

God's Purpose for Man: Intimacy

Purpose: To show the nature of God's original purpose for all men

How important are you to God? Why does He even bother with us? David said it this way:

Psalm 8:3,4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

The first two chapters of Genesis let us know that we are very important to God. It shows the care that He took in creating the environment that we now live in and the special care that He took in making us. We are important! God has a plan for us!

- In chapter 1, we get an overall picture of God creating the heavens and the earth. But here in Chapter 2 we get a more specific look at God's purpose in His creation
- In chapter 1 we get the order of creation, but in chapter 2 the order is not important.

Read Genesis 2:4-25

Here are some very important things to consider:

1. The LORD God – this is the first mention of the Name Jehovah in the bible
 - a. Jehovah –all sufficient one, the I AM
2. Formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed...
 - a. This is the only thing for which God used His hands
 - b. God also breathed into him the breath of lives
 - c. Man became a living being.
3. The LORD God planted a garden – perfect environment. What was in it?
 - a. Great atmosphere – “pleasant to the sight...”
 - b. Good food
 - c. Tree of life
 - d. Tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - e. A river to water the garden
4. What did God do with the man?
 - a. Put him in the garden
 - b. Gave him a job
 - c. Gave him a command
 - d. Gave him a companion
5. What do we know about this companion?
 - a. She was to be a help to him
 - b. She would be comparable to him
 - c. The other living creatures were not comparable to him – they were not enough.
 - d. She was taken out of man
 - e. They were physically joined to one another

f. They were unashamed.

1. God's original intention for all men:
 - a. Excellent environment
 - b. Tasks to perform
 - c. Commands to obey
 - d. Fellowship & communion
 - e. Unashamed

God's plan for us is still the same.

Revelation 21:1-5