

Introduction

Pray for the Service - Thanksgiving

Let's praise the Lord together

Rattle

So Good to Me

The title of this message is

God's Mission for Man

Theme verse:

Genesis 1:28 KJV 1900

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God has had a plan for man from the very beginning. It is a plan for good. It is in this world that He created for us.

The Creation - this world, is the place of Man's habitation, it is the place God made for us.

God's work begins in [Genesis 1:1-31](#) with "The Creation" and His interaction continues in [Genesis 2:1-25](#)

The Creation - Genesis 1:1-25

A. God Created

In [Genesis 1:1-2](#). Here we see God created and the Holy Spirit moved

This was the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They all had a part in creation.

B. Days of creation

In Genesis 1: 3-25

Fourth day—vv. 14–19. Lights. The sun, moon, stars, the nine planets, and the stars are without number. Each star has a name ([Ps. 147:4](#)).

Fifth day—vv. 20–23. Fish and animals. Note He made birds to fly in the air, fish to live in the water, animals to live on the land.

Note that God created by speaking “and God said” and it came to pass.

Also note that everything God spoke into existence was “good”

The Creature - Genesis 1:26-27

A. Man in God’s Image

—v. 26a “Let us [God, Jesus, Holy Spirit] make man in our image, after our likeness.” Man was made in the image of God.

B. Dominion

—v. 26b “And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all creeping things that creepeth upon the earth.” Man was created higher than animals. Because man was created in the image of God, he can have fellowship with God.

C. Design

—v. 27 God created man and woman. Marriage was established before any government, schools, or churches. God created man and woman for each other. (see God’s plan for marriage in [Eph. 5:22–29](#).)

III. The Command (The Mission) - Genesis 1:28–31

The Command - the mission God gave to man, his creation

A. God’s Plan

—vv. 28–30.

1. Reproduce

If possible husband and wife should have children. The number of children is a personal matter between the couple. No parents should have more children than

The Garden

All of the earth was created for man as in [Genesis 2:4-6](#) where it says “there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground”.

But God wanted a special place for Adam and Eve and created a garden for them in [Genesis 2:8](#).

[Genesis 2:8 KJV 1900](#)

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Having created Adam, God now presents an affectionate gift; something very personal for him; something that would bring Adam great happiness; something that would always remind Adam of their relationship.

God didn't create a beautiful palace for Adam, God didn't create gorgeous apparel for him.

God gave Adam a *garden* to “dress it”. This was a place where Adam walked with God. This was a place for Adam to work and eat and rest and have pleasure and fulfillment in his life.

It was in a garden, God's first earthly gift to man, that:

God first spoke to man, [Gen. 2:16](#).

Man first spoke to God, [Gen. 3:10](#).

Where God first questioned man, [Gen. 3:9](#).

Where Adam and Eve first came together, the first love affair, [Gen. 2:21-23](#).

Where man first sinned, [Gen. 3:6](#).

Where Christ, the “last Adam,” dedicated Himself to redeem man,

[Matthew 26:39 KJV 1900](#)

³⁹ And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but

originally “to miss the mark, fail in duty” which is stated in a verse we may all know, [Rom 3:23](#).

[Romans 3:23 KJV 1900](#)

²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

As Lawgiver, God sets limits to man’s freedom

Another frequent term (Heb *‘ābar*; Gk *parabasis*) describes sin as transgression, overstepping those set limits.

Similar terms are *peša’* (Heb) (rebellion, transgression); *‘āšam* (Heb) (trespassing upon God’s kingly prerogative, incurring guilt)

paraptōma (Gk) (a false step out of the appointed way, trespass on forbidden ground).

In the New Testament this concept is “Iniquity” which often translates *‘āōn* (Heb) (perverseness, wrongness), for which the nearest NT equivalent is *anomia* (Gk , lawlessness), *paranomia* (Gk) (law-breaking), rejecting divine rule; *rāša’* (Heb), also, means “lawless, unruly.”

There is another aspect of the devils character and nature that I want to focus on for this message. This is found in the response of Eve to God in [Genesis 3:13](#).

[Genesis 3:13 KJV 1900](#)

¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done?
And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Eve said the serpent “beguiled” her.

The Bible say the serpent was more “subtle” in [Genesis 3:1](#)

When speaking about the justice of God, he mentions that God “frustrates the devices of the *arum*” ([Job 5:12](#)).

The word *ormah* is used in [Exod 21:14](#) to refer to a willful and intentional murder (“to kill him by *ormah*”). Psalm 83 uses it to describe plans made by the enemies of God ([Psa 83:3](#)).

While *arum* is often seen as a desirable characteristic, its use in [Gen 3:1](#) reflects the word’s negative aspects.

The serpent is *arum*, like the enemies of God in Psa 83.

The serpent’s craftiness is used to deceive and lead astray.

The serpent’s craftiness is not something that protects or gives discernment. Instead, it is used to deceive and lead astray.¹

The devil has subverted Man’s mission through deception, using the lust of things and the pride of life to control their lives.

We can see this in the temptation of Jesus in [Luke 4:5-7](#)

[Luke 4:5-7 KJV 1900](#)

⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me;

¹⁴ For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

If we only think of sin and the devil in terms of some religious teachings that only condemn us because we are “not living up to God’s standard” we will miss the end time strategy of the devil who in [2 Corinthians 11:14](#) is an angel of light.

[2 Corinthians 11:14 KJV 1900](#)

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Fulfillment of God’s Plan

The Mission is Still the Same

Man is still important to God as it says in [Hebrews 2:6-8](#)

[Hebrews 2:6-8 KJV 1900](#)

⁶ But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful

2. Practice

—v. 7. Israel refused to listen to God. Throughout the Old Testament, God blessed Israel, but they quickly forgot Him. Man has not changed since then. Notice the future of those who forget God—[Psalm 9:17](#). The house of Israel was impudent and hardhearted.

- a. Impudent—the Israelites were disrespectful.
- b. Hardhearted—the people were stubborn.

3. Power

felt. He knew their problems. He went to where the people were.

2. Solemnity—vv. 16–19

- a. Watchman—vv. 16–17. God told Ezekiel he was a watchman to warn Israel of coming danger. We also must warn of the coming judgment.

