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Creation Part 1: Blessings and Boundaries

Genesis 2:4-25

Series: Genesis – The Story of Us All

The Story of Us All

- ❖ The Bible in general, and Genesis in particular, presents a unique and universal worldview.
- ❖ The worldview presented in the scriptures is dependent on revelation rather than discovery.
- ❖ The Bible in its entirety, including Genesis, is about God's redemption of mankind and the renewal of all things in Christ.

Luke 24:27 (ESV) — 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (See also, John 5:39-40; Acts 8:26-35)

Central Passage

Genesis 2:15–17 (ESV) — 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."

Central Thought: All of creation was made by God through Christ Jesus for our enjoyment and our stewardship in the context of trusting his loving authority.

John 1:1–5 (ESV) — 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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The Blessings of Creation

- ❖ The earth is our playground.
- ❖ The earth is the source of our provision.

*Genesis 2:7–9 (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.** 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.*

- ❖ The earth is ours to protect and preserve.

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

- ❖ Adam (Man) and Eve (Woman), were made to compliment each other as partners in their enjoyment and care of the earth.

*Genesis 2:21–23 (ESV) — 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 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.**"*

The Boundaries of Creation

*Genesis 2:15–17 (The Message) — 15 GOD took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order. 16 GOD commanded the Man, "**You can eat from any tree in the garden, 17 except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead.**"*

- ❖ Humility and trust in God's commands and loving authority lead to life.
- ❖ Pride and faithlessness lead to physical and spiritual death.

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