

## The Creator's Origin of Life - 7

Psalm 104 continues to comment on the works of God at the beginning. Speaking of the fourth day of creation, “God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good” - Genesis 1:16. And so the comment in Psalm 104:19 “He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down. 20 You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.”

The Hebrew word in Genesis 1:16 which is translated “made” (Heb., `asah) is the same as that rendered “appointed” in Psalm 104:19. The set times, the feasts of the Lord, were all determined by the moon. Their year was lunar not solar. Yet there was a wonderful harmony, for sun and moon together played their part: “The sun knows its going down. 20 You make darkness, and it is night,” (verses 19,20).

Just as “evening and morning” measured the length of the day, so the moon is mentioned first and the sunset brings the night with all its creatures that live their busy lives under the cloud of darkness (verses 20,21). The sun rises and the beasts return to their dens, and man goes forth to his daily toil until the evening comes again - 21 “The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God. 22 When the sun arises, they gather together And lie down in their dens. 23 Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.”

On the fifth day of creation “God said, ‘Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.’ 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth’.” - Genesis 1:20.

Psalm 104:24 exclaims, “O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions.” The thought behind the word translated “possessions” is that of a prosperous and rightful ownership. The meaning can be seen in the words of Abraham in Genesis 14:19 concerning the Most High God, “possessor of heaven and earth”. It is perfectly true that they are His possessions, because they are a result of His design, His work and His resources.

Psalms 104:25 “This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. 26 There the ships sail about; And there is that Leviathan which You have made to play there.” We recently saw a BBC production on life in the seas, narrated by David Attenborough. It was made clear how true is this Psalm concerning the “innumerable teeming things”. Yet mankind, in competition with each other, has utilized his modern technology to literally wipe entire sections of the sea clear of all useful sea life, and there is the appeal for the nations to work together towards sustainable harvesting of the oceans. It appears from the limited success of this appeal, that only the universal government of Jesus Christ will be able to “destroy them who destroy the earth.”