

## Genesis 2:4-6

**4, This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven. 5. Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground. 6. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.**

Prior to the flood, it never rained. It never rained, because rain is caused by wind and water evaporation. Wind is caused by temperature variation, and temperature variation is caused by the sun's rays directly hitting the surface of the earth. But with a canopy of water surrounding the earth as described in Genesis 1, it would have been impossible for the sun's rays to directly hit the surface of the earth, which would have eliminated temperature variations of any great significance, which would eliminate wind, which would eliminate rain. So, verse 6 is correct to say, that there was only a mist or dew that rose and watered the whole earth, because scientifically speaking, dew is the result of the absence of wind and moisture condensing in the cooling air. Earth, is also the only planet known to man that has water. Isn't it interesting how Jesus Himself referred to water not only in a physical state, but spiritual as well? In fact, Jesus is the Living Water! **John 4:10, Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."**

It's also not too unbelievable to recognize that most of the ocean waters were stored in a great canopy over the earth. If you find this far fetched, consider Venus; Venus has a canopy whose base is about twenty miles from the planet's surface. The temperatures at the poles of Venus are the same as those at its equator. Prior to the flood, fossils show that the earth was once covered in lush vegetation. A petrified forest has been discovered 100 miles from the South Pole. Corral reefs formed by sea creatures that can live only in warm waters, have been found under the North Pole, as well as in the continent of Antarctica. Through this Greenhouse effect, there would have been a uniform temperature from pole to pole.

**Hebrews 11:7, "By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.** I am convinced that one of the major things spoken here in Hebrews is rain. Noah had never seen rain until the flood came, which also explains why he never saw a rainbow until after the flood. Consider what causes a rainbow, a rainbow is the result of the prismatic effect of bending of the rays of light through water droplets. Not to get too far ahead of ourselves here, but isn't it interesting to take notice that Noah built an ark out of obedience alone. My point is that he spent 120 years accomplishing a project that made absolutely no sense to him, until the last day. Isn't salvation much the same for you and me; we live our lives where the world looks on and are convinced that we are crazy. Only the next time, the world won't be destroyed by water.