

# GENESIS

## Man and His Home

Text: Genesis 1:26-2:24

- I. THE CREATION OF MAN** (1:26-31, 2:4-6 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 2:4 This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.)

### A. The Two Accounts

**Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:4-6 are not identical; neither are they \_\_\_\_\_.** The two passages complement each other, the one providing information the other does not offer.

- B. God Formed Man** (2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.)

**God \_\_\_\_\_ man's body out of the same materials used to make everything else.** Science confirms that the atoms of the various elements in the human body are the same as the atoms in the rocks and trees. Our bodies are formed "of the dust of the ground." But the body so formed is not yet a man.

- C. **God Added \_\_\_\_\_** (2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.)

**God gave man life – the same life He also gave to animals (but not to plants.) The word in Hebrews implies “\_\_\_\_\_.”**

- D. **God Created and Made Man in His Image** (1:26-27 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.)

1. **The word “create” is again used, for the image of God had not been put in or upon anything in the earth. To possess the image of God meant that man has some things that animals do not have. List some below:**

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2. **Man is also “made” in God’s image. This implies that even man’s physical design is somehow patterned after God. Now God is \_\_\_\_\_ and has no physical body. Nevertheless, He designed man’s body in such a way that man could do the things God could do without a body. He can see, \_\_\_\_\_, smell, touch, and \_\_\_\_\_. He designed us to do the same. (Phil. 2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.)**
3. **God’s Image – Not the \_\_\_\_\_.** The “us” in v. 26 refers to the three persons of the Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not to the angels.
4. **“Man” is a generic term. It refers to male and \_\_\_\_\_.** (v. 27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.)
5. **God gave man \_\_\_\_\_ over all the earth.** (vs. 28-30 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the

earth, in which *there is life, I have given every green herb for food*"; and it was so.)

**II. THE SABBATH REST (1:31-2:3** 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.)

- A. **Creation** \_\_\_\_\_ (1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.)

**“It was very good.” The whole universe at this time was the \_\_\_\_\_ that God could devise for man.** How many times does this passage say that God finished His work? \_\_\_\_\_ times. How many times does it say that He finished all of His work? \_\_\_\_\_ times. The creation was completed at the end of day 6.

- B. **God** \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.)

1. **God was not tired.** (Ps. 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.) He rested on the Sabbath (which means “\_\_\_\_\_”) in order to consecrate a day and set a \_\_\_\_\_. He designed us to work 6 days and use the seventh as a day of physical and spiritual refreshment.

(8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. 11 For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.)

2. **God had finished creation, but soon He would begin the great work of \_\_\_\_\_.** This, Jesus completed on the cross by the shedding of His blood. On the \_\_\_\_\_ He rested in the tomb, only to arise on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, offering to give rest to all who are weary and heavy laden. Thus the church began early to \_\_\_\_\_ and worship the Lord on the day of the \_\_\_\_\_ – the first day, the Lord’s Day, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. A HOME PREPARED** (2:8-14 8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first *is* Pishon; it *is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. 12 And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdellium and the onyx stone *are* there. 13 The name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river *is* Hiddekel; it *is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.)

#### A. Eden's Location

God planted a garden in Eden. The geographic description of the area and the rivers named do not fit any area of our world \_\_\_\_\_. This is to be expected since this ancient world was completely destroyed in the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. The Water Supply

Notice that the water cycle was \_\_\_\_\_. Because of the vapor canopy, there was no \_\_\_\_\_ to feed the rivers. Therefore, the rivers were fed by springs and subdivided into tributaries before running into the seas. After the flood, the water cycle changed to the present one.

#### C. God's Abundant Provision

\_\_\_\_\_ Adam and Eve needed was in the garden. (v. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)

#### D. Redemptive History in the Gardens

It is said that redemptive history can be summarized with four gardens.

Eden

The place of the tree of life and where man first \_\_\_\_\_.

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Where Jesus yielded to death. (Matt. 26:36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there.")

**Calvary**

Where Christ died and was buried. (**John 19:41-42** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. **42** So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.)

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Where we shall eat of the tree of life. (**Rev. 21:1** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.)

**IV. A CHOICE OFFERED** (2:15-17 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.")

- A. We cannot begin to describe the totality of why God made man. But certainly a part of the reason, based on the nature, character, and actions of God, is that God wanted someone on whom He could bestow His \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. But love is \_\_\_\_\_. One cannot truly love something that has no capacity to love back. That capacity to love God was a part of being made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- C. Love is also \_\_\_\_\_. To be able to love is to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ not to love. To be able to obey implies the ability to \_\_\_\_\_. To have the capacity to choose right means having the capacity to choose wrong.
- D. Therefore, for Adam and Eve to be made in God's image put before them the moral \_\_\_\_\_: to love or not, to obey or disobey, right or wrong. The opportunity for choice came through the one \_\_\_\_\_ God gave them.
- E. "of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat of it."  
The choice was \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. A HELPER GIVEN** (2:18-25 18 And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So

Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.)

- A. **Man's \_\_\_\_\_** (2:18 And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*")

Everything about creation was good early in the sixth day except that the man God created was lonely. God determined to make "a helper fit for him."

- B. **Naming the Animals** (2:19-20 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.)

God was not looking for Adam's \_\_\_\_\_ among the animals. He had already said He must make one. By bringing the animals to Adam, God introduced the subjects to their \_\_\_\_\_, impressed upon Adam his need for a mate (all the \_\_\_\_\_ had one), and showed him his essential difference from those \_\_\_\_\_ made in God's image.

- C. **Then God made Woman (meaning "taken from man")**

As Adam was formed personally by God, so was woman. The creation of woman shows that male and female are equal in \_\_\_\_\_ and dignity but do not share the sameness of \_\_\_\_\_. God made them so that each was the \_\_\_\_\_ match for the other to accomplish God's purpose in marriage

(1) to provide \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) to carry on the race.

(3) to \_\_\_\_\_ one another bring out the best.

- D. **A New Testament Picture of Christ and the Church**

1. **Christ, the second \_\_\_\_\_, gave birth to the church as He slept in death on the cross.**
2. **Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the church.**
3. **The church is the \_\_\_\_\_.** (Eph. 5:21-33 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."* 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.)
4. **The church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.** (Eph. 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.)
5. **The church is \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ.** (Eph. 2:19-22 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.)