



SERMON 1: God the Creator — “In the Beginning, God...”

Text: Genesis 1:1–2:3

Character Focus: God

Theme: God as Sovereign Creator and Sustainer

Main Principle: All of life begins with God, is ordered by God, and is for the glory of God.



INTRODUCTION

Genesis opens not with man, but with God. The first chapter of Scripture isn't about us—it's about Him. Genesis 1 answers life's biggest questions: *Where did we come from? Why are we here? Who is in control?* Before anything was, **God was**. This sermon centers around **God as Creator**, highlighting His power, wisdom, and order.



OUTLINE

1. **God's Creative Authority (1:1)**
 2. **God's Order and Design (1:2–25)**
 3. **God's Creation of Mankind (1:26–31)**
 4. **God's Rest and Satisfaction (2:1–3)**
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EXPOSITIONAL TEXT – VERSE BY VERSE




1:1 – "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (JEN)

- **Explanation:** The word for “beginning” (Hebrew: *re'shith*) refers not to a point in time measured by a clock, but the **origin** of all things. “Created” (*bara'*) is used **exclusively for God's creative action**—out of nothing (Latin:



ex nihilo). The “heavens and the earth” is a merism meaning **everything in existence**.

- **Historical Setting:** Written by Moses during Israel’s wilderness journey; meant to show Israel their God was unlike the gods of Egypt or Canaan—**He alone is Creator**.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Isaiah 45:12 – “I made the earth and created man on it...”
 - John 1:1–3 – “All things were made through Him...”
 - **Key Word:** *bara’* – divine creative power. Only God does this.
 - **Principle:** **God alone is the eternal Creator.**
 - **Application:** You are not an accident. Your life has a beginning in the intentional will of a personal Creator.
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 **1:2 – “And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”**
(JEN)

- **Explanation:** “Formless and void” (*tohu vavohu*) indicates a chaotic, uninhabitable condition—not evil, but **unformed**. “Deep” (*tehom*) reflects the ancient idea of a primal sea. “Hovering” (*rachaph*) is like a mother bird fluttering over her young—**God is present and active**.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Jeremiah 4:23 – repeats *tohu vavohu* as imagery of judgment.
 - Psalm 104:30 – “You send forth Your Spirit, and they are created.”
 - **Key Word:** *rachaph* – nurturing presence of God.
 - **Principle:** **God brings order out of chaos.**
 - **Application:** Even when life feels formless and dark, the Spirit of God is present and working.
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 **1:3–25 – “And God said...”**

- **Repeated phrase:** Ten times, “God said” introduces creation acts.
- Each day reflects structure:



1. **Announcement** – “God said”
 2. **Command** – “Let there be...”
 3. **Fulfillment** – “And it was so...”
 4. **Evaluation** – “And God saw it was good”
 5. **Time marker** – “Evening and morning, the ____ day”
- **Key Days:**
 - **Day 1–3:** Forming realms (light, sky/sea, land)
 - **Day 4–6:** Filling realms (sun/moon, birds/fish, animals/humans)
 - **Historical Notes:** Opposes pagan cosmologies—no war of gods, no chaos monsters. Just the Word of God.
 - **Key Word:** *dabar* – “word” or “command” with creative force.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Psalm 33:6 – “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.”
 - Hebrews 11:3 – “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.”
 - **Principle:** **God’s Word brings life and order.**
 - **Application:** Trust the authority of God’s Word—it still brings light to darkness.
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1:26–31 – “Let Us make man in Our image...”

- **Explanation:** God creates humanity uniquely. “Let Us” hints at divine plurality (*Trinitarian hint*). “Image” (*tselem*) means likeness in function—*ruling, reflecting, relating*.
- **Key Features of Man:**
 - Made male and female
 - Made to rule (dominion)
 - Made with blessing
 - Made very good
- **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Psalm 8:4–6 – “You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings...”
 - James 3:9 – We bless God but curse men made in His likeness
- **Principle:** **Human life has inherent dignity, identity, and purpose.**



- **Application:** You were made to reflect God—to rule His world under His Word. Are you living out your image-bearing calling?
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● 2:1–3 – "And God rested on the seventh day..."

- **Explanation:** God's rest (*shabat*) is not from exhaustion but completion. He ceases creating and sets apart time as sacred.
 - **Historical Insight:** Sabbath becomes Israel's sign (Ex. 20:11) of trust in God as Provider.
 - **Key Word:** *qadash* – to sanctify, set apart.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Exodus 20:8–11 – Sabbath law based on creation
 - Hebrews 4:9–11 – A greater rest still awaits God's people
 - **Principle: Rest is part of God's design for life and worship.**
 - **Application:** Make space to rest and remember—you are not God. Resting honors your Creator.
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🎯 CONCLUSION & APPLICATION

🌱 Big Idea:

Genesis 1 shows us that life begins with **God**, not us. He is **the sovereign Creator** who brings **light out of darkness, order out of chaos, and purpose to every life.**

💡 Application Points:

- Worship God for His power and wisdom in creation.
 - Rest in His sovereign order, even in your chaos.
 - Live purposefully as an image-bearer of God.
 - Trust His Word—His voice still speaks and still creates.
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SERMON 2: Adam and Eve — “The Fall and the Promise”

Text: Genesis 2:4–5:5

Character Focus: Adam and Eve

Theme: God's design for humanity, the tragedy of sin, and the first promise of redemption

Main Principle: Sin distorts what God designed, but God's grace promises restoration.

