

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
GENESIS 1,2

INTRODUCTION:

1. Many attempt a harmonistic approach to the creation account.
 - a) To harmonize with evolution, some claim the creation account to be metaphorical.
 - b) Theistic Evolution assumes that God created the Universe using natural, non-miraculous methods. Day-Age theory, Gap Theory, Multiple Gap Theory.
 - c) The answer: *“In the beginning, God”* (Gen. 1.1; cf. Jer. 32.17)
2. The creation account is designed to convey to humanity the power, authority, and glory of God. (Ps. 19.1-6; Rom. 1.20,21)
3. While Genesis 1 gives a general outline of the creation account, Genesis 2 narrows our attention to the creation of humanity.

I. THE NATURE OF HUMANITY

- A. **GENESIS 2.7:** *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”*
 1. Man was created in the image of God. (Gen. 1.26,27)
 2. We are spirit beings infused in a physical body. (2 Cor. 4.16-18)
 3. Why did God create humanity? (Isa. 43.7; 1 Cor. 10.31)
- B. The significance of our nature.
 1. We are created as a people of purity. (Matt. 5.8)
 2. Is it our natural tendency to sin? (Eph. 2.3; Rom. 7.11-14; Rom. 3.9-12,23)
 3. Through the blood of Jesus, we were made pure. (1 Pet. 1.22,23; 2 Pet. 1.4)
 4. **JAMES 1.27:** *“keep oneself unspotted from the world.”* (cf. 2 Pet. 2.20)

II. THE PURPOSE OF HUMANITY

- A. **GENESIS 2.15:** *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”*
 1. God created a garden, *“and there was no man to till the ground.”*
 2. The first man was created for the purpose of tending the garden. (Gen. 2.8)
 3. It wasn't until the fall of man that tilling the ground became difficult. (Gen. 3.17-19)
- B. God created humanity as people designed to work.
 1. Generally, God expects us to work.
 - a) We are expected to work physically. (2 Thess. 3.6-10; Prov. 24.30-34)
 - b) We are expected to work spiritually. (Eph. 2.10; Titus 2.14)
 2. Specifically, God has created each one of us with a purpose. (Ps. 139.13-16)

III. THE REALTIONSHIP OF HUMANITY

- A. Humanity has a relationship with the animal kingdom.
 1. **GENESIS 1.26-28:** *“let them have dominion”*
 2. There is a companionship we enjoy with animals. (Gen. 2.18-20; 2 Sam. 12.3)
 3. God has *“put all things in subjection under his feet”* (Heb. 2.5-8)
- B. Humanity has a relationship with humanity.
 1. **GENESIS 2.21-25:** *“from man He made into a woman and brought her to the man”*
 2. Even Jesus needed His friends. (Mark 3.14; Matt. 26.36-38)
 3. The church is a group of people who support each other. (1 Cor. 12.25,26)