

From Genesis to the Cross

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In the Beginning.....

Genesis 1:1 (AMP) *In the beginning God ([^aElohim]) [^bcreated [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

- *God created the heavens (the invisible realm) and his invisible Kingdom where he resides.*
- *God created the earth(The visible realm) where he wants to establish bring his invisible kingdom.*

Why Create the Earth?

1 John 4:8 – Tells us God is love. (Love has a desire to share)

- *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.*

Creation of Mankind

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.”

- **Man** – a species of spirit beings, made from Gods own spirit.
- **in Our image** –to be made in Gods image is to pattern his Characteristics, Nature and Qualities. (To reflect his Character), A 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, Responsibility

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.
- Mankind has not been given ownership, but stewardship(management)

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 in ruling the earth.

What is Eden?

- *(Eden) is not a place, but an atmosphere where heaven overshadows the earth. The Garden of Eden was a high place where heaven and earth overlapped.*
- *God presence 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; we can't find it anymore because the presence of GOD HAS LEFT.*

Mans Priestly Assignment:

The Garden of Eden was not the whole earth. Adam's mission was to spread the Garden of Eden (God's temple) to the whole earth.

- *Man (Adam) as a priest was supposed to tend and keep God's temple.*
- **Tend** – To work, serve, labor, worship.
- *True Worship was never about singing songs but stewarding his presence what God gave you.*
- **Keep It** – to hedge about, guard, to protect, attend to

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

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.*

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’s.*
- *When the Holy Spirit left our spirit, we immediately died and man became sensual beings.*

What is Sin?

Sin definition:

- *Rebellion against the known will of God*
- *The failure of man to measure up to God's perfect standard of righteousness, whether in thought, word or deed.*
- *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 man God made from the ground all of mankind was in his seed.*

Results of the fall:

- **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.*
- Negative emotions - *Shame, Self Consciousness, Pride, Anger, Fear, Guilt, Jealousy, Envy.*
- *Lost Knowledge of God – The Loss of the true perception of God.*
- *Our inherent Nature was fueled by rebellion.*
- *The earth we were supposed to dominate dominates us.*

The Law of Sin and 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.”

- ***Romans 6:23(NKJV) “For the wages of sin is death,”***
- ***Sins inherent penalty is death.***
- ***Death was not created by Satan but by God.***
- ***Before sin death is powerless until sin gives it power. 1 Cor 15:56***
- ***The Law gave sin its power. 1 Cor 15:56***
- ***Laws are given to expose rebels they inspire sin in us; Death receives its power from rebellion.***

Curses:

- **Genesis 3:14(NKJV)** *"14 The Lord God said to the serpent,*
- *"Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all the cattle,
And more than any animal of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And dust you shall eat
All the days of your life.*
- *Because of the serpent's partnership with Darkness, it was cursed
to slither on its belly.*

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- **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, God puts an innate deep-seated Hostility towards God’s people and evil.(Cain and Abel)*
- *Also speaks concerning a battle between the seeds of the woman and offspring of Satan(darkness).*
- *This seed, in the last sentence, speaks of an offspring of the woman who will redeem mankind and destroy the works of the devil.*
- *The first messianic prophecy which we now know is King Jesus*
- *Prophecy of the virgin birth because women don’t have seeds*

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- ***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.

- *The word **desire** could be translated to master over.*
- *Women's inherent desire would be to master, rule or dominate over their husbands.*
- *Submission would not become easy.*
- *But the husband would forcibly put her into submission.*
- *Human relationships no longer had the innate blessing of God.*

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Mans Curse:

- ***Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV)*** When God speaks to Adam, he speaks to all of Mankind, man and woman. 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 would now have to be worked and cultivated with Labor.*