

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

I. IMAGE BEARERS

- The Triune God now moves to the pinnacle of his creation. “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen. 5:1-3, 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Col. 3:10; James 3:9).
- Image bearers take dominion over non-image bearers (Vs. 26, 28).
- The Bible’s first poem: Genesis 1:27.

II. THE CREATOR MAKES CREATORS

- One of the primary purposes of “male and female” is fruitfulness. It takes two to tango—and not just any two will do (Gen. 9:1, 28:3, 35:11; Ex. 1:7).
- The good earth is to be subdued by mankind; this is part of the fruitfulness God commands. Humans are different than animals. We are responsible for them, not the other way around.
- All the plants and trees that bear seed are given to the man and woman for food (one exception will be noted later). The original Garden was theirs for the taking and the expanding.
- All that God made was “very good.” What we see now is a bent version of the original. We are created by a good God with good purposes for us on a good planet.
- God’s creation awaits its renewal (Rom. 8:18-25).

III. GOD “RESTS”

- Creation is established and ordered, God ceases his work and blesses the seventh day (Gen. 2:1-3).
- A “sabbath rest” awaits all who are in Christ (Heb. 4:8-13).
- Genesis 2:4-24 is a “second telling” of this initial overview with an emphasis on the creation of man and woman.

KNOW: God creates the heavens and the earth and that which inhabits them with purpose, design, and a goal. The Garden is overflowing with abundance and goodness. Man and woman are unique in this great creation story.

DO: Rejoice in life! Laden with purpose and intentionality, with an end in mind.

Suggested Reading:

God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughn Roberts
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

The Story of Reality: How the World Began, How it Ends, and Everything Important that Happens in Between by Greg Koukl
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

Creation: Big Theology for Little Hearts by Devon and Jessica Proventure
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

Next Week's Preaching Text: Revelation 22:1-5

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Genesis 1:26-2:3

1. What is different about God's creation of man and woman compared to the rest of his creation?
2. What is the purpose of man and woman? What are they to do?
3. How did God bless them?
4. What does our "dominion" over God's creation make us?
5. What does our "dominion" mean for us? How should we manage it?
6. What was mankind's original food source? How did that change?
7. What stands out to you in this sixth day of creation? Anything surprise you? Why?