

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 06, 2016

Sermon Series: Origin of Man (Part II)

Key Passage: Genesis 2:16-20 (ESV)

Pastor - Mark Saunders



A. Man is created by God in His own image.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. (Genesis 1:26a ESV)

7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. (Genesis 2:7-8 ESV)

What does it mean for us to bear the image of God?

B. Moral: We are created by God to act like He acts.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26a-27 ESV)

C. Responsible: We are created by God to lead like He leads.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 ESV)

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15 ESV)

D. Relational: We are created by God to love like He loves.

I. God loves by telling us what to do - Direction

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 ESV)

II. God loves by giving us what we need - Provision

29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. (Genesis 1:29 ESV)

III. God loves by clarifying what we see - Explanation

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." (Genesis 1:30 ESV)

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E. Rational: We are created by God to think like He thinks.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17 ESV)

47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:47-49 ESV)

F. Volitional: We are created by God to choose like He chooses.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17 ESV)

How free is our free will?

A. Our choices are limited by our nature.

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:1-7 ESV)

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B. Our choices are tied to our consequences.

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.
(Deuteronomy 30:11-20 ESV)

C. Our choices can be rectified by God’s choices.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8 ESV)

Life Group Notes

Week of Sunday, March 06, 2016

Sermon Series: Origins

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Getting Started

1. Did anything stand out to you about Mark's sermon this weekend? Did you hear anything that you could apply to your life? If so, what?
2. What are some habits or behaviors that your children have picked up from you? Are they some of the same behaviors that you picked up from your parents or mentor?
3. How do you think you've done at bearing the image of God? What does that mean to you?

Read Genesis 2:16-20

Take note of anything that stands out to you, anything that confuses you, or anything that interests you.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.
(Genesis 2:16-20 ESV)

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1. Last week, we talked about trees in our current walk that we should abstain from. Did you find it easier to stay away from those things after discussing them with others?
2. We see God give man a choice in verses 16-17, eat or don't eat. Why do you think that God gives man the ability to choose? What does that say about God?
3. Sometimes the idea of creativity is lost in our reading of scripture. Discuss the creativity of God in creating everything we see today? If you could rename one animal, what would it be and what would you rename it?
4. All of the choices that we make are limited by the nature in which we have been born into. How does Ephesians 2:1-7 give encouragement for a time to come? (Read Ephesians 2:1-7 out loud)
5. When you read through Ephesians 2:1-7, what are some choices that you can make that will show that you have been 'made alive together with Christ'? How have you shared the grace that saved you with others?

Becoming:

This week, continue to find silence in your day/week. Be intentional in seeking time with just you and your creator. One of the great powers of silent prayer is that we see how the world is able to continue to work without our words or actions. Take time this week to just be still and listen.