

GOD IN THE LIFE OF MAN – LESSONS FROM GENESIS

God in the Life of Adam

Part 1: The Giving God

Genesis 1:26-2:15

Martyn Lloyd-Jones wrote:

Nothing in the world is as practical as the teaching of the Bible. Indeed, the whole purpose of that book is to come to us with its instruction and its enlightenment concerning the very situation in which we find ourselves. That is what it is for. That is what it is about. (The Gospel in Genesis p8)

1 - God gives Adam Life

Gen. 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. **5** When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, **6** and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— **7** then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Calving commented: ...the body of Adam is formed of clay, and destitute of sense; to the end that no one should exult beyond measure in his flesh. He must be excessively stupid who does not hence learn humility. (John Calvin, Book of Genesis)

Gen. 3:19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Psa. 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. **14** For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

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Rom. 9:19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” **20** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” **21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

A God Consumed Life

Derek Kidner in Great little commentary on Genesis writes:

It is no accident that God is the subject of the first sentence of the Bible, for this world dominates the whole chapter and catches the eye at every point of the passage: it is used some thirty-five times in as many verses of the story. The passage, indeed the Book, is about him first of all; to read it with any other primary interest (which is all too possible) is to misread it.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

2 - God Gives Adam Sonship

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Gen. 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **2** Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Luke 3:38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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3 - God Give Adam Work

Gen. 2:5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

Gen. 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

a) Work is given by God before the fall

b) God given work includes representing Him

Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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c) God gives rest from our work

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. **3** So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Matt. 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.