



What God Has NOT Joined Together (1)

Creation and Evolution

Our 2026
Theme

Introduction

- Today we resume our theme for 2026, “What God has (and has not) joined together”. This theme is based on **Matthew 19:6**. Jesus was declaring that from the beginning God intended marriage to be for life – therefore, when God joins a man and woman together, We must not separate.
- We used the idea of what God has joined together to launch into a study of other things God has joined together, though man tries to separate them.
- Our last lesson in this study concluded part 1 of this theme – things God has joined together.

Introduction

- Some things God has joined together that we have addressed:
- Our text, **Matthew 19:6** – man & woman for life
- Faith and works – **James 2:14**
- Water baptism and salvation – **1 Peter 3:21**
- God and Christ – Jesus is deity
- Christ and His church – **Matthew 16:18**. We need the church as we walk with Him (emphasis local church)
- Christ and the apostles – they taught with authority from Him. We must heed their message

Introduction

- Some things God has joined together that we have addressed:
- The gospel and doctrine of Christ – **2 John 9**. We noted that doctrine is equally important to the so-called “core gospel”
- The church and the kingdom – if you are in one, you are in the other. Both were in God’s eternal plans – **Ephesians 3:10-11**
- Attitudes and actions – while your heart and attitude are important, so is what you do. Good attitude does not excuse disobedience

Introduction

- Some things God has joined together that we have addressed:
- Grace and law – 2 lessons – we noted that the gospel is a product of God's grace and to receive God's grace you must obey the gospel. We also addressed passages that distinguish between law and grace, noting that most of them were addressing the LOM & Jews seeking to bind it.

Introduction

- TODAY we begin part 2 – things that God has NOT joined together.
- We will begin to address some doctrines finding things man wants to merge together that God has NOT.

Introduction

- Some things God has NOT joined together:
- Creation and evolution
- Fellowship with unbelievers
- Denominations as the body of Christ
- Church leadership and the role of women
- God and mammon
- The word of God and the wisdom of man
- Light and darkness

Introduction

- Some things God has NOT joined together:
- Same-sex marriage – man/man or woman/woman
- The local church and general benevolence
- The autonomous churches and sponsoring churches
- Worship and entertainment
- The Lord's return and Jerusalem

Introduction

- Some things God has NOT joined together:
- The old and new covenants (“one covenant” doctrine)
- The Bible and ongoing revelation
- The destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70) and His second coming
- The New Testament apostles and modern-day apostles
- This is not an exhaustive list and we may not get to each of these subjects this year, but we will work toward that end.

God has NOT joined together evolution and creation

- By **evolution** we mean the “general theory of evolution”. This theory advocates
 - That matter is eternal
 - All things originated materially
 - The universe is 13.8 billion years old and the earth is 4.3 billion years old.
 - Life originated through natural means without the help of an intelligent designer.
 - All living organisms can eventually be traced back to a single common ancestor.
 - Science and religion (esp. origins biology & chemistry) cannot be harmonized.

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- By **creation** we mean **Genesis 1** is a literal account of how God created the universe and world.
 - God spoke all things into existence
 - He did so in 6 literal, consecutive days
 - The universe and earth are a few thousand years old (~10,000 years OR less).
 - There are plausible answers for why it “appears old” and scientific data pointing to a “young earth”
 - Man was created from dust in His image
 - The Bible and science ARE compatible with each other, as God is the creator of natural laws.

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- **Theistic evolution** is an attempt to reconcile the creation account of **Genesis 1** and following events with the dating of the general theory of evolution. They believe that evolution, a possibly, unresolved issues, were set in motion and directed by God.
- There are several differing views of this
 - Deism which believe God started the process but has been “hands off” since allowing evolution
 - “Gap” theories at various times during the “creation week”
 - **Genesis 1-11** is mostly figurative/symbolic/allegorical.
 - Some deny the universal flood, the fall of man as recorded in ch. 3, the tower of babel, etc. Some view the creation of men in Genesis 1 as the creation of the soul of man

God has NOT joined together evolution and creation

- In our study we want to establish why the general theory of evolution, including theistic evolution is incompatible with the teachings of scripture concerning creation, specifically **Genesis 1**. IOW, God did NOT join together macro-evolution and creation.
- This will be a 2 part study. In this lesson, we want to look at what the Bible says about creation. Next week we will examine it in light of theistic evolution noting its problems.
- NOTE: This lesson is going to be different in that I want to read many passages of scripture to make a point!

God has NOT joined together evolution and creation

- Concerning the general theory of evolution, there are several problems that point to God.
- The universe had a beginning. That matter is eternal is unprovable with evolution.
- Life cannot come from inorganic matter.
- Design in nature – DNA acts like a programmed machine, math formulas, fine tuning, etc.
- Irreducible complexity – this means there are biological systems that depend on multiple factors to function.
- Our sense of “ought” – evolution cannot explain the conscience, our concept of beauty, etc.

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 1.** Records that God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the 7th day.
- **1:1** – In the beginning. In this verse we find 5 elements associated with creation –
Time – Beginning
God – the force
Created – energy
Heavens – space
Earth – matter
- The word for *created* means to bring into existence. The word is found 48x in the OT and almost always refers to God creating something.

