Honor of Kings Day 4 (9-29-25)

Genesis Outline (Days 1-6 & Sabbath)

7) Day 1 — Light (Gen 1:3-5)

- "Let there be light" "Light Be" and Light was First direct quote of God
- A few Notes on modern science can "divide the light" (spectrum, infrared/ultraviolet; also analogizes light/color/sound as frequencies)
- **Evening/morning, first day**: day/night discernible though still fog-shrouded [33:14–33:19; 33:24–33:36].
- Light particles/waves Speed of light now proven not to be constant Quanta formulas of sub atomic particles yield Light + information If reversed it would demonstrate light + information = reality/creation.

8) Day 2 — Firmament & waters above/below (Gen 1:6-8)

- Raqia = limitless expanse/space; waters divided above/below → atmosphere and a water canopy aloft [33:41-34:23].
- Canopy effects proposed: globally mild climate, no violent storms, explains mammoths with tropical vegetation in Siberia and forests under Antarctic ice
- Radiation shielding: canopy + stronger magnetic field + ozone reduce cosmic radiation → very long pre-Flood lifespans; dramatic drop post-Flood when canopy collapses
- https://biblicalscienceinstitute.com/astronomy/new-james-webb-space-telescope-observations-challenge-the-big-bang/
- Entropy all things degrade
 - All sciences agree on this except one... lol Biology tries to tell us something came from nothing meanwhile
 - No evidence of fossil creation today (since the Flood in the time of noah)
 - All things biodegrade
 - Our cell structure battles constant decay
 - Generational evolution proves degradation in the genomes
 - Pre Flood protectant layer of ocean above filtered UV rays and gamma radiation enabling Larger stronger longer life cycles (up to 900 yrs)

- Species of dragon fly as large as Eagles
- Compartmentalized science serves the objectices of Satan to decieve man into believing it's Science vs God when really it all God's Science
 - Subdue it

Teaching Aim

- Trace God's ordering (separations, naming) and filling (life and purpose) of creation.
- Emphasize the repeated phrase "after their kind" and its theological meaning.
- Unpack the Imago Dei (image/likeness), human vocation (dominion, fruitfulness), and original provision.
- Conclude with the Sabbath as God's blessing and separation of time.

Structure at a Glance

- Day 3 (1:9-13) Land/Seas; Plants "after their kind"
- Day 4 (1:14-19) Light-bearers (sun, moon, stars) for signs/seasons/days/years
- Day 5 (1:20-23) Sea creatures and Birds; Blessing to multiply
- Day 6 (1:24-31) Land animals; Imago Dei; Human vocation; Original diet; "Very good"
- Sabbath (2:1-3) God rests; Day set apart (sanctified)

Optional Excursus: "Kinds," design & variety; discussion of calendars and 'gap/re-creation' reading as presented in the sermon.

Genesis 1:9-13

Day 3

Text Moves

- Waters gathered → seas; dry land appears → earth (naming = authority/purpose).
- 2. Earth brings forth **vegetation**: grass, seed-bearing herbs, fruit trees **"after their kind"** (seed in itself).

Key Terms

• **"After their kind"** (לְמִינֵהוּ leminēhu) — patterned reproduction within God-set boundaries.

Sermon Illustrations (from transcript)

- Diverse seed dispersal strategies: winged pine seeds, explosive pods, hooked/clinging burrs, quick-drying glues, wind-parachutes, fruit eaten and dispersed, coconut's waterproof husk traversing seas (propagation design).
- Photosynthesis: leaves converting sunlight to energy—wisdom woven into creation.

Theological Emphasis

- God orders a habitable world then fills it with self-propagating life.
- "After their kind" underscores **stability with variety** under God's sovereignty.

Cross-References

- Ps 104:14–24 (God causes grass to grow... manifold are Your works!)
- Ps 19:1-4 (creation's speech)

Application

• Receive creation as **gift** and **witness** to God's wisdom; steward local ecosystems (gardens, land use) with gratitude and restraint.

Day 4 — Genesis 1:14-19

Text Moves

- God appoints **light-holders** (מְאֹרֹת *me'orot*) in the firmament: sun (greater light), moon (lesser light), and **stars**.
- Functions: signs, seasons, days, years; to rule day/night; to give light on earth.

Notes from the Sermon

- Distinguishes light (אוֹר 'or) from light-holder מָאוֹר 'ma'or).
- Within a re-creation (gap) framework, Day 4 may describe **visibility/appointment** of luminaries (cloud/fog removed) rather than their first absolute existence.

Theological Emphasis

• God orders **time** itself; the cosmos serves human rhythms under God's rule.

Cross-References

• Ps 136:7-9; Jer 31:35 (sun, moon as ordinances)

Application

 Order your days by God's lights and seasons: practice holy rhythms (Sabbath, festivals, daily prayer).

Day 5 — Genesis 1:20-23

Text Moves

- Waters **teem** with living creatures; birds fill the expanse.
- God creates great sea creatures and every winged bird after their kind.
- Blessing: "Be fruitful and multiply."

