

Genesis 2

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SERMON NOTES

Genesis

In the beginning...

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

- *Genesis 1:26-28*

“Our calling is not just to ‘go to heaven’ but also to cultivate the earth, not just to ‘save souls’ but also to serve God through our work. For God himself is engaged not only in the work of salvation but also in the work of preserving and developing His creation. When we obey the Cultural Mandate, we participate in the work of God himself.”

- Nancy Pearcey, *Total Truth*

Genesis 2:1-3

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1. God rested and blessed it. (v. 1-3)
2. Humanity within God’s creation. (v. 4-17)
3. Humanity within the sacred, biblical covenant union. (v. 18-25)

“Jesus said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’”

- *Mark 2:27-28*

“We have willingly looted the vaults of good sense and sacred integrity with our over-busy lives and have starved ourselves of revelation.”

- Kim Thomas, *Even God Rested*

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30

“The Latin words humus, soil/earth, and homo, human being, have a common derivation, from which we also get our word ‘humble.’ This is the Genesis origin of who we are: dust - dust that the Lord God used to make us a human being. If we cultivate a lively sense of our origin and nurture a sense of continuity with it, who knows, we may also acquire humility.”

- Eugene H. Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*

“God is not a supporting actor in our life movie. We exist for His purposes, not the other way around.”

- Michael Horton

God’s design for a sacred, biblical covenant union...

- *Exclusive* - leaves father and mother
- *Permanent* - cleaves to his wife
- *Complementarity* - unity within a diversity, male and female
- *Freedom of self forgetfulness* - naked and unashamed

“Not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

- Matthew Henry

“Stand here, on this earth and in this present, to get the meaning of the whole. See this world as My gift and charge to you, with the sun, moon and stars as its lamps and time keepers, and its creatures under your care. See the present age as the time to which My creative work was moving, and the unconscious aeons before it as ‘but a few days,’ like the years which Jacob gave for Rachel.”

- Derek Kidner, *Genesis*