

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—assisted living
- ♦ Donna Parrish—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Ray—physical therapy in Pensacola
- ♦ Jim Ward—Surgery April 8; fell and cracked a rib

### Others in Need

- ♦ Rhonda Compton—back pain
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Viem Do—in hospital after surgery on stomach
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Patty Ryan—cancer spread
- ♦ Donato Velasquez—health

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issues

- ♦ Randall Ward—cancer found
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Christians overseas
- ♦ Pray also for government leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, and our enemies.

## Events



February 13

*Men's Meeting*

March

*Faith and Fellowship*

May 1-5

*Gospel Meeting preached by men of this congregation*

**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

## To Our Visitors

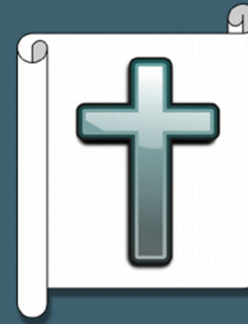


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—David Howze  
**Song Leading**—Sunday—Mark Howze; Wednesday—Leo Derrick  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: David Howze  
 Helper: Josh Lawson  
**Scripture Reading**—Johnny Moss



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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## Meeting Times

**Sundays:**

10AM Bible Class  
 11AM Worship  
 6PM Worship

**Wednesdays:**

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## Is the Language of Genesis 1 Literal?

By Roger Campbell

Bible students understand that some Bible statements need to be taken literally, while others are figurative (not literal). For instance, Jesus was a literal carpenter (Mark 6:3). However, He was a symbolic Lamb (John 1:29), not a literal one.

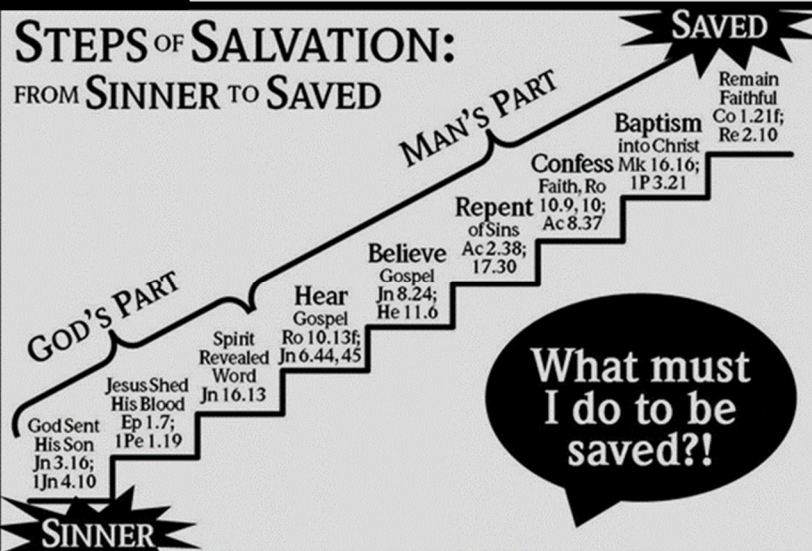
What about the message of Genesis chapter one? Is it literal language, including the idea that the days noted were literal days as we know them, or is it figurative language?

Consider this: in the Bible's opening chapter, about ten times we read the words "God said." Are such statements by Him true or false? They absolutely are true. It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18), so when the Bible says God said something, it is one hundred per cent accurate.

When you and I read Genesis 1, we learn what

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."  
(Romans 6:17).



"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

happened. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (1:1). The section concludes with, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (1:31). Jesus confirmed the accuracy of Genesis 1 when He said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female?" (Matthew 19:4). That was the Master's endorsement of what we read in Genesis 1:27. Jehovah made a literal male and a literal female.

**How** did it happen? According to Genesis 1:3, "God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Again, "God said, Let there be lights in the firmament" (1:14), and that is what transpired. The picture we see in Genesis 1 is God creating things simply by speaking. The message of Psalm 33 confirms that it really happened that way: "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth . . . For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:6,9). God literally spoke, and the material things literally came into existence.

When God created the material universe and all that is in it, **how long** did He take to do so? The reading of Genesis 1 indicates that it was done in six days, which is followed up by the opening words of the next chapter: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them" (2:1). There was completion . . . in six days. When the Lord later gave Sabbath instructions to Israel, He affirmed, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day . . ." (Exodus 20:11).

Concerning our world's origin, **what** did Jehovah do? **How** did He do it? **How long** did He take to do it? The answers are spelled out clearly in Genesis 1 and elsewhere in the Scriptures. If we take God at His word, what

we read in Genesis 1 is literal language. Think about this: What could God have said to make us think the creation was literal? Answer: Tell us exactly what is recorded in Genesis 1. The Lord could not have made it any plainer!

"But don't you think it is possible that in Genesis 1 the word 'day' was not a 24-hour day like we know it, but instead was a long, long period of time, maybe even millions of years?" Adam was created on day six, lived through day seven, and on into day eight and beyond. If day six lasted millions of years and Adam lived through day seven (millions of years), then kept on living, he would have been an extremely old fellow when he died. In fact, how long did Adam live on the earth? The Bible says, "And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died" (Genesis 5:5). His age at death was not millions of years, but 930. The days of Genesis one were days like we know them.

Some may think there is no real benefit in discussing these matters, because, after all, a lot of us have known them since we were little tikes, so there is no need to go over them again. In truth, repetition can be helpful in reminding us and strengthening our resolve. Beyond that, though, is this reality: the devil's attacks against God and His truth often begin in Genesis 1. If Satan can cause mankind to doubt or discard the opening page of the Scriptures, he will be successful, because that will result in folks not submitting to the authority of the Creator. Ultimately, that will end in eternal separation from God. When Satan attacks God's word, we must be ready to defend it.

In answer to the title of this article, yes, the language of Genesis 1 is literal. Remember: God had wisdom and power to bring this world into existence as He saw fit, and He had wisdom and power to tell us about how it all played out. Why not accept what He said about it rather than fantasizing about what He could have done?