

GENESIS

FROM THE DUST

SESSION 7

Read Genesis 1:26-30

(Finishing up from last week)

- 1 In analyzing the words of these verses, what is said about the creation of man that is distinctly different from all the other things that God made?
- 2 What might the "image" and "likeness" of God have looked like in Adam and Eve? How much of this image do we have today?
- 3 How does Genesis establish the place of mankind on the earth especially in regards to the following hot button issues of today:
 - *Environmentalism, animal rights --Today we have come to see ourselves either as masters of the universe (given the potential of our technological powers) or as the worst thing ever to happen to the universe (given our potential for ecological destructiveness).*
 - *Reproduction, overpopulation, fertility, family planning, abortion – God said to be “fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”*
 - *Gender dysphoria (transgenderism) and homosexuality—God made sexuality as a vital part of humanity. Male and female are not choices but the deliberate design of God.*
- 4 God commands that man (as male and female) be fruitful and multiply. How does the mystery of procreation and reproduction defy materialistic, evolutionary explanations and give testimony to God himself as sustainer and enabler of all things?
- 5 What do we make of the fact that God originally intended for mankind to eat plants and says nothing about meat? Is vegetarianism a better way?

Read Genesis 1:31 – 2:3

- 6 What does it mean that God set aside the seventh day as a holy day of rest?

