

Series Week Two: Humanity – “Who Do Think You Are?”

GENESIS 2:4-19 *I have been created for God purposes - to bring him glory before all the angels.
In this I will find my greatest joy and satisfaction.*

INTRODUCTION – The Second Creation account

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

- “Day”
- Compare: Genesis 1:3 & 1:29

I. MADE TO CARE FOR THE CREATED WORLD

A. This is your story

B. You are created – God has circumscribed the scope of your being
- “Be all you can be” or “Be anything you want”?

C. Man “Adam” is **formed** from the dust of the “adamah”

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.

¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens ...
- “living beings” = all animal life: Gen 1:20, 24; 2:7, 19; 9:12, 15, 16

D. Our place: care for somebody else’s stuff

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
- “work the ground”
- “keep it” = “guard” and “protect”

II. MADE FOR WORK & FRUITFULNESS

A. Made for work

- “What is your fantasy?”

B. Supplies your needs by his Providence

C. Provides structure and pattern to life

D. Thrill of being Creative

III. MADE TO ENJOY HIS PRESENCE AND HIS HANDIWORK

A. A beautiful and abundant place

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.

^{1:29} And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.”

B. Face-to-face communion with God

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man ...

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying ...

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said ...

C. Names all the animals

¹⁹ Now ... the LORD God ... brought them to the man to see what he would call them

IV. MADE TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS

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**.

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."

A. Rational mind

B. Control over himself

C. Moral Will

V. MADE TO RECEIVE HIS PROMISES

A. Great Promise: The Tree of Life – open the door to eternity

- *A newly constituted Adam to inherit a newly constituted adamah*

or

B. To dust we shall return –

^{3:19} "... till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

VI. MADE TO PROVE THE FATHER OF ALL LIES IS THE MOTHER OF ALL LIARS

A. Our story told from perspective of Man's innocence.

- *Long before Man appeared: – the Great Cosmic War*

B. "Just trust me"

"⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him" (Hebrew 11:6)

C. The Serpent appears!

- *Changed the game from "Who you know" to "What you know"*

D. The pathway of life

VII. WHY JOIN A LOSING CAUSE?