. Bdellium could be a pearl. You may even look that up in your Roman dictionary, Romanian dictionary, and you'll find it is either a kind of something that comes from a tree, or it is something that comes from the oyster shell. Anyway, we have a bdellium or a pearl. B-D-E-L-L-I-U-M. Bdellium and pearl, the words should go together. Stone. Put down there a stone. We haven't had a stone up until now. Tree of the knowledge of good and evil - no, I did not put it down because you can't find it in Revelation 21 and 22. It's gone.

There is a flowing. And in verse 15, there is this reiteration of it being man's home. The Garden of Eden is man's home. Man does have a natural habitat. It is not the earth. It's the garden.

Now then, you'll not find this in your assignment, but you'll find the opposite of it. Here is something not good. In verse 18, we come to a not good. We've had good, good, good, good, good, good, and suddenly we've got a not good. Now you're going to find in your assignment a good. The word won't be there, but just keep looking for good.

By the way, not good turns into good even here, in Genesis 2. And you'll find that good. That was not good. In your assignment. Write down the word help meet. Put down the word woman. Well, you've already got the word woman. Let's not do that. How about... I'm going to jump ahead of myself. Bride. And that we have a marriage. And put the word marriage down there. After all, that's how this chapter ends.

Okay, put down there a female after his kind. Now this is not in Genesis 2 except for one little moment. And then it's healed. A damaged side. Man has a damaged side for just a moment. What happens? God opens his side and brings forth a rib. And for a moment, there is a damaged side.

Boy, listen. Now, verse 22, this is terribly important. There is a building there. I don't know if you have the New American, but in verse 22, this is so unique. God created some things. That means he created them out of nothing. He made some things. That was taking something and making them something else. But in this case, if you'll look in your side reference, it says that God built the woman out of the man. There is a building. There is a

process of building. The word only appears once in Genesis 1 and 2. And it's here. That the woman was built out of man. And to me, in Genesis 22, you have a wedding ceremony. And God brought man, brought the girl to the man. And you hear John the Baptist saying, I'm not the groom. I'm the one who's going to introduce the groom to the girl. And here God is introducing the girl to the man. So we have a wedding ceremony, or at least we've got a fiancé thing going on here.

You will not find bone of his bone. And I'll tell you openly, you will not find spirit of his spirit. But you will find kind after his kind in your assignment.

Okay, the source of the woman. What is the source of the woman? The source of the woman is the man. All right. In verse 24, you have union, physical union. What happens after you get married? Physical union. And after physical union, or part of physical union, is oneness. And this is what always blows my mind, that in Genesis 2 is the word and the two flesh will become one flesh. I just, I'll never get over that. Here it is in the unfallen section of the scripture, a reference to oneness. Look for oneness. All right. Were you able to keep up with that pretty well? Do you have your list? Well, let's go back and find out where that fall took place. Was that in Revelation 19 or 20?

Chapter 20. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. That's the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Chapter 21 and 22. By the way, I want to remind you that there is another line. Genesis 3 opens with it and it is the line of salvation and it is...I'm sorry okay there is another line but it is not in the unfallen chapters 1 and 2 it begins with chapter 3 and it's the beginning of the fall and out of that fall comes salvation and here at the end of chapter 20 the fall and salvation are over There is no more fall and there is no more salvation. Listen to how Revelation 21 opens, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." And if you don't have enough sense, I'll give you the answer to one of yours. Did you write down the word creation? Well, here's a new one.

Now here's your assignment. See if you can find in Revelation 21 and 22 everything that we listed that came out of Genesis 1 and 2. Now, if you should find them all, or even all but one or two, would you be amazed? Here is a command. Be amazed. There are 2,000 years, a little over 2,000 years, from the writing of Genesis 1 and 2 to the writing of John's revelation of Christ. And there are more thousands of years than that of the difference between the two events. Yeah. We have no idea how far there is between Genesis 1 ...what's in Genesis 1 and 2 and what's recorded in Revelation 21 and 22. Now, if you find these same matters in Revelation 21 and 22, what will be the point? Remember, there's no fall in 1 and 2, and there's no fall in the last two chapters of Scripture. Those are the only four chapters we have to get a look at what it's like not having a fall.