INTRODUCTION

After the majestic creation of the universe in Genesis 1, Genesis 2 narrows its focus from the cosmos to a garden—from the world to one man. Here we meet the first human couple: **Adam and Eve**, handcrafted by God, placed in paradise, and entrusted with a divine commission. But in Genesis 3, tragedy strikes. The world that began in beauty is now broken by disobedience. And yet, God does not leave man in ruin. He gives a **promise of redemption** that echoes through all of Scripture.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. **God Forms Man and Gives a Purpose (2:4–17)**
 2. **God Creates Woman and Establishes Marriage (2:18–25)**
 3. **The Serpent’s Deception and Sin’s Entrance (3:1–7)**
 4. **God’s Judgment and the First Gospel (3:8–24)**
 5. **Life After Eden and the Legacy of Adam (4:1–5:5)**
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EXPOSITIONAL TEXT – VERSE BY VERSE



🌿 **2:4 – "These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that Yahweh Elohim made the earth and the heavens." (JEN)**

- **Explanation:** This verse begins a **new section** using the phrase *toledoth* ("generations"), a structural marker in Genesis.
 - "Yahweh Elohim" (LORD God) combines God's **covenant name (Yahweh)** and **Creator title (Elohim)**—highlighting both His power and His relationship to man.
 - **Supporting Scripture:** Exodus 3:14 – "I AM who I AM" — Yahweh reveals His name as the eternal, covenantal God.
 - **Principle:** God is both **Creator** and **Covenant Lord**.
 - **Application:** The God who made the world also wants a relationship with you.
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👤 **2:7 – "Then Yahweh Elohim formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul." (JEN)**

- **Explanation:** "Formed" (*yatsar*) is the word for a potter shaping clay—intimate and intentional. "Dust" (*aphar*) shows man's humility. God's own breath gives life.
 - **Historical Background:** Unlike pagan myths where man is made from violence or chaos, here God creates man **personally and purposefully**.
 - **Supporting Scripture:** Job 33:4 – "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."
 - **Key Word:** *nephesh chayah* – living being/soul.
 - **Principle:** Humanity is both humble (dust) and exalted (God-breathed).
 - **Application:** Your life has value—not because of your achievements, but because God made and breathed into you.
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👤 **2:18 – "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make for him a helper corresponding to him." (JEN)**



- **Explanation:** The first "not good" in creation is loneliness. "Helper" (*ezer*) does not imply inferiority—it's used of God (e.g., Psalm 121:1–2). "Corresponding to" (*kenegdo*) means a perfect fit or counterpart.
 - **Supporting Scripture:** Ephesians 5:31 – Marriage reflects Christ and the Church.
 - **Principle:** Marriage is God-designed—based on complement, not competition.
 - **Application:** View relationships through God's lens—designed for companionship, help, and mutual reflection of His image.
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 **3:1 – "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, 'Did God really say...?'" (JEN)**

- **Explanation:** The serpent is Satan (cf. Revelation 12:9). "Crafty" (*arum*) means shrewd, manipulative. The temptation begins with **questioning God's Word**.
 - **Historical Insight:** Ancient Near East cultures saw serpents as symbols of chaos or divine knowledge—Genesis rejects that by exposing the serpent as the deceiver.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - 2 Corinthians 11:3 – Eve was deceived by Satan's cunning.
 - John 8:44 – Satan is a liar and murderer.
 - **Key Word:** *amar* – "said" — Satan misquotes and twists God's Word.
 - **Principle:** All sin begins by doubting God's truth and goodness.
 - **Application:** Guard your heart by anchoring it in God's Word daily.
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 **3:6 – "She took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate." (JEN)**

- **Explanation:** The sin is not in the fruit but in **disobedience to God's direct command** (Gen 2:17). Adam is **silent**, passive, and present.
- **Supporting Scriptures:**



- Romans 5:12 – Sin entered the world through one man.
 - 1 Timothy 2:14 – Adam was not deceived, but sinned knowingly.
 - **Principle:** Sin brings separation from God, guilt, and shame.
 - **Application:** Your choices matter—sin never stays private.
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📖 3:15 – "And I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall strike his heel." (JEN)

- **Explanation:** This is the **protoevangelium**—first gospel. "Seed of the woman" is ultimately Christ. The serpent will wound Him (the cross), but Christ will crush him (the resurrection).
 - **Key Word:** *shuph* – "crush" or "strike violently."
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - Romans 16:20 – "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."
 - Galatians 4:4 – "Born of a woman..."
 - **Principle:** God's grace shines brightest in the darkest moments.
 - **Application:** In Christ, Satan is a defeated foe—walk in that victory.
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🔪 3:24 – "So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword..." (JEN)

- **Explanation:** God's justice demands separation. Yet even in exile, there's mercy: they don't die immediately, and they are clothed (Gen 3:21).
 - **Historical Note:** Cherubim later appear in the tabernacle guarding the Holy of Holies (Exodus 25:18–22).
 - **Principle:** Sin separates us from God, but He makes a way back.
 - **Application:** Don't stay in hiding—come to God on His terms, through Christ.
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 **5:3** – "Adam fathered a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth." (JEN)

- **Explanation:** A tragic echo—man now multiplies not just the image of God, but also the **nature of sin**.
 - **Supporting Scripture:** Psalm 51:5 – "In sin did my mother conceive me."
 - **Principle:** Sin's legacy passes on—but so does God's grace.
 - **Application:** Teach the next generation the gospel—Seth's line leads to Christ (Luke 3:38).
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CONCLUSION & APPLICATION

Big Idea:

Adam and Eve's story shows that **sin brings death**, but **God promises a Redeemer**. The first man failed—but through the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, **life is restored**.

Application Points:

- Recognize the seriousness of sin and flee temptation.
- Trust God's Word—don't let Satan distort it in your heart.
- Rest in the promise of Genesis 3:15—Jesus has crushed the serpent.
- Reflect God's image in your relationships and roles.