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# **The Importance of the Six-Day Creation**

# What The Bible Actually Says



- **1** In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth...
- **27** God **created** man in His own image, in the image of God He **created** him; male and female He **created** them.
- **31** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was **evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**
- **2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were **completed**, and all their hosts.



An aerial photograph of a coastline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and the sky. The clouds are dark and textured, and the land is visible in the distance.

# What The Bible Actually Means

- Little to no dispute about what the Bible *says*.
- The question is about *meaning*.
- Literal or Metaphorical?

# Two Interpretive Tracks

## #1 Theological

- Allegorical
- Spiritualization
- Genre
- Trajectory/Postmodern/Cultural
- Complementary/Canonical
- Dogmatic

## #2 Literal Grammatical Historical



# What the Bible Means Matters


- The James 2:10  
Principle





# **What the Bible Means Matters**

- **The Bible connects God's creative work to many other important aspects.**

An aerial photograph of a vast, textured landscape, possibly a desert or a large-scale agricultural field, under a clear blue sky with wispy clouds. The terrain is covered in a dense, repeating pattern of small, rounded shapes, creating a complex, undulating surface. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows that emphasize the three-dimensional quality of the terrain. The sky transitions from a pale blue near the horizon to a deeper blue at the top.

# **The Knowability of God**

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**Romans 1:18-20**





# **The Trustworthiness of God**

- **Isaiah 42:5-6 – guarding**
- **Amos 4:13 – revealing**
- **Ephesians 3:9 – revealing**
- **Revelation 10:5-7 – orchestrating**



# God's Administration and Sovereignty

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- **Genesis 6:7** – authority to judge
- **Psalm 89:11-12** – possession
- **Psalm 148:1-5** – worthiness
- **Isaiah 40:25-26** – personal care
- **Isaiah 43:7** – doxological purpose
- **Isaiah 45:7** – sovereign over good and evil
- **Revelation 4:11** – worthiness





# **The Identity of Jesus**

- **Luke 3:38 – qualification as a substitute**
- **John 1:1-5 – God, mediator**
- **Colossians 1:15-17 – creator, sovereign and sustainer**