No Americans. Anybody here who's not an American, that includes one Albanian, if you were to find all these things repeated in the other two chapters that have nothing to do with, the fall is not in them, what would be your conclusion? I'm sorry? Absolutely, Pilo. We would step back and say these must be hints, glimpses of God's eternal purpose. And you will be

awed. Oh, they're more than shadows. They are realities. And you put all the threads together and you... You have his eternal purpose. But when you put all the threads together, you still have no word for it.

All right. Would anybody like to guess what your assignment is? What do you figure your assignment is, sister? To find the words repeated from Genesis 1 and 2 in Revelation 21 and 22. That is correct. Now, I don't know who you are out there in video land. I realize that some of you don't know who I am sitting in that little box in front of you, don't watch this video without doing this. And I will ask you, please, please. Don't turn this into a dead teaching to impress somebody with something you found. We've got enough dead teachings floating around this world as it is. If these things have not become life to you, you have no right to them. These are the kind of things Paul of Tarsus died for. For I was given a stewardship of the mysteries, and it was given unto me to declare to you non-Jewish heathen pagan infidels the depths of the riches of Jesus Christ. Which is according to, it kind of matches his desire and his completion of his eternal purpose.

Now lastly, brothers, we have to touch these things in reality. We have to know them. And may they become the absolute passion of your being. And please remember, they are for the church today.

What meeting is this? Of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, what is it? Is this number 10? Now, can you believe that we have spent nine sessions, and we haven't gotten to "Let" yet? Let there be light. We haven't gotten to beginning. Everything that's been going on so far has been before beginning. The last thing we talked about was that God put his print himself into the universe. And that you'll find all sorts of things that are reflections and pictures and types of himself in creation. And now, finally, we come to the Bible. Wow. We're going to have a Bible lesson. We're going to study the Bible. Just barely can say that. For those out there in videotape, I don't think very highly of present-day Bible study. In fact, I think it stinks.

Cameraman, are we having any problems? We're doing fine. Okay, good enough. Okay. We just read the first three days of creation. Y'all, I want you to remember this, that a great deal has gone on. I'm not going to review, but I want you to just stop for a minute to remember a great deal of preparation has gone into this moment. And there is purpose. And I'm going to review briefly, probably this morning and tomorrow, the creation account, just so you can begin seeing some of these lines. And maybe I won't even talk about the lines. Just so you can see some of the things present.

All right. The Lord announces that there will actually be a beginning. Until now, that would be a unique thought. There is no place where God has ever begun. The definition of God someone gave is he is someone who has always been. There never was when God was not. So there was no beginning to God. And now he announces a beginning. And Mr. Einstein would stand up and say, oh, He's introducing mass. And therefore, space will be born. And time will be born. And Mr. Einstein would be correct. Except for one thing. He also created the heavens. Which have no mass.

So there's also the beginning of eternity. Now that is very difficult for us to grasp. But there is a verse. If you have the New American, there's a verse in the book of Titus that says, In the times before the Eternals. In the time before the Eternals, or in the age before there were ages. That's beautiful. In the age before there were ages. In the eon before there ever were any eons. Well, we have just come out of the age before the eternals. And now even eternity begins to grind inside of God. I don't understand that. Don't ask me to explain that. But even eternity is created.

Now, there is a beginning. Our Lord is present. It is Jesus Christ. And now there is creation. And creation is in Christ. It is for Christ. It is through Christ. It is by Christ. And it is to Christ. So, everything that is about to take place is created belongs to him. If you look up who owns, who has the title deed, you may not have this word in your language, but if you own a house somewhere, there's a record of the ownership. We call it a title deed. Look it up in the records who owns creation, and it'll say right down at the bottom. Title deed of creation owned by Jesus Christ. For him to do with what he pleases. In any way that he pleases. And he did it in order to have his eternal purpose worked out.

Alright. By the way we lost the message on the eternal purpose. At least on video. Maybe we'll get it back someday. Maybe the Lord will give it back to us. This is amazing. Genesis 1 just makes...do a little better. That much time with heaven, and just shoot straight to earth. We don't know anything about the heavens. God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was.

I'm going to tell you the story. He created the heavens. He created the angels. He created the heavens. Then he created all of the earth, the visible heavens. That's what we see at night. And the sun we see, of course, in the daytime. And then there was a little space between Mars and Venus. Are we in between Mars and Venus? And then he created earth. And he didn't do much when he created earth. It just kind of sat there. And the Lord said, let there be light. Now, I'm not going to tell you anything new, but I'm going to cover this very slowly. The earth was very special to him. It was the last thing he created. And he placed it in the heavens. Of his great, sweeping creation, it was his last creation. That's not the last thing he's going to create. There'll be many things he creates on the earth, but there's no other creation anywhere else.

