

WHO IS MAN?

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Key Verse 27

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

1. Read verses 26-27. After having created the world, including an environment to sustain life as well as plants and animals, what did God decide to do? What does it mean that man is a created being? Read verse 27 again. What does it mean that God created mankind in his own image? What does this suggest about the relationship between God and man?
2. How did God bless man and woman? (28) What does it mean to “be fruitful”? What does it mean to “subdue” and “rule over”? How are these commands a blessing? What does this suggest about man and his purpose on the earth?
3. Read verses 29-30. How did God provide for the physical needs of mankind in carrying out his purpose? How should man respond to God’s gracious gift? (Ps 104:14, 27, 31, 33)
4. Read verse 31. What was God’s evaluation of all that he had created? What does verse 31 teach us about God and the world he created? What does this teach us about mankind, including yourself? What difference does it make to know that God created me for a good purpose? (Eph 2:10)
5. Read 2:1-3. What did God do on the seventh day? Why did he bless the seventh day and make it holy? (See Mark 2:27; Ex 20:8) Do you think God needs to rest? Why did God rest, and give the command to keep the Sabbath? What does this suggest about mankind and his need for the Sabbath? (Mt 11:28-29)