



“Male and Female He Created Them”

Genesis 1:26-31, Pt.2

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Who is the brightest man you’ve ever known personally? Who is the brightest woman you’ve had the privilege of knowing?

QUICK REVIEW

Genesis is the book of origins. In it, God reveals the beginning of the universe, the earth, all life, the human race, man & woman, and marriage. All these things were created by God and appraised as very good. Genesis also reveals the beginning of God’s plan of redemption following the entrance of sin. The human race was created on the 6th day as the crowning element of all God has made. With the creation of male and female, the work of creation was done and it was all very good.

Read Genesis 1:26-31

What’s so good about the human race?

1. We were made male and female (1:27).
2. We were made with a mandate (1:28).
3. We were made in God’s image (1:26-28).

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. God has made us male and female. Reflect on Galatians 3:23-29. What does this passage say about male and female? Are we to understand all distinctions to be set aside? What is this passage seeking to impress upon the church?
2. Even as male and female share common value, dignity, worth and skill in the image of God, the doctrine of male headship is presented as something good. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What's at the heart of this passage? How do a husband and wife relate to one another? How can this principle be lived out in home and in church contexts with health and life?
3. Genesis 1:26-31 presents three elements of the creation mandate. These were laid out in this weekend's message. What are some positive ways you see this mandate being carried out? What are some ways each element has been strained by sin? How has your sin been evident in these things?
4. Reflect on Romans 8:26-30 and Romans 12:1-2. Considering how far we've fallen from the calling upon our lives to image forth God's reign, where do we find our hope for renewal? How can we bear the image of God? Is this God's work? Do we have a part?