

Elijah Project School of Ministry

Module One – From Genesis to the Cross

Week One – God’s Creation of Mankind/The Fall of Man – *Why must we be saved?*

Why do we need to be saved?

Genesis 1:1 (AMP) *In the beginning God (^[a]Elohim) ^[b]created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

- God is Creator (Elohim refers to creator God)
- God is a King (refer to **Psalms 24**)
- God is Spirit (meaning he is invisible, immaterial)
- God created the heavens the invisible realm and his invisible Kingdom where he resides.
- God established his Kingdom in the Heavens, the unseen realm where the angels are, and this is where his throne is.

Why Creation of the earth?

1 John 4:8 – “God is love.” True love is sacrificial and giving in nature.

- Mans call was vocational and relational.
- God wanted to share himself and his creation with a being that could relate to him.
- God wanted a family of sons and daughters.
- To fulfill love you must have an object of love that you can relate too.
- God wanted to extend his invisible Kingdom into the natural world through visible creatures.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

This passage gives us God thought process into why he made humans.

- **Man** – an eternal spirit, made from Gods own spirit.
- **in Our image** – since God is spirit, man is spirit, to be made in Gods image is to pattern his Characteristics, Nature and Qualities. (To reflect his Character), representative figure
- **according to Our likeness**- Meaning this creature will function like God functions.
- **Let them** – God transfers the authority of the earth to Mankind. **(Note: Once Gods speaks, he cannot reverse what he said.)**
- **have dominion** – authority, Kingdom, rulership, management
- God created a copy of himself in Mankind that patterns his Character to rule his invisible Kingdom in the visible earth, he gave them authority over the earth to rule in his name and to share fellowship and relationship with him.

God's Sovereignty Man's Dominion

Psalms 115:16 – The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

- Sovereignty- complete authority over a certain territory
- God is sovereign over all creation meaning he owns all creation.

Landlord analogy

- Just like a landlord rents his properties to renters.
- So, God rented out the earth to man. He owns the earth we are just in charge.
- God can't violate his own word, so when He gave men dominion, He gave them the right to choose how to rule.
- God wanted to partner with us through invitation in ruling the earth.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NKJV) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said

to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- *Mankind was created to rule over God's creation and to display his heavenly Kingdom in the natural realm.*
- *God wanted man to fill the earth with the presence and the rule of God.*

Genesis 2:7-8 (NKJV) *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 being. ⁸ The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.*

- *Man wasn't created in the Garden he was formed in the dust and put inside the Garden.*
- *Human definition: Humus, man. Humus refers to the dirt our body is made from.*
- *Man refers to the spirit being that God created in Genesis 1:26. Together, they are Human.*

What was Eden?

Eden – *an atmosphere where heaven overshadowed the earth and the presence of God covered the earth. The Garden of Eden was a high place where heaven and earth overlapped.*

- *Angelic beings were in the Garden, according to **Ezekiel 28:11-19**, because there was an open space for Heaven to come in.*
- *The presence of God overshadowed the earth, and this is why Eden was a lush garden; wherever the presence of God was abundance sprung forth,*
- *Eden was God's original temple, and this is why we can't find it anymore because the presence of GOD HAS LEFT.*

Mans Assignment:

Genesis 2:15-17 (NKJV) Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but 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.”

- The Garden of Eden was not the whole earth. Adam's mission was to spread the Garden of Eden to the whole earth.
- The Bible says he put man (Adam) in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
- **Tend** – To work, serve, labor, worship
- **Keep It** – to hedge about, guard, to protect, attend to
- Eden represent God's presence.
- God put in Adam in his presence to work, cultivate, worship and protect the presence of God.
- Was God trying to warn Adam? Why would you need to protect something if there wasn't a thief or adversary?

Genesis 2:25 (NKJV) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect uninterrupted fellowship with God, they lived in his presence and ruled over his creation.
- They were in Zoe (**perfect spiritual union with God.**)
- They were accepted, safe and secure, they had significance and were spiritually alive.

