

Genesis 2:4–25 — Made in God's Image

Vocabulary

Power – The strength or ability to do something.

Genesis 2:4–25 — What Happened?

God made everything in the world. But when He made people, He did something extra special. He didn't just speak and create like He did with the animals. God formed the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground. Then He breathed His own breath into Adam—and Adam came to life!

God gave Adam a beautiful home called Eden, a garden filled with trees, rivers, animals, and all kinds of beauty. Adam's job was to take care of the garden and all the creatures in it. God also gave him a mind to think, make rules, and build things that would help life grow and stay safe.

Why Did God Create Us?

God didn't need us. The Bible says in Psalm 50:12, "If I were hungry, I would not tell you." He is powerful and complete all by Himself. But He made us anyway—and there's a reason.

Revelation 4:11 and Colossians 1:16 tell us that God created us for His pleasure. That doesn't mean He made us to entertain Him, but that creating us was something good and beautiful because of who He is.

God is expressive, like an artist:

A painting reflects the heart of the painter.

A poem shows the thoughts of the poet.

Music expresses the heart of the musician.

We are God's expression. He made us to reflect who He is. Romans 1 says we can see parts of God's nature in all the things He made.

God is also personal. He wants a relationship with us—just like He has with the angels in heaven. He talks to them. He's near them. And He wants to be near us, too.

That's why it's sad when we try to live without Him. We often go our own way and then wonder where God is when things go wrong. But the Bible says God will never leave us or forget us. Sometimes, it's our own choices that bring trouble—and then we blame God. But if we walk with Him, we'll see that we don't need money, fame, or popularity to feel whole. We'll realize that being close to God is what really satisfies us.

The Wow Factor: God's Love for Us

Why is it so amazing that God breathed life into Adam? Think about this:

God made the animals just by speaking.

He could have made man the same way:

He could have said, "Let there be people!" and it would happen.

He could have pointed to the dust and—POP!—a man appears.

But He didn't. Instead, He took His time. He formed Adam with His hands and breathed His very own breath into him. And then He created Eden—a special place—for Adam to live.

Genesis 3 Preview – When Sin Entered the World

Adam was God's most treasured creation. He made a home just for him. But something terrible was about to happen...

Reflection Questions

1. What makes humans different from animals in the creation story?
2. Why did God breathe into Adam instead of just speaking?
3. What do you think it means to be made in God's image?
4. How can we grow closer to God every day?
5. Why is it important to include God in the choices we make?