**COUNTER**

Message #1 “The Fingerprints of God”

Genesis 1

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*“If every instinct you have is wrong, then the opposite would have to be right."*

Jerry Seinfeld to George Costanza on “Seinfeld”, episode “The Opposite”

*Matt. 6:33-34 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

*Luke 18:27 "What is impossible with men is possible with God."*

*“In the beginning God created...”*

**GOD’S CREATIVE WORK**

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**#1. HE PUSHES ASIDE THE DARKNESS.** (Gen. 1:3-4)

*“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.”*

**#2. HE TAKES THE FORMLESS AND EMPTY OF MEANING AND GIVES MEANING AND PURPOSE.** (Gen. 1:2-6-8, 9-10)

*“Now the earth was formless and empty (VOID), darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters… 6 And God said, ‘Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.’ 7 So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it… And God said, ‘Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.’ And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground ‘land,’ and the gathered waters He called ‘seas.’ And God saw that it was good.”*

**#3.HE CREATES WHERE THERE IS NOTHING.** (Gen. 1:11-13, 20-28)

*“Then God said, ‘Let the land produce vegetation’… God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems… And God said, ‘Let the land produce living creatures’… 26 Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image’…* *God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”*

**Why is this passage so important… BIG DEAL**

1. It deals with our PERSPECTIVE of God.
2. It defines the POWER of God.
3. It declares the PROMISES of God.
4. It delineates the PURPOSES of God.

*Eph. 2:8-10 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, (HIS MASTERPIECE ON DISPLAY)**created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

“Our lives are the canopy upon which the Universe Builder works, builds and creates for His glory.” Pastor Phil

*Gen. 1:1-2 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth… and* ***the Spirit of God was hovering*** *over the waters.”*