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1:2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

1:5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

[From Today's Sermon.

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

Let us begin the year with a taste of the biblical passage about creation.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There is nothing here about the origin of God. God is the One who has been and will be forever, the One who is the origin of the creation of the world. Here are listed the opposites: "heaven and earth," "darkness and light," "day and night," "evening and morning.

The earth is formless and vain, and darkness is in the depths..." Here we read that the primordial world was full of emptiness, chaos, idleness, and loneliness, and that it was therefore darkness. And so darkness eerily covers the surface of the bottomless waters, the bottomless abyss, the infernal abyss. What a terrifying primordial world! It is a world without light and without life.

And so, then, the Spirit (breath) of God hovering over the waters of that abyss. It dances and runs around. The Holy Spirit was running around like a parent bird caring for the eggs and chicks in its nest, favoring them and adjusting their living environment by sending fresh winds with its wings to adjust their temperature.

Finally God said, "Let there be light," and light was created. And thus, God separated light from darkness. Darkness was separated from light. The chaos of the abyss, the world of stupor, emptiness, and futility were separated after the light. Here we see the redemption of Jesus who came as light and as the life of man.

I wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that this year, without taking our eyes off of God's truth, we will advance from faith to faith and grow as the following verse says.

Romans 1:17 The righteousness of God is revealed in his gospel, which begins with faith and leads to faith. This is as it is written, "The righteous by faith shall live.

2 Corinthians 3:18 For we all behold the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, without covering our faces, and are being transformed into the same image with Him, from glory to glory. This is the work of the Lord, the Spirit.

3:18 (New Translation) We are all being transformed into the same image as the Lord, from glory to glory, with the covering of our faces removed, reflecting His glory as in a mirror. This is the work of the Lord, the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:13 That we all may come to the unity of the faith in the Son of God and of the knowledge of him, to the perfect man, and finally to the fullness of the virtue of Christ.

Today is the first service of the year. As it is appropriate, I would like us to savor the words of the Book of Genesis, which says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There is no mention of God's origin here. God is the One who has been and will be forever, the One who is the origin of the world's creation.

If He had not created the world, this world would not exist. The beginning of the world would not have happened. If that is what we learn from the Bible, then we can see that it is ludicrous for us to think that God does or does not exist. We are created by God, and without God, our entire world would not exist, and yet it is absurd for us to think that God exists or does not exist.

The books of the Bible from Genesis to Deuteronomy are called the Pentateuch of Moses, and it is believed that Moses received revelations from God or wrote down oral traditions from his ancestors (genealogies, etc.). The events that took place before man existed are known only to God. God revealed this to Moses directly from God.

2 Timothy 3:16 For the Scriptures are all inspired by God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

How then was the world created? First of all, verse 1 tells us that God created the heavens and the earth.

Today's passage lists the opposing concepts of "heaven and earth," "darkness and light," "day and night," and "evening and morning.

The word "heaven" can mean either the sky or heaven. In view of the description of "earth"

that follows, it may be better to think of the world as invisible and opposite to “earth,” rather than the visible “sky.

Verse 2 describes something like the primordial world.

1:2 And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God covered the face of the waters.

Shapeless” means a world of formlessness, confusion, untruth, emptiness, and chaos. A world that is stark and elusive, chaotic and vague. And it goes on to say, “vainly. This kind of world is empty. There is no vitality, or rather, it is simply empty.

The Hebrew word “and” has many meanings.

It can mean “and,” “therefore,” “so,” “then,” “yet,” and so on.

Chaos and emptiness. And also darkness. It could also be translated as chaos and emptiness, and therefore darkness. The word “darkness” can also mean cruelty or viciousness. This chaos and emptiness, or darkness, may refer to the painful reality of the world, which is hopeless, lifeless, lightless, and brutally cruel.

What does life mean to a person? What does it mean to live?

If it is just chaos and emptiness, no order, no sense of light, hope, or life. If it were only darkness, where there was no light, no meaning. Brutal and cruel, so full of betrayal, so elusive, empty, and chaotic. Life would truly be harsh and painful.

This brutal and terrible darkness covers the surface of the deep, deep abyss, the bottomless pit, so deep that one might think that there is a hell there. And beyond the darkness, we have no way of knowing how deep the abyss is that leads to hell. It is a very scary and horrifying primordial world.

Why did God create such a horrifying and rugged primordial world? The earth is described in great detail, but there is no description of heaven. It is as if it were a world beyond the power of man to comprehend. But of the chaos, emptiness, and darkness of the earth, the lack of light and the absence of life are described to a great extent.

