

C. God Most Clearly Displays His Glory though the Small & the Weak!

1 Corinthians 1:27

...God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong...

Genesis 2:4-25

The Generations of "the Heavens and the Earth": In the Garden

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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction

Psalm 8:3-8

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ *what is man that you are mindful of him*, and the son of man that you care for him?

Key Idea

As image bearers of God we find our ultimate purpose and our greatest joy in His glory!

II. Created in God's Image...

A. Inescapable Representatives

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over ...all 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.

...*"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over ... every living thing that moves on the earth."*

B. Imitating God's Example of Work & Rest (Genesis 2:2-3)

III. Mankind is Uniquely Formed & Equipped

A. The origins of the *world, humanity, & Israel*

Genesis 2:4

These are *the generations of the heavens and the earth* (Cf. 5:1; 6:9; 10:1) ⁱ when they were created, in the day that the **LORD** (Cf. Exodus 3:14-15) God made the earth and the heavens.

ⁱ Outline of Genesis (Origin Stories)

1:1-2:3 - Prologue

2:4-4:26 – The Generations of "the heavens and the earth"

5:1-6:8 - The Generations of the family of Adam

6:9-9:29 - The Generations of Noah

10:1-11:9 - The Generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth

11:10-26 - The Generations of Shem

11:27-25:11 - The Generations of Terah

25:12-18 - The Generations of Ishmael

25:19-35:29 - The Generations of Isaac

36:1-37:1 - The Generations of Esau

37:2-50:26 - The Generations of Jacob

B. The Forming of Adam

Genesis 2:5-7

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then *the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

C. God Provides All That Adam Needs

Genesis 2:8-14

⁸ And **the LORD God** planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground **the LORD God made to spring up** every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ... (Rivers & Riches)

D. Adam Needs Instructions

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And **the LORD God commanded** the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 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.”

E. God Creates Marriage (Genesis 2:18-25)

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.*”

1. Adam named the Animals (Like God)
2. Adam named his Wife...

Genesis 2:23-25

²³ Then **the man said**, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” (Cf. 3:20)

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And *the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

IV. Gospel Thinking & Living

Romans 3:23

...all have sinned and *fall short of the glory of God*...

A. Jesus was incarnated to be the Perfect Image of God.

Colossians 1:15

He is the *image* of the invisible God...

Hebrews 1:3

He is the *radiance of the glory of God* and the *exact imprint* of his nature

B. We are being restored as image bearers!

Romans 8:29

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be *conformed to the image of his Son*, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified *he also glorified.*

Colossians 3:10

...and have put on the new self, which is being *renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

2 Corinthians 3:18a (Cf. 1 Peter 1:8)

And we all, with unveiled face, *beholding the glory of the Lord*, are being *transformed into the same image* from one degree of glory to another.