



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

Lord, I know I need to deepen the level of my commitment if I am going to accomplish the vision You have placed in my heart. To complete the task You've given me is going to require much of me, for I'm sure that Satan will try to resist Your plan for my life. I will have to stand strong and firm in order to obtain my goal; therefore, Holy Spirit, I am asking You today to show me every place in my spiritual foundation that needs to be fixed, strengthened, or repaired. I want to be completely fit and fully equipped to finish my race and win my prize, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

## Worship Music

[You Are-Katinas](#)

[I Believe-Katinas](#)

[You Are God-Katinas](#)

[Live Your Love-Katinas](#)

[Rejoice-Katinas](#)

[You Will Never Walk Alone-Carroll Roberson](#)

## Scripture

### Genesis Introduction

#### Genesis 1:1-5 (AMP)

1 IN THE beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.

2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good (suitable, pleasant) and He approved it; and God separated the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

#### Genesis 1:31

“I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.... Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.”

#### Genesis 9:13-15

## Radio Stations

[KWVE ...Calvary Chapel](#)

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## Bible Study Sites

[Chuck Smith Through The Bible](#)

[Bob Coy/Teachings](#)

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[Virtue for Women-Cathe Laurie](#)

**The Old Testament : In the Beginning; Genesis 1–11**

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In quiet grandeur and simplicity it is stated, without argument, without explanation.**

**The first 11 chapters of Genesis are part of a much larger work: the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible, which according to tradition were written by Moses. He wrote these books for the people of Israel on their way to Canaan, the Promised Land.**

**Genesis 1–11 sets the stage and holds the key to our understanding of the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Within these few chapters, God reveals Himself to us—He is the Creator, our loving Father, the provider, and a just judge. God creates man in His own image, with a free will. Satan, the great deceiver, introduces sin into God's perfect creation. God cannot tolerate sin. Because God is a just judge, there is consequence for sin. God has a plan to redeem man to Himself and put an end to Satan's power forever.**

**God's redemptive plan, which is introduced in Genesis 1–11, provides for us the backdrop of why God chose Noah and why He chooses Abraham. This is also why He will make Abraham a blessing to the world—God's plan for the redemption of the world runs through Genesis 1–11**

**Who Wrote Genesis?**

**Ancient Hebrew and Christian traditions say that Moses, guided by God, composed Genesis from ancient documents that were already in existence in his day. The book of Genesis ends about 300 years before Moses. Moses could have received this information only by direct revelation from God, or through such historical records as had been handed down from his forefathers.**

**How Genesis Is Organized**

**The book begins with the "Creation Hymn," followed by 10 "accounts" ( kjv , generations), which constitute the framework of Genesis. It seems that they were incorporated bodily by Moses, with such additions and explanations as he may have been guided by God to make. These 11 documents are as follows:**

- 1. Creation Hymn ( Genesis 1:1–2:3 ).**
- 2. The account of "the heavens and the earth when they were created" ( 2:4–4:26 ).**
- 3. The account of Adam's line ( 5:1–6:8 ).**
- 4. The account of Noah ( 6:9–9:28 ).**
- 5. The account of "Shem, Ham and Japheth, Noah's sons" ( 10:1–11:9 ).**
- 6. The account of Shem ( 11:10–26 ).**
- 7. The account of Terah ( 11:27–25:11 ).**
- 8. The account of "Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Sarah's maidservant, Hagar the Egyptian, bore to Abraham." ( 25:12–18 ).**
- 9. The account of "Abraham's son Isaac" ( 25:19–35:29 ).**
- 10. The account of "Esau (that is, Edom)" ( 36:1–43 ).**
- 11. The account of Jacob ( 37:2–50:26 ).**

**These 11 documents form the book of Genesis.**

- The first six accounts cover the period from creation until about 2000 b.c. ( Genesis 1–11 ).**
- The last five accounts cover the life of Abraham and the three generations after him, from about 2000 b.c. until about 1800 b.c.**

**The book begins with the creation and the first humans in the Garden of Eden. It ends with Abraham's descendants in Egypt.**