Why do we feel an eerie and continuous fear of the chaos of the primordial world, when this is merely a step-by-step order of God's imagination, and the seven-colored world of light, life, animals, plants, the sun, and stars was created and is now here, as we will see in the next

section? Why do we feel a sense of fear in the chaos of this primordial world, something eerie and continuous in the present world?

The Spirit of God covered the face of the waters.”

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, appears. The word “spirit” also means “breath. The Spirit of God is covering the waters with His overflowing breath. Just as the parent bird, hovering over the eggs in the nest and anxious about the chicks, soars around the nest, sending fresh air to regulate the temperature, helping the chicks hatch, so God's Spirit is flying over the terrifying primordial world, blowing His breath of life. God's spirit is flying over the horrifying primordial world and breathing the breath of life into it. Here we receive salvation and peace from the bottom of our hearts.

The vast, elusive void, the chaos, the cruel and terrible darkness, the pitch-black bottom that we cannot see through, the hellish tunnel, are not left there alone, but God's Spirit is with us as we live and breathe in and out of that place, We see God's Spirit with us as we go on, breathing on us, helping us, saving us, even when we are at the bottom of the pit.

John 20:21 Jesus also said to them, “Be at peace. As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

20:22 And having said this, He breathed on them, and said, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

20:23 Whose sins ye forgive, they shall be forgiven; and whose sins ye leave unforgiven, they shall remain.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

8:15 For you have not received the spirit of slavery to make you fear again, but the spirit of sonship. By that Spirit we call, “Abba, Father.

8:16 He Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God.

8:25 If we desire not to see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 The Spirit likewise helps me in my weakness. 8:26 For we know not how to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans of longing which words cannot express.

8:27 And He who searches the hearts of men knows what the mind of the Spirit is. For the Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28 For we know that God works with those who love him, those who are called according to his purpose, to make all things work together for good.

1:3 God said, “Let there be light. And there was light.

1:4 And God saw the light, and it was good. God separated the light from the darkness.

And finally, the light is born.

All God has to do is say, "Let there be light," and light is immediately born in response. Light that nurtures life. The light of hope. God sees that light and, from his heart, finds it truly wonderful, pleasing, and valuable. And God separated the light from the darkness.

Darkness was separated from light. Light triumphed over darkness, darkness did not triumph over light, and light and darkness were separated. No matter how much the darkness extends its reach, it cannot devour the world of light. Once there was only darkness. Once there was only emptiness and chaos. Brutal and vicious darkness used to abound. The abyss, the bottom, was open. But now it is different.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God.

1:2 This Word was with God in the beginning.

1:3 All things were made by it. 1:3 For by it all things were made, and not one thing was made that was not by it.

1:4 And in this word was life, and the life was the light of men. And this life was the light of men.

1:5 The light shines in the darkness. And darkness did not prevail against it.

God's light and life in Jesus has come to this world. It ended the reign of sin and death, and brought forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life.

Let us take in the power of God's Word. Let us reflect on the power of God's Word, how powerful it is, and how full of saving power it is. Let us receive God's powerful Word into our hearts, believe it as the Word that will come true in our lives and in our families, love the Word, expect the Word, and follow the Word for the rest of this year. Then how many gracious works will God do for us?

Mark 4:35 Now on that day, when evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us cross over to the other shore.

4:36 So they left the crowd behind and set out, leaving Jesus in the boat. The other boats

went with them.

4:37 And there arose a violent gust of wind, and the waves came crashing into the boat, almost filling it.

4:38 But Jesus himself was asleep in his bed in the bow. Then His disciples woke Him up and said to Him, "Teacher, are you not sorry that we are drowning?"

4:39 And Jesus arose and struck the wind, and said unto the sea, Be still, and be silent; and the wind ceased, and there was a great rushing.

4:40 Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Why do you have no faith?"

4:41 They were terrified, and said to one another, "Who is this man? Who is he that causes the winds and the sea to obey him?"

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. I am horrified by the description of the chaos of the primordial world, the elusive and stupefying, the deep, deep, bottomless, bottomless water reminiscent of hell, and the darkness covering its surface, where neither light nor life can be felt. The Spirit of God rushed through the water, nurtured life, and created light, and then the light and darkness were separated. We thank God for the coming and redemption of Jesus, whose "life was the light that shone on mankind. We ask that you lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and our communities. Use us. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.