Now, if this is true, the Lord has spent one half of a day creating heaven and the heavens and the other heavens, and he hasn't yet formed the first heaven. He's formed the third heaven and the second heaven. He hasn't formed the first heaven yet. It's formed out of the work he does on earth. We have five and a half, we have one half of the day for everything but earth, and five and a half days of creation on earth. That's kind of amazing.

Now he comes straight to earth and then there is let. Let there be light and there was light.

And a long, long time ago, a gentleman by the name of McIntosh. You ever heard of this man? Let me tell you a little bit about him. He is called C.H.M. He was trying to be very modest. But he was C.H. McIntosh. And he wrote a book on Genesis, and he made the

observation that for there to be any kind of progress, there has to be light. For there to be any growth, there has to be light. And even though he has created much, at least on earth, there is no life until there is light. Brothers, the subject of light begins. And you have to understand as you trace it through the Old Testament, and I'll help you here. You'll find the light growing in the creation account. You'll find it again in the tabernacle. And in the temple. And then you'll find the great and real light coming to earth, in Bethlehem and Nazareth. And the light continues to grow. And as long as the light is growing, there will be higher things happening.

And brothers, let me see, what can I say? I found out about salvation. But when I found out new things the Lord himself showed me, salvation became more real. And when I began to learn things about Christ from others, Then Christ gave me light that I did not have that no man gave me. And that was my engine. That was the unction. That was the driving power of my life and still is. Light that is my own. Given to me bursting forth within me as revelation. That's got to happen to you to make the other things come alive. And that has to be married to, coupled with, it has to be joined to experience with Christ. Let there be light. It's sort of a command of God in every generation. Let there be light.

Let there be more light on the church. Let there be more light on Christ. Let there be more light on my eternal purpose. Let light break through in this generation. He is a progressing God. There will be no progress until there is more light. May our Lord give you brothers in this room, especially you Albanians, and you Romanians, may you be driven by the light, by the revelation. And that's what this whole thing is about here. A revealing of Christ. May the light burst in you. And you say, oh, wait a minute, I didn't get this in Debrecen. Wow, Gene didn't know this. Woo-hoo. Amen. Oh, this is great. This is wonderful. Let light burst forth in you.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and the Lord said, Let there be light. Your prayer? Here's a prayer. Lord, let there be light. And there will be light. Well, you know something? I want to read this. And God saw the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness he called night. And there was evening and morning, day one.

And so comes the first separation and it's separating light from darkness. A lot of people have made a lot of a lot out of the fact that there's darkness present here. I'm not going to touch that because I know something that perhaps they don't know. The psalmist said, Does anybody know what I'm about to quote here? Who's that? The psalmist. The one of the psalmists said concerning darkness, Lord, even darkness is light to you. All right. We even have a Psalm. Psalm 139. Lord, even darkness is light to you. And the darkness here has light to it, in that it has revelation to it. The more there is light, the more you will see what is light and what is not light. And after all, darkness is nothing but the absence of light.

Let me take that definition and go a little further. Is there darkness in America? Yes. But actually, in my country, there's simply the absence of light. Is Romania dark? Absolutely. You can feel the darkness when you go in. There are places in America I feel the darkness

when I go in. You can almost cut it. I was very interested to note the first time I was ever in Rome, I felt an oppression of darkness. And you know, a lot has changed in Rome, Italy since then. The gospel has been preached. There are Christians everywhere in that country. Then, there were none at all. I didn't have such a deep sense of darkness when I returned. I sensed a lot of darkness in certain places of the world. I don't want to name any of them. But that darkness can be dispelled by light.

I'm here to give light to you through Christ. I hope some non-light has been removed. Darkness being the absence of light. I hope there will come a day when without any encouragement from anyone, you will be driven by Christ. You will know that it is Christ you are to preach. You will know that it is Christ to speak, Christ to pray, Christ to just about almost everything, with a little practical things of help thrown in here. And even that is the Lord. And that there will be a removal of that which is not light. Take light to your country.

