

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, February 28, 2016

Sermon Series: Origin of Man

Key Passage: Genesis 2:4-17 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



A. Man is created by God in His own image.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. (Genesis 1:26a ESV)

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. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (Genesis 2:7-8 ESV)

What does it mean for us to bear the image of God?

B. Moral: We are created by God to act like He acts.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26a-27 ESV)

C. Responsible: We are created by God to lead like He leads.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 ESV)

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 ESV)

D. Relational: We are created by God to love like He loves.

I. God loves by telling us what to do - Direction

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 ESV)

II. God loves by giving us what we need - Provision

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. (Genesis 1:29 ESV)

III. God loves by clarifying what we see - Explanation

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." (Genesis 1:30 ESV)

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E. Rational: We are created by God to think like He thinks.

F. Volitional: We are created by God to choose like He chooses.

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.” (Genesis 2:16-17 ESV)

47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the
man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those
who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the
image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49 ESV)

Life Group Notes

Week of Sunday, February 28, 2016

Sermon Series: Origins

Key Passage: Genesis 2:4-17 (ESV)

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Getting Started

1. Was there anything that stood out to you from Pastor Mark's sermon?
2. Has anyone ever spoke a 'truth' into your life? What did they say? Why did it help you?
3. What do you think God's fundamental purpose for our lives is? How do you know?

Read Genesis 2:4-17

Take note of anything that stands out to you, anything that confuses you, or anything that interests you.

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.

5 When no bush of the field[a] was yet in the land[b] 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[c] 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. 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.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

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[d] of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:4-17, ESV)

Life Group Notes (Cont)
Week of Sunday, February 14, 2016
Sermon: Origins - The Beginning
Key Passage: Genesis 1:7-31 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



1. What does it mean to be created in his God's own image? How is the creation of man unique?
2. What is significant about man being created from 'dust'? What do we know about the garden?
3. How do you imagine the garden of Eden?
4. Why do you think the author takes time to describe the rivers in verses 10-14?
5. What do you see as the importance of verses 15-17? Why does God give Adam the choice of eating from all of the trees except one? Why was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil created in the first place?
6. What are some 'trees' that we shouldn't be eating from today?

Becoming:

Last week you were challenged to take some time to find Sabbath and retreat. How did your intentional time with Christ go? Did anything change in your attitude? This week we read about the creation of man. Take some time to listen to what God is trying to say to you this week. What is God leading you towards, or what he is telling you to 'not eat of'? Sometimes it takes silence to hear God's leading, so try to find a quiet place for your time of listening.