



TEXT: Genesis 1:26–2:25

TITLE: God Creates Mankind

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I. GOD CREATES MAN AND BREATHES LIFE INTO HIM. (vv.4-7)

1. God creates man supernaturally and distinctly, not through evolution.

- Why is this so important to understand? Because Paul rests the logic of his argument for justification on Adam as a real person, just as Jesus is a real person.
- Romans 5:12-21

2. God creates man not as distant Creator but as personal LORD.

- Genesis 1—“*Elohim*” emphasizes his power as Creator.
- Genesis 2:4—“*Yahweh-Elohim*” emphasizes his covenant relationship with his people.

II. GOD CREATES MAN TO WORK AND OBEY. (vv.8-17)

1. Man's work is to wisely manage and steward God's creation.

- Work is good! God works and is glorified when we work. Work is commanded *before* the fall.
 - Colossians 3:23—*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,*

2. God's command leads to abundant provision, joy, and life.

- What about these trees? What do they refer to? Not magic trees; there is nothing inherently special about the fruit. God focalized his testing of man on the tree and used the tree as a point of obedience.
- God is not after our clinched-fist, teeth-grinding obedience. He is after our joy in Him.

III. GOD CREATES MAN AND WOMAN TO COMPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER. (vv.18-25)

1. Men and women share God's image equally.

- Genesis 1:27, Galatians 3:28

2. God creates Adam to lead and Eve to help.

- Why didn't God create Adam and Eve simultaneously? Adam had a special responsibility.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:3
- Why did Eve come from Adam and not separate? God creates men and women marvelously interdependent on each another.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:11-12

3. God established marriage to be a “one flesh” union that displays the gospel.

- Ephesians 5:21-33