

Generations Remade

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God's goodness and compassion are evident in His creation and response to catastrophes, even when humanity fails.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2, Genesis 1:31, Isaiah 14:11-15, Ezekiel 28:13-18

Topics: "Creation", "Redemption"

Description

K.P. Yohannan explores the theme of creation and the fall, emphasizing that everything God created was initially good, but something went wrong, leading to a state of formlessness and darkness. He highlights the transition from God's perfect creation to the chaos that ensued, possibly due to Lucifer's pride. Despite this catastrophe, God's compassionate nature is revealed as He refashioned the earth, declaring it 'very good' once more. The sermon also touches on the fall of humanity, illustrating how even in failure, God's plan for redemption remains intact.

Transcript

It began with Creation.

Because God is good and everything He does is good, we can safely assume that all He creates is good. So in the beginning when God created heaven and earth, they were good.

Then something went wrong.

Between Genesis 1:1, when out of His goodness God created the heavens and the earth, and Genesis 1:2, something happened. We are informed that what was created became "formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep" (Genesis 1:2).

The Hebrew word used in verse 1 for created is bara, literally meaning just that--creating something out of nothing. However, in verse 2, the Hebrew word describing the earth being formless, empty and covered in darkness is haya, which means to become, to happen, to occur.

What does this tell us? In the beginning what was made good apparently became bad. How? Numbers of theologians believe this is when the angel Lucifer fell because of his pride (see Isaiah 14:11-15; Ezekiel 28:13-18).

From the beginning of time, however, we see the marvelous, compassionate way that God responds to catastrophes. After realizing that what He created was now covered with darkness, God didn't decide to just abandon it. No. He refashioned this planet that had lost its original beauty.

When this was done, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31, emphasis mine). Now if God who is perfect thinks something is very good, it is very good. In fact, His new earth became the home for His Son's bride. It was definitely not a second best place.

Not long after the introduction of the first man and woman, another great failure occurred. These human beings formed from the clay of the earth by God's own hands, made in His own image, fell prey to the deceiver, and Paradise was lost.

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