

**Taking God at His word.**

# Did God really say...

*(Gen 3:1 NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

# Genesis 1:26-31

# **1.) Created in God's Image**

# Don't be an Ostrich

*She treats her young harshly, as if they were not hers; she cares not that her labor was in vain, for God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense. (Job 39 16-17 NIV)*

# In the Image of God

*(Gen 1:26a NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."*

# A big deal to God

*(Gen 9:6 NIV) "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man."*

# What image mean?

*Image: a representative figure, an idol*

*The same word is used to describe idols.*



# Abortion

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jer 1:5 NIV)*

# Not to be taken lightly

*(1 Cor 6:16 NIV) Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."*

# God Breathed

*(Gen 2:7 NIV) the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

# Created to be like God...

*(Eph 4:22-24 NIV) You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

# What can we take away...

- **Value People** as beings created in God's Image, with the ability to be transformed by His Spirit.
- **Value Children** as co-heirs in the promises of God
- **Value the unborn** as human beings created in God's image whose life God holds sacred.
- **Value yourself** as someone Jesus died for and cooperate with the Spirit as He is working to transform us into the image of His son.

**2.) Created for a purpose**

# Let them rule...

*(Gen 1:26 NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

# To work it...

*(Gen 2:15 NIV) The LORD God took the man  
and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it  
and take care of it*



# Satisfaction in all his toil...

*(Ecc1 3:13 NIV) That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil--this is the gift of God.*

# **If a man will not work...**

*(2 Th 3:10 NIV) For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."*

# We are his workmanship...

*(Eph 2:10 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

# Hope and a Future...

*(Jer 29:11 NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

# What about manual work?

*(Col 3:23 NIV) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

# What can we take away?

- Work is a blessing and not a curse
- God created us to work
- God has certain tasks He wants us to fulfill
- All work is spiritual as long as we do it unto the Lord.

## **3.) Created unique**

# Male and Female

*(Gen 1:27 NIV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*



# In God's likeness...

*(Gen 5:1 NIV) This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."*

# What likeness mean?

*Likeness: demuwth means like (-ness, as),  
manner, similitude.*

*The idea is its not a exact copy, but similar*

# Different roles...

*(Gen 2:18 NIV) The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

# Different curses: Women

*(Gen 3:16 NIV) To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."*

# Different curses: Men

*(Gen 3:17-19 NIV) To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

# Is this enough?

*(1 Cor 1:26 NIV) Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.*

# A profound mystery

*Gen 2:23-24 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, ' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

# A pre-fall order to things

*(1 Tim 2:12-13 NIV) I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.*



# A tough calling...

*(Eph 5: 25 NIV) Husbands, love your wives,  
just as Christ loved the church and gave  
himself up for her .*

# A tough calling...

*(Eph 5: 22 NIV) "submit to your husbands as  
to the Lord"*

# Look at Sarah...

*(1 Pet 3:6 NIV) like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

# Our gifts in the mix

*(1 Cor 12:18 NIV) But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.*

# What can we take away?

- God created us all unique
- We need to embrace our gender differences and not blur them
- We need to act in whatever station of life God has placed us
- We all need to use our gifts in the church for it to have the impact needed

# *Conclusion*