



### **Creation Commandment 8: Grow and Adapt**

Genesis 1:22 *“God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”*

Here in the 8<sup>th</sup> command of creation God blesses them. It’s the first time He did that. Yes, God said his creation was good, but this is the first mention of a blessing. He also asks them to go forth and multiply for the first time. This is setting up the next command. Creatures of blood will be blessed by God. He will also ask them to be self-sufficient for the first time. God created but now his living creatures are asked to create.

Ok, to be fair, the statement above is not totally true. God made seed bearing plants. I’m betting all the cycles of the environment are working. Steam goes up and condensation comes down. Simba would be in heaven seeing the circle of life working. In general, I base each command on the word “let.” In the Bible are hints of Gods direction. He creates and then He sets it in motion. That is how God rolls. Somehow and somehow God chose to make something first and then let it fly so to speak. This 8<sup>th</sup> command of creation is that in motion.

We have to see the plan. God is literally setting up this planet for humans, not only survive, but thrive. Molecules, protons, neutrons and such divide and grow. Plants produce seeds and multiply. The flavor of God’s creation is separate (divide) and grow. Yet, with blood creatures it’s slightly different. They are to come together and create another copy. As with plants,

fertilization is needed. Living creatures must enact with another. Plants and creatures (female and male) must combine. The definition of a flower on Wikipedia:

*The primary purpose of a flower is reproduction. Since the flowers are the reproductive organs of plant, they mediate the joining of the sperm, contained within pollen, to the ovules — contained in the ovary.*

So, what I'm saying is that God is consistent throughout creation. Protons and neutrons share each other. So do plants. The same can be said of living creatures. Even A-sexual creatures have both parts. This brings me to the sea creatures. They use various types of feralization to grow and multiply. To be fruitful? It's a word that means to be helpful or to produce. Nothing in Gods world goes backwards. Anything he makes must grow and evolve. You could even say adapt. The animal and plant world have one rule. Grow and adapt. Only certain plants grow in certain places. Only certain fish live in certain climates. The message to all of creation: be fruitful where you are.

Why fill the earth? Do we need one million whales or fish? What if the whole earth was just a forest? It's because God is not done. He created all 8 commands and then asked them to move forward. How to save a human soul 101? It comes back to the basic rule of bird survival: shelter, food, and water. A human sole needs food, shelter, and water. God has set that up: check! A human sole needs God: check! A human sole: needs other soles: coming soon to a creation near you. In the meantime, God has made a place where all his creation can be fruitful and multiply.

So, it took God five of his days to create the heavens and the earth. He looked over it all and said it was good. Then it says he blessed the creation of sea creatures. Did he bless them or the action of procreation? Either way, God uses the words "bless them." This Hebrew word can be

expanded to kneel, salute, and praise. That makes me think it's more in-line with action. God saw the final product set in motion to make a suitable place for humans to thrive. God praised it, blessed it, and honored the power of creation.

So, where do we go from here? God is not done creating. A human soul needs direction, trials, and teaching. It needs to feel alone in the world. Why? God said that man will have dominion over all creation on the earth. He is to subdue it and take care of it. God created but now we will. It's like someone building a computer program and teaching the user the ropes. To use a program, you must know how to turn it on. We must know how to use it to make something better. From spread sheets to computer programming, we are to go forth and multiply. As we shall see in the last two parts of creation, we are to take what God built and go forward. He is finished creating the planet but he's not done enacting his plan and will.