

The First Man

Genesis 2:1-17

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Unit 5 Lesson 2

Supplemental Texts

Gen 1; Psa 8

Focus Verse

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” – Genesis 1:27

Introduction

God completed His creative work in six days; and He ended the sixth day by creating man. It was a beautiful day for Adam (Gen 2:19), the first man created in the image of God, to behold the beauty of the earth and the heavens. No doubt, Adam was colossally delighted in the brand-new earth, of which God said, “it was very good” (Gen 1:31). Genesis 2 begins by concluding the creative work of God and details the account of the creation of man.

Deeper Look

The Seventh Day – Gen 2:1-3

On the seventh day, God rested from all His work; thus, implying He finished creating all He wanted to create. This is never to mean that He rested because was tired (Isa 40:28). Remember, He spoke the world into existence! In this, God gave us an example to follow—we work six days and take rest on the seventh day. Besides, God made the seventh day special, above other days, by blessing and sanctifying it for sacred purpose. Therefore, the Sabbath was instituted for this reason for the Israelites and were made to observe it (Exo 20:8-11). Consequently, we take our rest on the seventh day for religious worship and fellowship.

The Breath of Life – Gen 2:4-17

When everything but man was made, God decided to make man to inhabit the earth, enjoy it, and be responsible for its upkeep. Gen 2:7 reads, “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” The word “form” means to make by squeezing into shape, or mold into a form. The breath of life from God made man a living soul; thus, our body came from the soil, but our life from God (Eccl 12:7). And God placed the first man in the garden He had planted. The original word translated “eastward” may be construed as “in the east” or “before.” He handed man the responsibility to take care and guard the garden and prohibited man from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to avoid spiritual death, but man disobeyed and became dead in sins.

Questions

1. Briefly describe the kind of rest God had on the seventh day. In what way did God make the seventh day special?
2. What principle did God teach us by resting on the seventh day? What happens to us when we violate this principle?
3. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." What does it mean for man to bear the image of God?
4. What evidence do we have in the bible to show that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all participated in the creation?
5. In what ways are we different from the other creatures, especially animals, that God made? How significant are the differences?
6. Work has been from the beginning of the world. God performed the work of creation, and He gave man work to do in the garden of Eden (Gen 2:15). Do you think God's expectation of work has ever changed? Explain your answer. See Prov 6:6-11 and 2 Thes 3:10.
7. What was the instruction that God gave to the man in the garden of Eden? What did God say will result if the man violated His instruction? Explain your answer in detail.

Personal Meditation

You were created in the image of God! You were thought of before you were conceived (Jer 1:5). It is no surprise to God that you are here; you never slipped into the world without His very knowledge. Of all God's creatures, mankind is special, and of a higher level of reasoning. Due to our uniqueness, God gave us promises to solidify His love towards us (Jer 29:11; 2 Tim 1:7).

Our God laid out a notable example after He created the world, and that is, He rested. His rest should not be taken as He was tired but rather, He had completed His work of creation. God took a step further by blessing and sanctifying His day of rest, the seventh day. That day of rest was instituted for us because our physical body needs it. Besides, our soul needs it. In it, we can bless and worship God, as well as engage in other religious activities.

Just as God entrusted the upkeep of the garden of Eden to Adam, He has entrusted certain duties to us. We must be up and doing. Work is good for our body and our health; therefore, we must ensure we do our part faithfully (Eccl 9:10).

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Gen 2:1-3
Tuesday	Gen 2:4-6
Wednesday	Gen 2:7-9
Thursday	Gen 2:10-14
Friday	Gen 1:15-17
Saturday	Psa 8



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