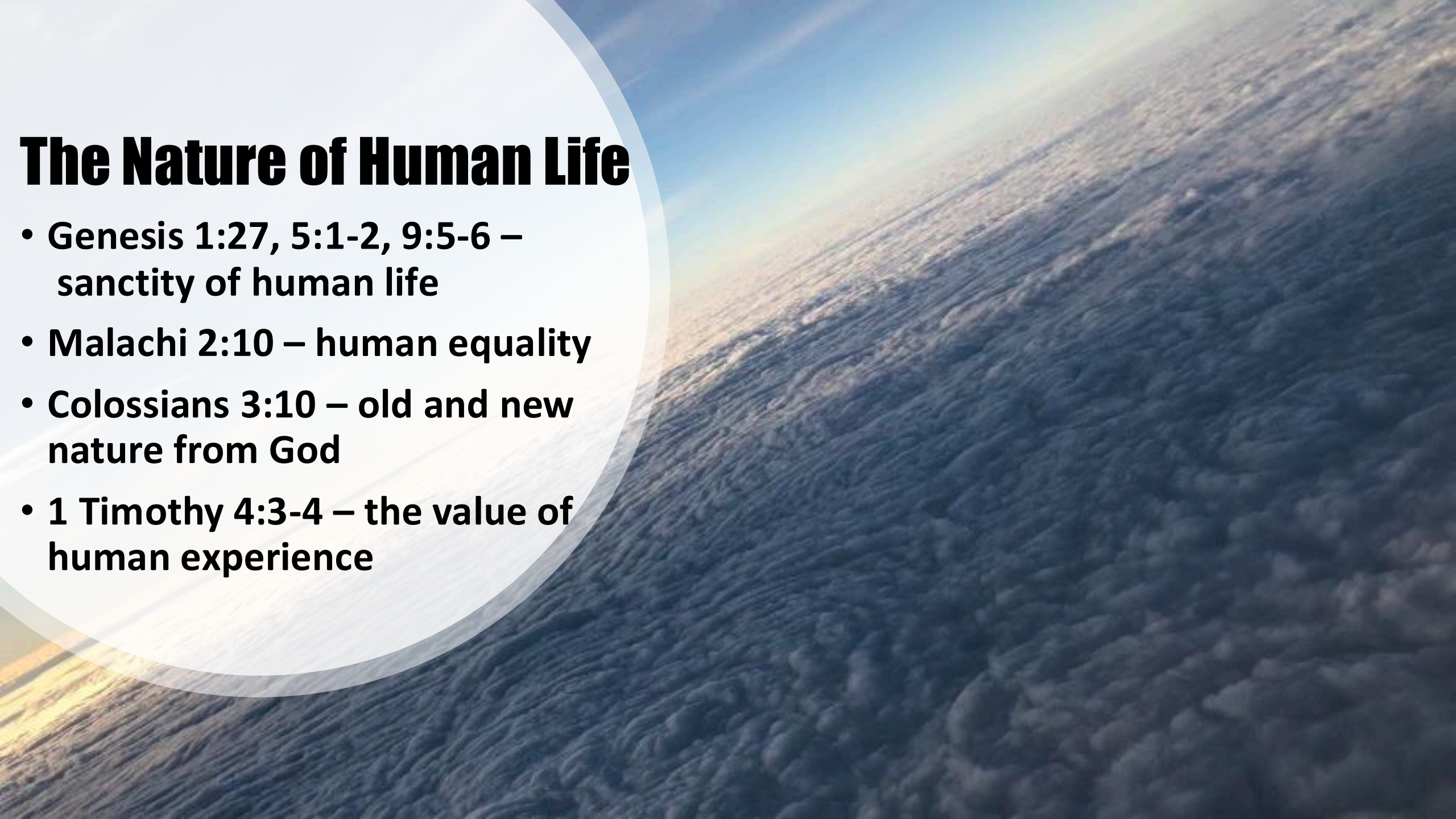
# **The Origin of Satan**

- **Genesis 3:1 – created**
- **Ezekiel 28:13-15 – a created angel**
- **Revelation 12:9 – the serpent of old**



# **The Nature of Human Life**

- **Genesis 1:27, 5:1-2, 9:5-6 – sanctity of human life**
- **Malachi 2:10 – human equality**
- **Colossians 3:10 – old and new nature from God**
- **1 Timothy 4:3-4 – the value of human experience**





An aerial photograph showing a vast, textured landscape, possibly a large body of water or a field of low-lying vegetation, under a clear blue sky with wispy clouds. The horizon line is visible, separating the textured ground from the sky.

# **Gender Identity and Sexual Design**

- **Genesis 1:27, 2:18-25**
- **Matthew 19:4**
- **Romans 1:24-28**
- **1 Timothy 2:13-14**



# **The Need for and Provision of Salvation**

- **Romans 5:8-15 – sin through Adam, salvation through Jesus**
- **1 Corinthians 15:22,45 – Adam died, Jesus brought life**



# God's Future Plans

- **Isaiah 45:11-12** – things to come
- **Isaiah 65:17-18** – new heavens and new earth
- **Hebrews 12:25-29** – the kingdom



# **Human Accountability**

- Ecclesiastes 12:1-6 – remember your Creator
- Revelation 22:13 – He is coming again to reward, to judge





# What the Bible Means Matters!

If we can't trust the statements about timing, then the other statements are untrustworthy also.

**28** Implications...

# If God didn't create in six days, then...

- 1. We can't really know God (Rom 1:18-20)
- 2. God isn't a trustworthy guardian (Is 42:5-6)
- 3. We can't trust God to reveal truth (Amos 4:13, Eph 3:9)
- 4. We can't trust that He is orchestrating anything (Rev 10:5-7)
- 5. God doesn't have authority to judge (Gen 6:7)
- 6. He doesn't possess the universe (Ps 89:11-12)
- 7. He isn't worthy of praise (Ps 148:1-5, Rev 4:11)
- 8. We can't trust Him to care (Is 40:25-26)



# If God didn't create in six days, then...

- 9. The universe has no revealed purpose (Is 43:7)
- 10. There is no discernible good and evil (Is 45:7)
- 11. Jesus doesn't have any qualification to save (Lk 3:38)
- 12. Jesus doesn't have any power to save (Jn 1:1-5)
- 13. Jesus isn't God (Col 1:15-17)
- 14. Satan is a fiction (Gen 3:1, Ezek 28:13-15, Rev 12:9)
- 15. Human life has no inherent value, and is not sacred (Gen 1:27,5:1-2, 9:5-6)
- 16. Humanity has no equality (Mal 2:10)
- 17. There is no new nature (Col 3:10)

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- 18. Human experience has no discernible value (1 Tim 4:3-4)
- 19. There is no gender identity, and no design for sexuality (Gen 1:27, 2:18-25, 1 Tim 2:13-14)
- 20. Marriage is irrelevant (Gen 2:18-25, Mt 19:4)
- 21. Sex and sexuality is irrelevant (Rom 1:24-28)
- 22. There was no original sin, and death is not a consequence of sin (Rom 5:8-15, 1 Cor 15:22, 45)
- 23. There is no provision of life, because there is no Savior (Rom 5:8-15, 1 Cor 15:22,45)



# If God didn't create in six days, then...

- 24. We can't know the future (Is 45:11-12)
- 25. There will not be a new heavens and new earth (Is 65:17-18)
- 26. We aren't part of any coming kingdom, because there isn't one (Heb 12:25-29)
- 27. We aren't accountable to a Creator, because there isn't one (Ecc 12:1-6)
- 28. There is no reward, no future life, and no meaning, because Jesus isn't coming (Rev 22:13).



**What  
actually  
*does matter*  
if God **didn't**  
create in six  
days???**