

Adult Bible Study 2024
Week One Notes
7/21/Sunday
Genesis 1 - Creation | The Temple | Experience vs. Explanation

Covenant: a kinship bond established by an oath
Tohu (Hb.) = Formlessness
Wabohu (Hb.) = void

Modernity wants to explain creation. Rather, we should be EXPERIENCING creation.
Gen 1:1 "In the beginning"... It's liturgical | it's a hymn of praise to draw us into the beauty of God

3 Elements of Chaos (Gen 1:2). That which man cannot live.
Darkness
Watery Deep
Formless Earth

God creates boundaries and separation to bring order out of the chaos

Walls | Boundaries to darkness and light Day 1
Roof | a Vault over the watery deep Day 2
Creation in formless void | Floor Day 2
Creation in the first 3 days = a TEMPLE = worship of the God

Fill the void with sun, moon, stars. All these are inanimate creation. Pagans worship inanimate objects

Read the literal Day 1-3, experience the spiritual and metaphysical being the order of the rulers of Light and darkness being sun and moon, rulers of the roof and the floor being the birds and the fish, rulers of the floor being the creeping things

Light of God is unfathomable. God communicates Himself through creation.

A day is a period of time. He creates. He appreciates.

Animate creatures (fish, birds, cattle, Man) have a hierarchy. There is superiority to it all.

Dominion means that there is an ordered relationship and the humans give their hymn of praise to God by participating in His order on earth.

Form & Matter : rocks
Census: Animals
Soul: Angels
Man participates with all of creation by sharing in a way with these parts of creation
If we understand Form and Meaning, we can understand Sacred Scripture