

Monday

The Creation of Man

We could spend weeks studying creation. It is a crucial issue. How you view creation directly affects how you view the rest of life. We believe that God created man; man did not evolve over millions of years. Today we will study how God created mankind and tomorrow specifically how God created woman.

1. Read Genesis 1:26-31 – Who created man?
2. After Whose image was man made?
3. To be made in God's image means to have some of His characteristics. Obviously, we aren't eternal or omnipotent, but what are some of the characteristics that God has that we also have?
4. Which of those are not shown as strongly as they ought to be?
5. According to verse 26, over what was man to have dominion?
6. What responsibilities did God give to man in verse 28?
7. According to verse 29, what was the first diet to be?
8. When God looked at everything He had made, according to verse 31, what did He say?
9. Read Genesis 2:7 – Who gives man life?
10. If God is the only giver of life, does anyone else have the right to take it?

God made everything; that includes people. We are God's creation, made in His image. When others look at us, they ought to see God's character through us. Live to show God's character!

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The Creation of Woman

Yesterday we studied how God created mankind in general. Many things concerning the creation of man and woman are the same, but there are some specific differences in the creation of woman.

1. Read Genesis 1:27-28 – What responsibility was given to Adam and Eve?
2. Of the two of them, who was the only one who was able to bear children?
3. Read Genesis 2:15 – What was Adam's job?
4. Read Genesis 2:18 – Chapter 2 of Genesis gives further detail to Chapter 1. In verse 18 Adam is still alone. Eve had not been created yet. What did God say about the fact that Adam was alone?
5. What did God do about Adam's situation?
6. Eve was created both to help Adam in his responsibilities and to be a companion to him. Read Genesis 2:21-23 – How did God make Eve?
7. Eve was made from Adam's side, showing that Eve was just as important as Adam. Though Eve was created to be Adam's helper, she was not intended to be insignificant. Adam and Eve were then married. How did God define marriage in verse 24?
8. When building a house, what is more important, a hammer or a saw?

Obviously, both are equally important; they just have different jobs. The same is true with men and women. Neither one is more important; they just have different responsibilities. Be faithful to fulfill the responsibilities God has given you.

Wednesday
The Purpose of Mankind

Man, in the generic sense or mankind, has a purpose for existing, and that purpose comes from God. Everything in creation was made to be at man's disposal, but what is man's purpose? Why are we here?

1. Read Revelation 4:11 – God is worthy to receive what?
2. According to that verse, why is He worthy to receive them?
3. Why was everything created?
4. One reason we were made is for God's pleasure. Is God pleased with your life?
5. Another purpose is found in Isaiah 43:7. What is it?
6. We were made to bring glory to God. Read I Corinthians 10:31 – When should we bring glory to God?
7. The final reason we were created is found in Genesis 3:8 – What is it?
8. Man was created to have fellowship with God. We will study man's fall tomorrow. According to Isaiah 59:2, what causes a break in that fellowship?
9. Read I John 1:3-7 – What makes a person's fellowship with God possible?
10. Is your current relationship with God not existent because you've never been saved? Is it broken by sin and in need of repair? Is it in good shape?

If you have no relationship with God, He wants one with you. It's only possible through the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Have the relationship with God that He wants you to have.

Thursday
The Fall of Mankind

After God made Adam and Eve, He looked at them and everything He had made and said that it was very good. This included Adam and Eve. They had no sin in them. Sadly, that did not continue. How did Adam and Eve fall? How does that affect us today?

1. Read Genesis 3:1-7 – Who came to tempt Eve?
2. What question did Satan ask Eve?
3. One of Satan's strategies for defeating you is to get you to doubt God's Word. What are you doing to prevent yourself from doubting God's Word?
4. How did Eve respond to Satan in verses 2-3?
5. What did Satan say in response in verse 4?
6. Another way Satan tries to defeat you is to call God a liar –“God didn't really say that.” Do you trust the Bible and rely on it in spite of others who do not agree with it?
7. Another part of Satan's plan to defeat you is to make you think you are missing out on something good. How did he do that to Eve in verse 5?
8. We find the patten of sin in verse 6. Eve saw the fruit, desired it, and then took it. How has that same pattern worked out in your life?
9. What did Adam and Eve do after they were found to be guilty?