So he called the darkness night and he called the light day. And don't ever forget that there was night and an absence of darkness. Don't throw away the word darkness quickly, would you? Take that word through the scripture. It is not always negative. Sometimes it can be very positive. And I'm going to just stop here for a minute. In fact, I'm going to show you how much I'm going to stop because I'm going to talk to you a minute. I want you to listen, if you will, because this is important.

Does darkness belong to Satan? Or does it belong to God? Does darkness belong to Satan, or does darkness belong to God? Anybody going to? Okay, even the darkness did not exist before God. Amen. There was only the Lord and He was light. I'm going to say to you that the darkness belongs to God. I hope you will never get too tied up with the devil.

I was in a country recently the name of which I will not give in which I was talking to an American missionary and he would tell me of all the wonderful things that had happened and I'd say well how's that going now and he'd say oh the devil got into it and it's gone now then he'd tell me something else wonderful and well what but and he said well the devil got into it it's we're not doing that anymore and something else what's happening well the devil just couldn't stand that and ended it. Well you know that's really wonderful I would like to blame all my faults and all my failures and all my shortcomings and all my inabilities and all my sins and all my weaknesses on the devil, and it's not good for me to blame anything on the devil. I got two people to blame and there are no others One, I'm going to say this in French, c'est moi. I think you can interpret that - me - and the other person to blame is God and keep it on those two. Keep it off of God's people and keep it off the devil. But what if the devil does it, Gene wasn't really you just know this is the devil can't you just say the devil did that? No, because God is sovereign even over the devil. Darkness is in the hands of God.

Now I'm coming to a very simple point I hope your brothers don't forget this. Yes, brother. What was written in psalms 139 verse 12. Okay, amen, it is an instrument in his hand as

much as light is, and this is what I want to tell you, brothers, you're going to have some dark days. Pulu there will be days you're going to be so discouraged you're going to you're going to get on a bridge y'all got a river in Timișoara, no you're not in Timișoara, you got a bridge in your town you got a river, Moorish river, you're going to want to do the Moorish thing and jump off the bridge into the river. Daniel, there will be times that things will be so dark for you that you will hardly be able to breathe. You will not sleep, you will not eat, you will be pressed beyond your measure. Jonathan, there will be times when you will want to stop, everybody is against you, and maybe all revelation has ended and the light has gone out. Abel, everything is going to go the wrong way. The first thing that Abel will discover is Violetta is not as easy to get along with as he thought she would be and Violetta will find out that Abel is really a mess, and then the Christians are going to get on your case and then the missionaries and the pastors. You're going to pick up a Christian newspaper and there you are. Your name's not mentioned but it's you. And then the electricity is going to burn up your apartment, your car is going to break down, you're going to lose your job, you and Daniel will have a fight and become enemies. Let me see how black I can get this, and the doctor is going to tell you that you have some mysterious disease that he does not understand, and does not know what it is, but it may be terrible. I think that's as far as I can take it. Worst of all, it seems that God is no longer with you. Yes, just exactly like John Mark, who thought he was dying.

Now hear me very carefully. Those will be the days of your greatest spiritual growth. That will be the time of your greatest advance in Christ. It may last for a day a week a month or a year two years or three years or five years, but it is the darkness that causes us to grow, the darkness makes the light so bright. You can get some great big, huge insight into Christ, doesn't mean a whole lot, because you didn't pay for it with suffering. Boy, the night goes so long and it gets so deep and then one day the light breaks and oh how great is the light, and then there's progress, and you always remember the light, wow, but you forget that the darkness was the mother of light. You have to have dark times or you cannot grow. They're the same to him. Darkness is light to him, darkness is light to him.

Now I'm going to tell you something else I'm just going to tell you about corn. Strangest thing in the world that corn grows at night just like it grows in the daytime. Corn grows very, very fast in our country. You plant it, you watch it come up, you go to bed looking at it, the next morning you look and it's almost twice that high. It's still growing even in the night, I just didn't see it, and maybe even the corn did not know.

Now, let me tell you something, you've got to be hit with a lot of darkness so that darkness cannot hurt you. You survive a little darkness and you'll get some light you still survive a little darkness will prepare you to get hit by a little more darkness, that'll help you survive the next round of darkness, but one day you get hit by something so dark it's darker than dark and you know you cannot survive. And in some way in God's mercy you survive, and when you come out of that grave, you come out of that darkness, you turn around and say something, you say this, until they hit me with something darker than that, they can't touch me. You've got to get hit by something really, really dark - dark dark - when you've been hit

by the dark and you'll see others falling all around you and you're still standing and someone will wonder how are you still on your feet and you'll say because this is not as hard as some other things I've been through. All right, darkness and light are the same with thee, O Lord.