Sermon Illustrations

- **Teeming life** in oceans; snorkeling scenes; astonishing variety and coloration.
- Bird migration (Hawaii → Aleutians): instinct, navigation, "micro-systems" reflecting divine wisdom.

Theological Emphasis

• God delights in **abundance and variety**; life is blessed to **multiply** under His care.

Cross-References

- Job 38–41 (God's questions about creatures)
- Matt 6:26 (your Father feeds the birds)

Application

 Rejoice in creation's diversity; cultivate wonder (nature walks, field guides) as spiritual practice.

Day 6 - Genesis 1:24-31

Text Moves

- 1. Land animals: livestock, creeping things, beasts—each after their kind.
- 2. Imago Dei: "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." Male and female.
- 3. Vocation: Have dominion; be fruitful; fill and subdue the earth.
- 4. **Provision**: Plants/fruit given for food to humans and animals (originally **non-carnivorous** order in the sermon's reading).
- 5. Evaluation: "Very good."

Key Doctrines

- Imago Dei (Image/Likeness): humans reflect God's nature in personhood, relationality, rational/moral agency, and especially self-determination (capacity to choose).
- Triune Hints: plural Elohim; God speaks; Spirit present; Word active (cf. Jn 1:1-3)
 → intra-divine counsel "Let Us...".
- **Human Calling**: **Steward-rule** (not exploit): cultivate, guard, name, and develop culture under God.

Cross-References

• Gen 2:15 (tend and keep); Ps 8 (crowned with glory and honor); Jn 1:1–3; Col 1:16–17; 2 Cor 4:4–6.

Sermon Emphases & Illustrations

- **Freedom of choice**: genuine alternatives; God respects human choices yet lovingly seeks to **influence** them.
- Love as chief emotional attribute reflected in us: capacity to give/receive love.
- Against graven images: God resists being reduced to a form; worship in spirit and truth.

Application

- Embrace your vocation: image-bearer with boundaries—rule like God rules (for others' good).
- Practice **responsible dominion**: creation care, ethical technology, justice for

- creatures/people affected by our choices.
- **Discernment in images**: avoid shrinking God to manageable idols (literal or ideological).

Sabbath — Genesis 2:1-3

Text Moves

- Heavens and earth **finished**; God **rested/ceased** from **creative** work on Day 7.
- God blessed and sanctified the seventh day (set apart).

Theological Emphasis

- Sabbath marks completion, blessing, and holy time.
- Purpose (per sermon): a day for **acknowledging the Creator**—rest that remembers.

Cross-References

• Exod 20:8–11; 31:13–17 (sign/covenant); Lev 25 (sabbatical year); Heb 4:9–11 (sabbath-rest in Christ).

Application

 Practice weekly rest as worship; set rhythms (work 6 / rest 1) that honor God and heal the soul.

Optional Excursus & Leader Notes

1) "After Their Kind" & Variety

 Stability with diversity: boundaries of reproduction; sermon marvels at built-in design (seeds, animals, snowflakes, faces). Use as doxology, not as a weaponized argument.

2) Calendars & Year Length

 Sermon references ancient 360-day calendars and speculates on orbital change; frames as interesting, not dogmatic. If mentioned, clarify as a model some hold, not a biblical requirement.

3) Gap/Re-Creation Reading

 Day 4 visibility of luminaries and evening/morning before Day 4 are used to support a re-creation reading in the sermon. Present charitably alongside other orthodox readings.

4) Original Diet

• Sermon notes a pre-Fall vegetarian order (vv. 29–30). Discuss humbly; note later biblical developments (Gen 9:3; Rom 14).

Caution

• Several scientific claims (canopy hypothesis, migration mechanics, orbital change) are **debated**. Present as illustrations of wonder, not as tests of faith.

Suggested Teaching Flow (35-45 min)

- 1. **Read 1:9–2:3** (2 min)
- 2. **Day 3** Land/Seas; Plants after their kind (8–10 min)
- 3. **Day 4** Light-bearers; timekeeping; rhythms (6-7 min)
- 4. **Day 5** Sea/Birds; blessing to multiply; wonder (6–7 min)
- 5. **Day 6** Land animals; **Imago Dei**; vocation; provision; very good (10–12 min)
- 6. **Sabbath** Rest, blessing, sanctification (3–4 min)
- 7. **Response** Prayer of dedication to image-bearing stewardship and sabbath trust (2–3 min)

Small-Group / Reflection Prompts

- 1. Where have you recently seen creation's design and variety invite you to worship?
- 2. What does "after their kind" suggest about God's wisdom and our approach to bioethics/ecology?
- 3. In your week, what would **responsible dominion** look like (workplace, home, neighborhood)?
- 4. How will you sanctify a weekly day of rest to acknowledge the Creator?

Memory Verses / Takeaways

- Gen 1:27 "So God created man in His own image..."
- Gen 2:3 "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it..."
- Ps 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God..."