Satan is on the attack. He wants to do everything he can to destroy you. Don't be taken off guard by his tricks. Just trust what God says and obey it no matter what anyone else may say.

Friday **The Curse of Man**

After Adam and Eve fell into sin, God pronounced His judgments against them. What was their punishment? Since that day there have been countless problems in the human race. What are they? How does Adam and Eve's sin affect us today?

1. Read Genesis 3:8-19 – What did Adam do when he heard God's coming in the evening?
2. When Adam was confronted with his sin, whom did he blame?
3. When Eve was confronted with her sin, whom did she blame?
4. Satan had no one to blame. According to verse 14, what was his punishment?
5. Even though Eve was able to blame Satan, she was still responsible for her sin. According to verse 16, what was her punishment?
6. Even though Adam was able to blame Eve, he was still responsible for his sin. According to verses 17-18, what was his punishment?
7. Read Romans 5:12 – What does this verse teach about how the curse that Adam and Eve received affects everyone else in the world?
8. What is your plan for overcoming temptation?

Don't ever think that you can get away with your sin. Sooner or later, you will get caught. You will be held responsible for your actions. You can't pass that along to anyone else.

Saturday **The Sin Nature of Man**

Adam and Eve sinned. They were punished, and consequently, we are now under that same curse of sin. Yesterday we looked briefly at Romans 5:12. That verse teaches that we all have a sin nature. What does that mean?

1. Read Romans 5:12 – Since Adam was punished by death, what passed to all men as a result?
2. Man is a sinner by nature. Read I Corinthians 15:22 – How many people die “in Adam?”
3. The sin nature is the curse of sin that comes on all people. The main part of that curse is both physical and spiritual death. Read Romans 3:23 – How many people are cursed with sin?
4. Read Psalm 51:5 – When does the sin nature begin?
5. Not only is man a sinner by nature, he is also a sinner by choice. We have all made the choice to sin against a holy God. Read James 1:13-16 – Who should we never say tempts us?
6. Why not?
7. According to verse 14, when does temptation happen?
8. What is James' admonition for the people in verse 16?
9. Read Isaiah 53:6 – Who has gone astray?
10. If you go astray, is it God's fault?

It is never God's fault that we are sinners or have sinned. We all choose to sin, and we are all responsible for our choices. Though you will sin at some time in your life, you don't have to. God has made a way out of your temptation. Take it!

Sunday **The Hope of Man**

Except for Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, every person who has ever lived and who ever will live has sinned, will sin, and will continue to sin until death. The curse of sin is both physical and spiritual death. Though that is bad news, the story doesn't end there. There is hope for mankind.

1. Read Genesis 3:15 – While God was in the middle of giving Satan his punishment for deceiving Eve, God gave a special promise. The descendents of Eve would bruise Satan's head. In other words Satan will ultimately be defeated. Who is the One Who will ultimately defeat Satan?
2. From the very beginning of sin in the world, God has given hope that man can have a mended relationship with God. Read Genesis 3:7 – What did Adam and Eve do when they realized that they had sinned?
3. Were their efforts to cover their sin effective?
4. Our own efforts to cover our sin will never work. Read Genesis 3:21 – What did God do for Adam and Eve?
5. Adam and Eve's efforts to cover their sin on their own terms were futile, but God loved them so much and wanted a relationship with them so much that He intervened. He made coverings for them. Read I John 1:7 – What is it now that makes us clean from our sin?
6. From how many sins can we be cleaned?

The love of God for us is unimaginable by the human mind. A perfect God sacrificed His only begotten Son so that sinful people could have a personal relationship with Him. Mankind is not without hope. God has given us hope, and that hope is only available through the blood of Jesus Christ. Don't waste it. Accept that gift for yourself and share it with someone else.