Now we come to the second day, and brother Tim would you give me some idea of how long I at some point let me know where I am in my time. And that was the end of the first day then God said let the expanse in the midst of the water be separated from the waters above and it happened and it was evening and morning the second day. This is the creation of the first heaven, it's the third one to be created, but we call it the first because it's the first one we see when you look up into the sky, you see the sky and then you can't see any more beyond the clouds if it's a cloudy day. That's heaven number one. On a clear day, you can see much further and at night you can see even further, you can see the second heaven. That's the one where all the stars and the moon and the comets are. Okay, now I'm going to inquire does that mean I have 30 left or I've gone 30? Okay thank you.

Now, my brothers and my sisters, it is really my task, but yours too, it's my task to show you the third heaven, in fact it's my task to get you to the third heaven. I hope before we leave here, before I leave here, you will have touched the third heaven, the one that cannot be seen. I hope so, maybe not, but I hope so, at least I'll point you in the general direction of the third heaven, that heaven which is unseen.

Day two is the record of the separating of waters below and waters above. By the way at this point the waters above are fresh water and the waters below are probably salt water. Now I heard something one time that if all the salt of all the planet were piled on the land mass, not on the ocean, but taken out of the ocean plus what's under the ocean, all the salt on this planet would, if you covered all the land mass, I hope you can understand this, not important if you can't, the salt would be 500 miles high on the land, that's a lot of salt and salt does two things, it kills and it preserves, and usually in scripture when you have salt water it speaks of death or darkness, and fresh water speaks of life and light. I'm just telling you that so you'll know.

Now we're going to come to the third day, and on the third day God said let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and so the Lord made the Pacific and the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean and lo and behold something appeared that had not existed that no one knew about before. The angels, by the way, do exist by now, so they all go wow, there was something under all that death and the land appears and then God did some more. God called the land earth and he gathered the waters into one place so it was good, and then God said let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding after their kind, and we have all the trees and everything else, and he saw it was good.

I'm just going to talk about two little things here, two things, not little. I left this out of your list. I did it deliberately, but I want to add it now. Would you put on your list item number sixty one. The first day and the third day. Now you already have rest and the Sabbath, but I want to give you the first day and the third day. You'll have so much fun going through the

Old Testament looking at the third day. So many things happen on the third day, it's amazing. And the third day is also in the New Testament. The first day is a day of beginning, always, first day is day of new things, new beginnings, trace it through the scripture, you will really enjoy it. I hope you all create your own chain, and I'll say again to you when you get to the New Testament, I hope you can read Matthew Mark Luke and John all together as one, so you won't get tired and you'll write out in the margin the things that you see that began in Genesis 1,2, and 3, you'll trace it all the way through, and then when you get to the book of Acts, keep going, but when you get to Acts, what's the very first one, we need to know that reference, a certain place in Acts, 15:35, you'll stop and read Galatians, read Galatians and continue making your little marks in the margin. By the way, dear Romanians and Albanians, can you get a Bible or even a New Testament in your language that has some space on the sides? Is there such a Bible? No, you do not have it, it all goes right out to the edge. Not much. If ever there is printed in your language one with a wide margin, get it. Do any of you read from the English Bible, or do you stay with your own mother tongue? You read in English. Well perhaps you read English, there are two of us here, perhaps you should try to find a Bible with a wide margin or at least a New Testament and the rest of you I can tell you how you do it. This is a secret that was taught to me long ago. Don't write it this way, I'll show you. Those of you who have your Bibles out there, you'll learn something here. It is my tendency and yours to write like that. Well, I'll show you another way to do it, it gives you more space. Take you a pen, draw you a line like that and then you have room to write, but this is where you're making your point, right there you have room this way, it helps a little let it angle, if you don't have a wide margin. For that you don't owe me a thousand dollars, you me fifty dollars.

