

On Being a Man

The Foundation -- What does it mean to be human?

What does the **Genesis** creation story say life is all about?
In other words, what is man's charter?

Before the fall

1:26-27 Humans in God's image (tselam: shadow)
and likeness (d'muth: appearance, likeness)

Rule (ridah: press grapes, subdue, rule) over other living things

1:28 Be fruitful (parah: bear fruit)

Multiply (ravah: amplify, grow in number or amount of offspring or riches)

Fill (mala') the earth

Subdue (same as 26) it (*the earth*)

1:29 Eat plants

2:15 Cultivate ('avad: work, serve) the earth and keep (shamar: keep, reserve, watch,
honor attend) it

2:23 Leave ('azab: loose the bands) father and mother to cleave (dabaq: be devoted to;
Deut. 10:20, 11:22; 2 Sam 20:2; 1 Kings 11:2) to wife

After the fall

- 3:16 Desired (shuq: to be dominated / overruled) by women
 Rule (mashal: make like, rule, not the same as subdue; Gen. 4:7) over the woman
- 3:17-19 Toil for food throughout life
 Reap weeds
- 3:23 Cultivate ('avad: work, serve)
- 4:3-4 Blood(?) offering to God

N.T. comments about our charter based on creation

- John 1:3 Jesus Christ, the Word, was the agent of all creation.
- Col 1:16-17 Jesus Christ not only created all things but keeps them stable.
- Eph 1:4 He set up the system of election before creation.
- 1 Pet 1:20 Before creation, God knew Christ would be the sacrificial lamb.
- Rom 1:18-24 Man is to glorify the Creator.
- Rom 5:12-21 Adam exposed the inability of man to trust God. (Rom 14:23)
- I Cor 15:20-22 Adam is the epitome of mortality, Jesus Christ is the epiphany of eternal hope.
- I Cor 15:42-48 Adam unwittingly models earthly life, Christ intentionally models spiritual life.
- I Tim 2:11-13 Adam was formed first, then Eve. He has the charter of authority in the body of believers
- I Tim 2:14-15 Adam was not deceived, Eve was. Her maternal and submissive roles are given to protect her from deception.