



Genesis: Creation and Covenant

Genesis 1:28-2:3 Creation: A Fine and Finished Work of God

Introduction

A Fine Work

❖ Genesis 1:28-31

1. Creation was blessed

2. Creation was at peace with itself

- Every green plant was good to eat
- Every creature ate those plants...and not each other
 - ❖ Romans 3:10-12—as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
 - ❖ Genesis 1:29—“Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed **that is on the face of all the earth**, and every tree with seed in its fruit.”
 - ❖ Genesis 1:30—And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, **everything that has the breath of life**, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.
 - ❖ Romans 8:19-24—For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

3. Creation was a place where creatures that had been given the breath of life didn't die

- ❖ Genesis 9:3—Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:55-57—“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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- ❖ Revelation 21:4—*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

4. Creation was VERY good

A Finished Work

❖ Genesis 2:1-3

1. God finished on the seventh day

- Creation

- Redemption

- ❖ John 19:28-30—*After this, Jesus, **knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished**," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

- Consummation (the return of Christ)

- ❖ Revelation 21:5-6—*And he who was seated on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "**It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.** To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*
- ❖ Philippians 1:6—*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

2. God rested on the seventh day

- ❖ John 5:17—...*"My Father is working until now, and I am working."*
- ❖ Isaiah 66:1—*Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and **what is the place of my rest?**"*
- ❖ Psalm 132:13-15—*For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "**This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell**, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.*
- ❖ Genesis 3:8—*And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*



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- ✦ Earlier, I told you that we'd get to something that would make us even more homesick... and this is it. Beloved, the soul that has trusted in Christ alone for redemption, has a deep almost inexpressible longing this reality. Beloved, don't our hearts burn for the day spoken of in Revelation...
- ✦ Revelation 21:3—*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

3. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy

✦ **Genesis 2:3**

- ✦ Exodus 20:8-11—*"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

A Closing Application