All right, the first day is a day of beginning, and the third day is always a day of resurrection. Now, what rose on the third day? Something rose on the third day. This is the first third day ever to exist. Tell me what rose on the third day. Something rose before there could be plant life. The land rose up out of the waters. Those of you who are going to trace the land, this is where it begins, right here. You make your little margin, and you say land, and Satan and the Lord will vie, have a conflict, over the land from the beginning to the end. By the way, Jesus wins, but it goes back and forth back and forth back and forth back and forth, there's always a battle for the land. There is a time when Satan has it all, Aod calls forth Abraham and says take a little of it, and take that little piece of land just to show Satan he doesn't have it all. And that principle still exists today. Satan has the world. Jonathan, go plant a church on Christ and show the devil he doesn't have it all. Christ is the land, the real land, and the church is planted on Christ and in Christ and she's here to show the devil he doesn't have it all.

There's something very terrifying to me. I hope you'll be impressed with this. I read, or perhaps someone else read it and told me about it, I'm just going to say I read it that some anthropologist made the observation that by the end of the 20th century, tribal life would have ceased to exist. Do you know what tribal life is? Life of a tribe? Now, tribal life is the one thing on this planet that is not organized. It really is organic to our nature to be tribal. It

is, and civilization prevents tribal life. I have seen tribal life. I led a tribe of Christians out of the jungles of Laos, 4,500, actually I got 29, they got the rest. There was a legend that there was a Christian tribe in the jungles, that had been led to Christ 50 or 100 years before, and word was that they were trying to get to across the river into Thailand, because they were being pursued by the Viet Kong and the Lao Kong and even the Thai Kong, and I went into the jungle to find them. I found them just as they came over the border, they came over the border before I found them. I met with them and they had a tribal meeting. Now they all had, the men mostly wore ordinary clothes, the women wore clothes like nothing you've ever seen, and they met in a circle just like the American Indian used to meet, you know, and they all sat down and they discussed a proposal I made to them, and the little children were there, and I have to tell you a little of the story. The children would make a little noise and the parents would not speak to them and they would not touch them, they would go, and the child would get quiet. You try that with your kids.

I watched them playing in the jungles, I watched their lives, they all live together, when they came in they just camped in one spot, there were thousands of refugees but there was a Christian gathering right there, and they talked for hours while they sat there on the ground, each person gave their opinion, many asked questions, and I looked at that and said church life, I looked at that and said body life, I looked at that and said that's a brother's meeting, and after a long time Juyi, that was his name, stood up and told me what the tribe had decided. Now Juyi would have broken any, if there was some that said yes and some said no, it was up to Juyi to make the final decision, but there was in this case unity, unanimity, unity, and they said yes to me, and the yes by the way was for PaoSong to go with me to Bangkok, Thailand, and try to get him a visa to the United States, which could not be done. We did it anyway by the power of god with a church praying against the world and Satan's rule. I saw a tribe, it's the only time I've ever seen one, and there was very little difference between tribal life and church life except Christ is present, but in their case they had them both, they had the tribe, and they had the church. Today they live in America, they only have the church, they don't have the tribe anymore, but that's okay they've got the church, they run it the same way.

Do you realize that the anthropologists are correct, and if by the end of this century there are no tribes left on the earth and everybody has been pressed into civilization, there is no witness to the way man originally lived unless there is the witness of the church. That's tribal life, and I'm going to tell you something else, church life is at one of the lowest points in history. There is about as little church life on this earth as there has ever been. I'm telling you the truth I speak now as one who knows history, I'm not talking to you as one who likes to talk about negative things. You have heard the story right here of the church outside the organized church and it was huge and there were princes and kings who went and fought battles with them and there were thousands of them, today most people don't even know there is a Christian faith outside the organized church. It concerns me. I've always taken great relief and joy in knowing that Nepal had church life, hundreds and hundreds of Christians in tribes in the church, ecclesia tribes in Nepal, but an organization the name of

which I will not give, an organization went to Nepal and bought the Christian workers, and everybody is sitting in pews facing a pulpit, being preached to because of the power of money, and as I said, I will not tell you the name of that organization, but they swept the church almost off the face of the earth in that country. An organization replacing the body of Christ, and as I said, I will not tell you the name of that organization, but at least one of you have been a member of that organization at some time or other. I don't like that. That's one of those few things that can really make me angry and I'm upset about what happened in Nepal and I'm upset about what's happening in some other country, I can't remember the name of it right now, what's the name of that country I can't remember.

