

God's Purposes and Plans In Creation

Genesis 1:26-31, Romans 8:19-23

I. The Creation of Human Beings:

- A. We are **made** in _____'s **image**.
- B. We were to **originally** eat **only** _____.
- C. **All animals** were to eat **only** _____.
- D. **After the fall**, _____ entered.
- E. **Gen 9:3** God **added** _____ to our **menu**!



II. The Creation Provides For Our Needs:

- A. **Creation provides** our _____.
- B. **Creation provides** our _____.
- C. **Creation provides** our _____.
- D. **Creation provides** our _____.
- E. **Creation provides** for _____ our **needs**.
- F. **James 1:17** Every good gift comes from _____.
- G. We **can** and **must** use _____ to **survive**.



III. Cautions About Creation:

- A. **Creation** is _____ just **about us**.
 - 1. **God** said it was _____ **before humans**.
 - 2. **God delights** in His _____.
 - 3. **Creation** brings _____ to **God**.
- B. We must _____ **worship Creation**.
 - 1. **God** is _____ in **created things**.
 - 2. _____ is **transcendent**.
 - 3. **God** is **involved** in _____.



IV. Creation Reveals God

- A. **Jesus** told many **parables** using _____.
- B. **Everything** in **creation** can **teach** us about _____.
- C. **Carver: God** _____ to us through **nature**.



V. Our Role In Creation:

- A. **People** are part of _____ too!
- B. We are to **rule** over _____.
- C. Some of **God's management principles**:
1. Take a **Sabbath** rest **including animals** and _____.
 2. **Provide** for the _____.
 3. **Giving** a _____% **tithe**.
- D. Our **goal** should be **shalom** or **peace**.
1. **Profit motive-work creation** but **not** _____ for it.
 2. **Ecological-care** for **creation** but **not** _____ it.
 3. **God's plan** is to do _____.
 4. **Husbandry** is **beneficial use**.
- E. **Prov 12:10, 27:23** We should **care for** our _____.
- F. We **obey, love, honor** _____ when we **do this**.
- G. We are _____ our **neighbors** as we do this.
- H. We can _____ **God** by **caring for His Creation**.



VI. Renewed Creation:

- A. **Rev 21** We will **live on** _____ **with God!**
- B. The _____ will be **restored** to **perfection!**
- C. The _____ has **always** been **our home**.
- D. **Rom 8**: **Creation suffered** because of **Adam's** _____.
- E. **Creation suffered** from **sin** in **Noah's** _____.
- F. **Creation suffers** today because of _____.
- G. The **theological** is **connected** to the **ecological**.
- H. **Sin** still causes **natural** _____.
- I. **Creation** is **waiting** to be **free** of _____ and **decay**.
- J. _____ **charged** the **battery** to **renew all Creation**.
- K. **Creation** is **all** about _____!
- L. **God** wants **us** to be a **part** of **His renewed creation!**



Verse To Remember: Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over...all the earth.
Genesis 1:26