

Waking Up With Bob Ross

Genesis

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בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

When God began to create heaven and earth—

הָיָה: עַל־פְּנֵי פְתֹמֶת אֱלֹהִים וְרוּחַ תְּהוֹם עַל־פְּנֵי וַחַשׁוֹךְ וּבְהוּ תְהִי הַיָּמָה וְהָאָרֶץ

the earth being unformed and void, with darkness over the surface of the deep and a wind from God sweeping over the water—

וַיְהִי־אֹר: אֹר יְהִי אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּאמֶר

God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין אֱלֹהִים וּבֵין אֶת־הָאֹר אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּרָא

God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

(פ) אָחַד: יוֹם וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר וַיְעֲרֹב וַיֵּלֶךְ קֶרָא וַלְחָשׁוֹךְ יוֹם לְאֹר | אֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרָא

God called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day.

לַמַּיִם: מַיִם בֵּין מִבְּדֵיל וַיְהִי הַמַּיִם בְּתוֹךְ רִקְיעַ יְהִי אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּאמֶר

God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water.”

וַיְהִי־כֵן: לְרִקְיעַ מֵעַל אֲשֶׁר הַמַּיִם וּבֵין לְרִקְיעַ מִתַּחַת אֲשֶׁר הַמַּיִם בֵּין וּבִבְדֵל אֶת־הָרִקְיעַ אֱלֹהִים וַיַּעַשׂ

God made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so.

(פ) שֵׁנִי: יוֹם וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר וַיְהִי־עָרֶב שָׁמַיִם לְרִקְיעַ אֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרָא

God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

וַיְהִי־כֵן: הַיַּבְשָׁה וּתְרָאָה אֶחָד אֶל־מְקוֹם הַשָּׁמַיִם מִתַּחַת הַמַּיִם יָקוּם אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּאמֶר

God said, “Let the water below the sky be gathered into one area, that the dry land may appear.” And it was so.

כִּי־טוֹב: אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּרָא יַמִּים קֶרָא הַמַּיִם וּלְמִקְוֵה אֶרֶץ לַיַּבְשָׁה | אֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרָא

God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of waters God called Seas. And God saw that this was good.

וַיֹּהֲיוּ כֵן: עַל־הָאָרֶץ זָרַעוּבוּ אֲשֶׁר לְמִינֹו פְרִי עֵשֶׂה פָרִי עֵץ זָרַע מִזֵּרִיעַ עֵשֶׂב דָּשָׁא הָאָרֶץ תִּדְשָׂא אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּאמֶר

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: seed-bearing plants, fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

כִּי־טוֹב: אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּרָא לְמִינֵהוּ זָרַעוּבוּ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה־פְרִי וְעֵץ לְמִינֵהוּ זָרַע מִזֵּרִיעַ עֵשֶׂב דָּשָׁא הָאָרֶץ וַתּוֹצֵא

The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that this was good.

(פ) וְלַיְשָׁי: יוֹם וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב

And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

וַשָּׁמַיִם: וְלַיְשָׁמַיִם וְלַמּוֹעֲדִים לְאֹתָתָהּ וְהָיוּ הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ הַיּוֹם בֵּין לְהַבְדִּיל הַשָּׁמַיִם בִּרְקִיעַ מְאֹרֹת יְהִי אֱלֹהִים אִמְרוּן

God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as signs for the set times—the days and the years;

וַיֹּהֲיוּ כֵן: עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְהַאִיר הַשָּׁמַיִם בִּרְקִיעַ לְמְאֹרֹת וְהָיוּ

and they serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth.” And it was so.

הַכּוֹכָבִים: וְאֵת הַלַּיְלָה לְמַמְשֶׁלֶת הַקֶּטַן וְאֵת־הַמְּאֹר הַיּוֹם לְמַמְשֶׁלֶת הַגָּדוֹל אֶת־הַמְּאֹר הַגָּדוֹלִים הַמְּאֹרֹת אֶת־שֶׁנִּי יִסְאֲלֶה וַיַּעַשׂ

God made the two great lights, the greater light to dominate the day and the lesser light to dominate the night, and the stars.

עַל־הָאָרֶץ: לְהַאִיר הַשָּׁמַיִם בִּרְקִיעַ אֱלֹהִים אֵתָם וַיִּתֵּן

And God set them in the expanse of the sky to shine upon the earth,

כִּי־טוֹב: אֱלֹהִים וַיֵּרָא הַחֹשֶׁךְ יוֹגֵב הָאֹר בֵּין וְלַהַבְדִּיל וּבִלְיָלָה בֵּינֵם וְלַמָּשָׁל

to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good.

(פ) רְבִיעִי: יוֹם וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב

And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

CHAVRUTA DISCUSSION:

- 1) What did you notice while reading this text? What stood out?
- 2) We are about to create. What can be learned or unlearned about the act of creating based on this text? What can you take with you into the act of creating?

Bob Ross Quotes to Start Your Day With and Carry With You

(also some just for fun)

1. "You can do anything you want to do. This is your world."
2. "We don't make mistakes. We just have happy accidents."
3. "I think there's an artist hidden at the bottom of every single one of us."
4. "You too can paint almighty pictures."
5. "No pressure. Just relax and watch it happen."
6. "Don't forget to make all these little things individuals — all of them special in their own way."
7. "Find freedom on this canvas."
8. "It's so important to do something every day that will make you happy."
9. "Talent is a pursued interest. Anything that you're willing to practice, you can do."
10. "That's a crooked tree. We'll send him to Washington."
11. "Every day is a good day when you paint."
12. "I think each of us, sometime in our life, has wanted to paint a picture."
13. "Gotta give him a friend. Like I always say, 'Everyone needs a friend.'"
14. "In painting, you have unlimited power. You have the ability to move mountains. You can bend rivers."
15. "Don't forget to tell these special people in your life just how special they are to you."
16. "I like to beat the brush." – as a way to release frustration
17. "Just let go — and fall like a little waterfall."
18. "Talk to the tree, make friends with it."
19. "I taught my son to paint mountains like these, and guess what? Now he paints the best darn mountains in the industry."
20. "Be so very light. Be a gentle whisper."
21. "You need the dark in order to show the light."
22. "However you think it should be, that's exactly how it should be."
23. "You can have anything you want in the world — once you help everyone around you get what they want."
24. "If you do too much, it's going to lose its effectiveness."
25. "That's where the crows will sit. But we'll have to put an elevator to put them up there because they can't fly, but they don't know that, so they still try."
26. "Remember how free clouds are. They just lay around in the sky all day long."
27. "You can do anything here — the only prerequisite is that it makes you happy."
28. "Go out on a limb — that's where the fruit is."
29. "Isn't it fantastic that you can change your mind and create all these happy things?"
30. "Anytime you learn, you gain."
31. "It's life. It's interesting. It's fun."