The rebellion of Adam, the fall of man, the curse

Genesis 3:1 (NKJV) *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”*

Who is Satan and what is Darkness?

- **Satan** – An angelic rebel who is opposed to God and his creation
- Darkness is the evil cohort of rebellious spiritual being bent in undermining Gods creation.

Genesis 3:2-7 (NKJV) *And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

What is spiritual death?

Genesis 2:17 - *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.”*

- Physical death is the separation of soul from Body.
- Spiritual death is the separation of your spirit from God.
- When the Holy Spirit left our spirit, it immediately died and Man sensual beings.

Genesis 3:8 (NKJV) *And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

Results of the fall:

- Shame, Self – Consciousness
- Dominant Negative Emotions – Pride, Anger, Fear, Guilt, Jealousy, Envy.
- Lost Knowledge of God – The Loss of the true perception of God.

What is sin, and how does it affect us?

Sin definition:

- Rebellion against the known will of God – 1 John 3:4 – “sin is lawlessness”
- The failure of man to measure up to God’s perfect standard of righteousness, whether in thought, word or deed.
- Whatever we do outside of faith – **Romans 14:23**
- Because of Adams sin we are in a fallen state of natural rebellion towards God

Romans 5:12 (NKJV) *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

- Adam was the only God made from the Ground all of mankind was in his seed.
- When Adam fell all of mankind fell.

Genesis 3:9 (NKJV) *Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”*

- The relationship Adam had with God was spiritual, because of spiritual death God could not sense Adam’s spirit.

Satan attempt at authority

- *Satan is clever, and he knows that since he is a spiritual being legally, he has no dominion on earth.*
- *But he does understand that if he can manipulate Adam and Eve to rebel against God, then Man by default would deliver their dominion to him, Satan would set up his own kingdom.*
- *Satan is power hungry, so he wasn't only interested in getting us to sin he was interested in the dominion God gave us.*

The Curse of the Serpent and Satan:

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent:

*"Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.*

- *The serpent partnership and agreement with Satan cost him to have his legs removed.*
- *Studies show snakes used to have leg.*

In verse 15, I believe he is speaking to Satan.

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*

- *The word enmity is hostility, so here God prophesies a natural hostility towards Satan and Mankind.*
- *God speaks concerning a battle between the seed of the woman and Satan himself.*
- *This seed, in the last sentence, speaks of one who will redeem mankind and destroy the works of the devil.*
- *The first messianic prophecy which we now know is King Jesus*
- *Also, it prophesies the virgin birth because women don't have seeds.*
- *As a result of a man losing dominion, A man would have to come and redeem our rebellion.*

The curse of the woman

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV) *To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.*

- *Also, sorrowful circumstances were part of the curse for women.*
- *Historically, women have been oppressed and seen as lesser than men.*
- *The blessing of childbearing is now a curse, and it will be painful.*

Genesis 3:16b (NKJV) *Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.*

- *Now, God prophesies here because of the curse of sin,*
- *The word **desire** could be translated to master over.*
- *Women's inherent desire would be to master or rule over their husbands.*
- *But the husband would forcibly put her into submission*

Mans Curse:

Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil, you shall eat of it All the days of your life ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

- What we had dominion over now we have become slaves too.
- Because of Mankind’s fall, the ground that naturally produced sustainment for life was cursed it would now have to be worked and cultivated with labor.
- This is why we work nowadays because if we don’t, the curse won’t stop, and we won’t eat.

Genesis 3:19 - In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

- This passage speaks to the curse of death, not spiritually but physically. **(Our bodies are cursed)**
- Our bodies will eventually wear out give to old age.

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

- So, because of Mans's fallen state, they had to be driven from the presence of God.
- Man is a state of rebellion our attitude naturally hostile towards God.
- We are separated from the presence, Nature and love of God.
- We are slaves to Spiritual Darkness.
- We have lost our purpose and true significance.
- We are controlled by Sin and our natural senses.