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 1**. Records that God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the 7th day.
- **1:2** – the earth was without form and void. God and His Spirit move and organization begins.
- **1:3-5** – **Day 1** (NOTE: A study of the word “day” especially as used in this chapter, implies a 24 hour period as we know a day.
God created light and separated it from the darkness. *Evening and morning were the first day*

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 1.** Records that God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the 7th day.
- **1:6-8 – Day 2** – the firmament (likely our atmosphere between earth and space) and divided waters below and above (a possible greenhouse effect). *Evening and morning were the second day.*
- **1:9-13 – Day 3** – earth and waters were separated – dry land. On this day plant life and fruits were also created.
Vs. 12 – we are introduced to the word “kind” which LIMITS production to within a specified class. AFTER the first mention of life (plant), God established a law that contradicts general evolution! *Evening and morning were the third day.*

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 1.** Records that God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the 7th day.
- **1:14-19** – **Day 4** – the sun, moon & stars were created. Night and day established BY these lights. *Evening and morning were the fourth day.*
- **1:20-23** – **Day 5** – sea creatures and flying birds of the sky. Each would produce according to its “kind”. The command, “be fruitful and multiply” given to creatures. *Evening and morning were the fifth day.*

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 1**. Records that God created the world in 6 days and He rested on the 7th day.
- **1:24-31** – **Day 6** – land animals, cattle, beasts, creeping things, each according to its *kind*.
- **1:26-30** – **Day 6** – Man was created in the image of God and given dominion over every living thing. Vegetation was given as food.
Evening and morning were the sixth day.

The Biblical account of creation

- **Genesis 2:1-3.** God rested on the 7th day.
- God ended His work and saw that what He had made was done. He blessed the 7th day and sanctified it.
- NOTE: In matters of astronomy and the calendar, where does the week come from?
- **2:4-6** – The history of creation – the earth was watered with a mist.
- **2:7** – man was formed from the dust of the ground
- **2:8-25** – emphasizes the creation of man, and Eve from his side

“Creation week” mentioned in scripture

- **Exodus 20:8-11.** As Moses gives the 4th commandment about the Sabbath day for Israel he refers back to God resting on the 7th day. See also **Exodus 31:17**
- **Psalms 33:6-9.** Why praise the LORD? *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

“Creation week” mentioned in scripture

- **Psalm 104:5-9**, *You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever, You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them. You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth.*

“Creation week” mentioned in scripture

- **Psalm 136:3-9**, *Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, ...; To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,...; To Him who made great lights, ...— The sun to rule by day, ...; The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.*

“Creation week” mentioned in scripture

- **Matthew 19:4-6**, *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*
- **Hebrews 4:4, 10**. *For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";... For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.*

“Creation week” mentioned in scripture

- **2 Corinthians 4:6**, *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*
- **2 Peter 3:5**, *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,...*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **1 Chronicles 16:26**, David praising the LORD as the ark is brought to Jerusalem. *For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.*
- **Psalms 102:25**, *Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **Psalm 96:4-5**, *For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.*
- **Psalm 8:3**, *When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, - man's humility*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **2 Chronicles 2:12**, Hiram, king of Tyre, a Gentile, *Hiram also said: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with prudence and understanding, who will build a temple for the LORD and a royal house for himself!*
- **Proverbs 3:19**, Solomon, *The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **Isaiah 42:5**, the prophets proclaiming God, *Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:*
- **Isaiah 45:18**, *For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other."*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **Isaiah 40:28**, the prophets proclaiming God, *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.*
- **2 Kings 19:15**, *Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **Jeremiah 10:12**, another prophet proclaiming God, *He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.*
- **Jeremiah 32:17**, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

God as Creator in the Old Testament

- **Zechariah 12:1**, yet another prophet proclaiming God, *The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:*
- **Nehemiah 9:6**, *You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **John 1:1-3**, identifying Jesus as God, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*
- **Acts 4:24**, *So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,...*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **Acts 14:15-17**, Paul and Barnabas in Lystra as they thought they were gods, *"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **Romans 1:20**, *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*
- **Colossians 1:16**, *Of Jesus, For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **Hebrews 1:2**, *has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*
- **Hebrews 1:10**, *Of Jesus, the Son, And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **Hebrews 11:3**, *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*
- **2 Peter 3:5**, *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,*

God as Creator in the New Testament

- **Revelation 4:11**, a picture of the throne of God in heaven, worshipped by all around, *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

Concerning **Genesis 3-11**

- **Luke 11:50-51**, Jesus condemning the corrupt lawyers, prophesied their guilt. ...*that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel (**Gen. 4:8-10**) :to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.*
- **Romans 5:12**, Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world (Adam - **Genesis 3**), and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—
Also 1 **Corinthians 15:21-22**

Concerning **Genesis 3-11**

- **Luke 3:36-38**, the genealogy of Jesus. ... *the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God - **Genesis 5**. Both names and order*
- **Luke 17:26-27**, *And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

Concerning **Genesis 3-11**

- **Hebrews 11:4**, *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, (**Genesis 4:3-5**) through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*
- **Hebrews 11:5**, *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, (**Genesis 5:21-24**) "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

Concerning **Genesis 3-11**

- **Hebrews 11:6**, *By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, (**Genesis 6:13ff**) by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. See also **1 Peter 3:20**, **2 Peter 2:5**, etc.*

What is the point?

- We have read an extensive sampling of verses from the Old And New Testament, from psalms, kings, prophets, several apostles, Jesus, and others.
- They viewed God as creator AND the events of the creation and following events as HISTORICAL events that took place.

What is the point?

- Man, professing to believe God and His word, wants to dismiss the creation account as allegory, but in so doing, you do violence to all of scripture.
- When man dismisses the beginnings as allegory or symbolic or figurative to APPEASE the humanistic atheist, what is he willing to do with the rest of scripture? What will he do with doctrines he does not like – MDR, role of women, homosexuality? Some may respect what God commands in these matters, but MANY DO NOT!
- **THAT IS THE PROBLEM!!!!!!!!!!!!**

What is the point?

- In our next lesson, we will take a closer look at some of the issues with “theistic evolution” and how God has NOT joined it together with the creation account.



**Do you trust God when it
comes to your origin and
purpose?**