Anyway, what is my point. We need church life, but how did I get off on this, huh? it wasn't the third day it was the land we need to show the powers and principalities that he doesn't have it all. It may be close, but he doesn't have it all and maybe what's happening in this room is a little more important than we realize. I have no fear that it will be, the church will be snuffed out and the tribal life will end, but sometimes I get just a little scared, not afraid, but just a little nervous. Lord, are you looking are you taking note that church life has almost vanished from the earth, and perhaps the Lord is saying, Gene it almost vanished two or three times. Be at peace, to which I say okay Lord, but just before I die or before I die would you give me just a little reassurance, please. We need to return to community, to tribal life, when everybody gets together, they don't even know what's going on, it's so natural. Tribal life is innate to us. Civilization is not innate to us civilization, is not a happy thing civilization is not a happy thing. You watched your own nation get so organized that it destroyed it. When I walk in and I have to get a receipt for this and I take it to this window and another receipt and fill out another sheet of paper and take it over here and I get out another sheet of paper and I go over there and finally they let me buy what I want or they give me what I need in the way of a passport, and I've spent half a day a victim of civilization, you have to come across the border and pay for gasoline you did not buy and did not use? That's a good look at civilization.

The land. Now we're going to close by taking just a moment's look at light. Life. What kind of life is there, and you want to you want to you want to put a little line out there and say the first life ever to be known on the planet earth and what on earth is? It's grass. Why so small, and the answer is there's not enough light to get bigger life than that. We'll watch for the fourth day. I'll come back and talk with you later about the vegetables, but I need some more life before I can explain to you the vegetables. Just want you to look at the vegetable waving back and forth like this he's blowing in the wind, what does he know? And a tree grows up beside him, what does he know? He doesn't know anything, he has no consciousness whatsoever. Now they tell me a tree may have a little bit of consciousness, I don't know if that's true or not, but we got grass and we got trees. They have seed in them and they grow after their kind, but they're just blowing in the wind they have no consciousness whatsoever.

Now just a word or two. I understand that astronomy and studying the big bang, the theory of the creation of creation, the big bang was an explosion and it's one greatest feature was light. Light went out before heat did, light spewed out before energy, it was light a great burst

of general light and I think we're seeing here a record of that. This is not the light of the sun, this is a great general light that is spread everywhere, and it is able to produce grass that is unconscious and trees that are unconscious. Now the grass is a picture of Christ, so you could start off with another line right there and put wheat or grain. That's the beginning of another picture of your Lord and his purpose. And light and third day and now even life and those little grasses are pictures of Christ. They have a, they preach the gospel when they come up out of the earth. First the earth rose, and after that the earth was able to produce life and seed, and Jesus Christ rose out of the earth and out of death and he was able to bring forth seed and life.

The story is here. I want to, just before I fade, please remember the universe has its story hidden in it, and please remember that Genesis 1 and 2 are filled with a mystery that no one knew. Genesis 1 and 2 gives us a trail of the mystery, gives us a hint of the mystery, a fingerprint of the mystery, but Genesis does not know what you know. You've had nine messages on what happened before creation, and when the Lord said "Let", Christ and the father's work before creation and what they did disappear. They're forgotten, because they were never known. It is a secret to the trial in God.

As you open Genesis 1 and Genesis 2, you do not see Jesus Christ. He's not there. There's an account, but you and I are looking at the fingerprint. Yesterday I read in the paper that they have found more evidence of the big bang they have found its echo, a rippling echo, still the sound of the boom. Well, this is what Genesis 1 and 2 is, it's got an echo of the mystery. There is a great secret hidden, hidden before "Let" and will not be revealed until Paul comes forth and declares the mystery. And he is a steward of that mystery, and he declares that mystery to you heathen, uncircumcised heathen, and it is hidden until then. We are looking at the echo. We are looking at the shadow. We're looking at, like a detective, something happened here. What was it? Before we got here, something happened. What was it? Remember that we are stewards of this mystery, so that's why we're looking at Genesis 1 and 2, it is the one place you can go where there is no sin and the echoes of the mystery are echoing, so stay with me as we look at the echoes of the mystery, but always remember that the father and the son knew what was going on when this was all taking place, and they left the fingerprints of light and water and land, and vegetables, that are a shadow of Him who will be revealed.

So, we are looking at a revealing of our Lord this morning in Genesis 1, the first verses.

Brothers, sisters, Let there be light.