**Between the end of Genesis and the beginning of the next book, Exodus, is a gap of about 400 years.**

**1. The "Creation Hymn," Genesis 1:1 to 2:3... A poetic description, in measured, majestic movement, of the successive steps of creation, cast in the mold of the oft-recurring biblical number seven. In all literature, scientific or otherwise, there is no more sublime account of the origin of things. Who wrote the "Creation Hymn"? Used by Moses, but written, no doubt, long before. Writing was in common use long before the days of Moses. Furthermore, some of God's "commands, decrees, and laws" were in existence in the days of Abraham, 600 years before Moses (Genesis 26:5).**

How did the writer know what happened before man appeared? No doubt God revealed the remote past, as later the distant future was made known to the prophets.

Who knows, perhaps God Himself may have taught this hymn to Adam? And it may have been recited by word of mouth, around the family circle, or sung as a ritual in primitive worship (hymns constituted a large part of the very earliest forms of literature), generation after generation, until writing was invented; God Himself then guarded its transmission until finally it found its intended place as the opening statement in the divine Book of the Ages.

If the Bible is God's Word, as we believe it is, and if God knew from the beginning that He was going to use the Bible as a main instrument in the redemption of humanity why should it be difficult to believe that God Himself gave the germ and nucleus of that Word?

#### Who Made God?

Every child asks this question—and no one can answer it. There are some things beyond us. We cannot conceive of the beginning of time, nor the end of time, nor the boundaries of space. The world has been in existence always, or it was made out of nothing—one or the other. Yet we can conceive of neither. This we do know: the highest of all things within reach of our thinking is personality, mind, intelligence. Where did it come from? Could the inanimate create intelligence? In faith we accept, as the ultimate in our thinking, a power higher than ourselves—God—in hope that someday, in the beyond, we shall understand the mysteries of existence. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 82-85)

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It was written in the 15<sup>th</sup> century BC. Book of the law; first book of the Pentateuch. From the beginning of man to the founding of the Hebrew nation. Introduction: The word "Genesis" in Hebrew means beginning. Genesis is the book of beginnings; the beginning of creation, the beginning of man, the beginning of sin, and the beginning of God's plan for the redemption of sinning man. The Hebrew word for God is Elohiym, which is plural, indicating the Trinity acted together to create the world (1:1). (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 9)

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We often hear the book of Genesis described as a "book of beginnings," but I also like to think of it as a book of opportunities. From start to finish, we read stories of people who were presented with opportunities.

First, we see Eve with the opportunity to choose between good and evil—between God's instruction and the serpent's deception. We see Noah with an opportunity to demonstrate his faith when everyone around him thought he was crazy. We see Abraham with an opportunity to believe God's promise when it was naturally impossible and then to obey God when obedience required a willingness to sacrifice the promised son for whom he waited so long. We see Jacob with an opportunity to deceive, which resulted in all kinds of trouble—and later with an opportunity to surrender completely to God, which resulted in great blessing. We see Joseph with opportunities to forgive and to trust God.

Throughout Genesis, people were blessed when they took advantage of opportunities to choose well—to choose truth over deception, faith over fear, peace over strife, forgiveness over bitterness, patience and waiting on God over trying to force something to happen. I hope the stories and principles in this book will help you recognize the opportunities God gives you and make wise choices that will lead to greater blessings than you have ever known.

Here in the very first chapter of the Bible, God clearly communicates His desire for our lives to be fruitful. Two things necessary to live fruitful lives are balance and pruning. To stay balanced we need to make sure we get the right amounts of healthy nourishment, rest, work, play, time alone with God, and time to enjoy godly relationships.

Pruning is not always pleasant, but it does ensure that the situations, activities, or relationships that are depleting us will not continue to do so. It means something must be cut off or removed from our lives, but God promises great reward as a result—more fruitfulness than ever!

Stay balanced by letting God, the wise Master Gardener, prune your life as He sees fit, and you will enjoy years of fruitfulness and fulfillment.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)  
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 1)