

“Your Origin Story”

Genesis 2:4–25

January 29, 2023

God Created Humanity As a Special Act of Creation

“He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth.” (Acts 17:26)

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” (Psalm 139:13–16)

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.” (Psalm 95:6–7)

“Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.” (Psalm 100:3)

God Created Humanity with Purpose and Responsibility

God Created Man and Woman Complementary

“The woman was ‘made of a rib out of the side of Adam’; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.” (Matthew Henry)

“Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; for as woman was made from man, so man is not born of woman. And all things are from God.” (1 Corinthians 11:11–12)

“Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’” (Mark 10:29–30)

God Created Marriage for Man and Woman

“The man who stands with God is always in the majority.” (John Knox)

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Matthew 19:6)

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:25–27)

God Created Man and Woman Sinless

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

Notes

Discuss

- What questions do you continue to have about divorce, so-called same-sex marriage, cohabitation, or any of the other practices that are common in our culture?
- How can Christians, regardless of their marital status, work to obey the command, “Let marriage be held in honor among all” (Hebrews 13:4)?
- Why is it significant that human purpose and responsibility in the form of work and commands (from God) existed as a part of the original goodness of creation, and how do you think that should impact how you think about your responsibilities today?
- Humans aren’t created sinless today, so why is it important to know that Adam and Eve were created sinless?

Read

Matthew 19:1–12; 1 Corinthians 7:1–40; 1 Timothy 2:18–25

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to live in the knowledge that God is your Creator.
- That the Holy Spirit will give you wisdom to interact lovingly with a world that rejects God.

Bulletin

- Youth Ministry Gathering (6th–12th Graders): Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm
- Childcare Workers’ Lunch: Sunday, February 12 at 12:15pm (RSVP to Dawn McHargue)
- Men’s Breakfast: Saturday, February 18 at 8:00am