



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 2:4-17 (NAS)

Topic: "Who Are You and What Is Your Purpose?"

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- 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.
- 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.
- 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
- 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- 12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
- 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
- 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
- 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

I. WHO ARE YOU?

- A. Man's Answer Brings Negative Effects *Genesis 15:32*
- B. God's Answer As Seen In Genesis 2

II. WHY TWO ACCOUNTS OF CREATION?

- A. Genesis 1 Is A Chronological Account
- B. Genesis 2 Looks At Creation As It Relates To Man

III. WHY TWO NAMES FOR GOD?

- A. Genesis 1 Looks At God The Omnipotent Creator
- B. Genesis 2 Shows God Interacting With His Creation

IV. HOW DID GOD UNIQUELY DESIGN MAN? Psalm 139:14-16

- A. God Acted As The Potter
- B. God Breathed Life Into Man

V. WHAT PURPOSE DID GOD GIVE TO MAN?

- A. God Designed A Place For Man
- B. God Prepared Work For Man *Ephesians 2:10*
 1. Physical *vs. 15*
 2. Mental *vss. 19, 20*

VI. WHY DID GOD GIVE MAN MORAL RESPONSIBILITY?

- A. For His Good
- B. For His Protection