

## *“And God Said...”*

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Ten times in Genesis 1 the biblical text records for the reader the statement, “And God said” (1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, and 29).

God said, “Let there be light” **and there was light** (Gen. 1:3). There was no hesitancy or delay in the response to “Let there be light.” Immediately, light “popped” into existence. In the absence of nothingness came matter.

God said, “Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear” **and it was so** (1:9, 11, 24). There was no flicker of doubt as to what would be once God spoke. He said . . . and it was so.

God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion [and] be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it (1:26, 28).” Mankind’s continued triumph inside of the created order argues for the ongoing fulfillment of this divine directive.

God said and it was so. There is no moment of delay between what God wills to do and what is done. We make promises we cannot keep. We have desires that go unfulfilled and hopes that lie dashed on the shores of failed expectations. None of this exists in God. What He wills to do He does.

God has never known failure. God has never met an unbent knee that did not carry out His will or an obstinate will that did not fulfill His purpose. Psalm 135:6 assures me the truth of this idea, “Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.” Psalm 115:3 buttresses the foundation on which all of creation is based, “But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.”

As is our tendency, we want to know “What’s in it for me?” “What does this do for me?” As a believer I can be assured that all God has spoken will come to pass. His promises though future bring present hope. Think with me of just a few of His promises:

- ❖ He will never leave me nor forsake me (Matt. 28:20, John 14:18).
- ❖ His grace will always prove sufficient (2 Cor. 12:8).
- ❖ He has forgiven me of all my transgressions (Col. 1:28).
- ❖ I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).
- ❖ He is preparing a place for me (John 14:2).
- ❖ He is coming again to receive me unto Himself (John 14:3).
- ❖ He will always provided a way of escape with every trial that crosses my path (1 Cor. 10:13).

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Friend, God said it and it is so. Study the Scripture in order that you might discover all that is yours because He said so. It is His desire. This is what He has willed and as such it shall come to pass.

Today, see just how unfathomable the riches are that are in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:8). And in seeing . . . know that it is so.

*Think about it . . .*

1. What promises are you clinging to that you have found in His Word?

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2. What promises are you doubting as to what God has said is true?

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3. What would knowing the certainty of God's Word fulfilled produce in those who believe it?

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4. If the Genesis account of creation is true (and we have no reason to believe otherwise), what then must be rejected as false?

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5. If creation did not exist, what would be left?

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6. Do you think that God created anything that could keep Him from accomplishing all that He desires to come to pass?

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