

## Genesis - Chapter 1:1-2 - Living for the Beginning

“IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. NOW THE EARTH WAS FORMLESS AND EMPTY, DARKNESS WAS OVER THE SURFACE OF THE DEEP, AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING OVER THE WATERS.” GENESIS 1:1-2; NIV TRANSLATION

BEGINNINGS ARE MANY TIMES, “THE PLACE TO BE”. WE ARE USUALLY PROUD TO BE ABLE TO TELL OTHERS, WE WERE “HERE OR THERE”, FROM THE BEGINNING. THERE IS A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND EVEN SELF-WORTH, WHEN WE ARE INVOLVED WITH “THE BEGINNING” OF SOMETHING FRESH AND SOMETHING NEW, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING THAT IS INTENDED TO BE GRAND AND WONDERFUL.

THE JOY AND THE WONDERMENT AND SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE VERY **FIRST BEGINNING**, IS MAGNIFIED IN THIS REGARD.

OH, TO HAVE BEEN THERE, FROM THE BEGINNING. OH, TO HAVE WITNESSED THE CREATIVE POWERS OF GOD AND TO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, HOVERING OVER THE WATERS OF THE DEEP.

CREATION IS NOT SIMPLY A MUSEUM OF ARTIFACTS THAT WE WALK THROUGH AND LOOK OVER; IT IS A LIVING ORGANISM - NEW LIFE AND NEW BEGINNINGS FILL EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY – MAKING US EVER AWARE OF THE VERY NATURE OF CREATION, AND ITS ETERNAL PROCESS AND PURPOSE OF **NEW LIFE** AND **NEW BEGINNINGS**. NOTHING THAT IS CREATED IS A MERE THING. WE HAVE A PURPOSE AND A DESTINY TO LIVE FOR - THAT TRANSCEND OUR OWN IMMEDIATE NEEDS. WE GROW OR WE DIE.

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

DEAR FATHER,

Teach me to allow my inner being to be connected with you in such a way that draws the deep waters of my soul up close to your hovering Spirit. Help me to open my heart to you and to openly connect with you, in a life sustaining relationship - through Jesus, your Son. Help me to face every new day as a new beginning, empowered by your presence and your power, to work goodness in my life. Help me to see the creative design you have placed within me, and help me to follow the pattern of that design. Father, remind me often, of The Beginning, so that I may be reminded of my place in your world. As you live in me, reproduce your original creative purposes in my words and in my actions, in the way I live and in the work I do, for the sake of Jesus and in His name. Amen