

Genesis 1–3

Pastor's Bible Study Notes

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Genesis Establishes Our Worldview

1. ORIGIN OF MANKIND

**1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF
HUMANITY?**

**2. WHO HAS AUTHORITY OVER
MORALITY?**

**1. WHAT IS HUMANITY'S FINAL
DESTINATION?**

**1. WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE
EARTH?**



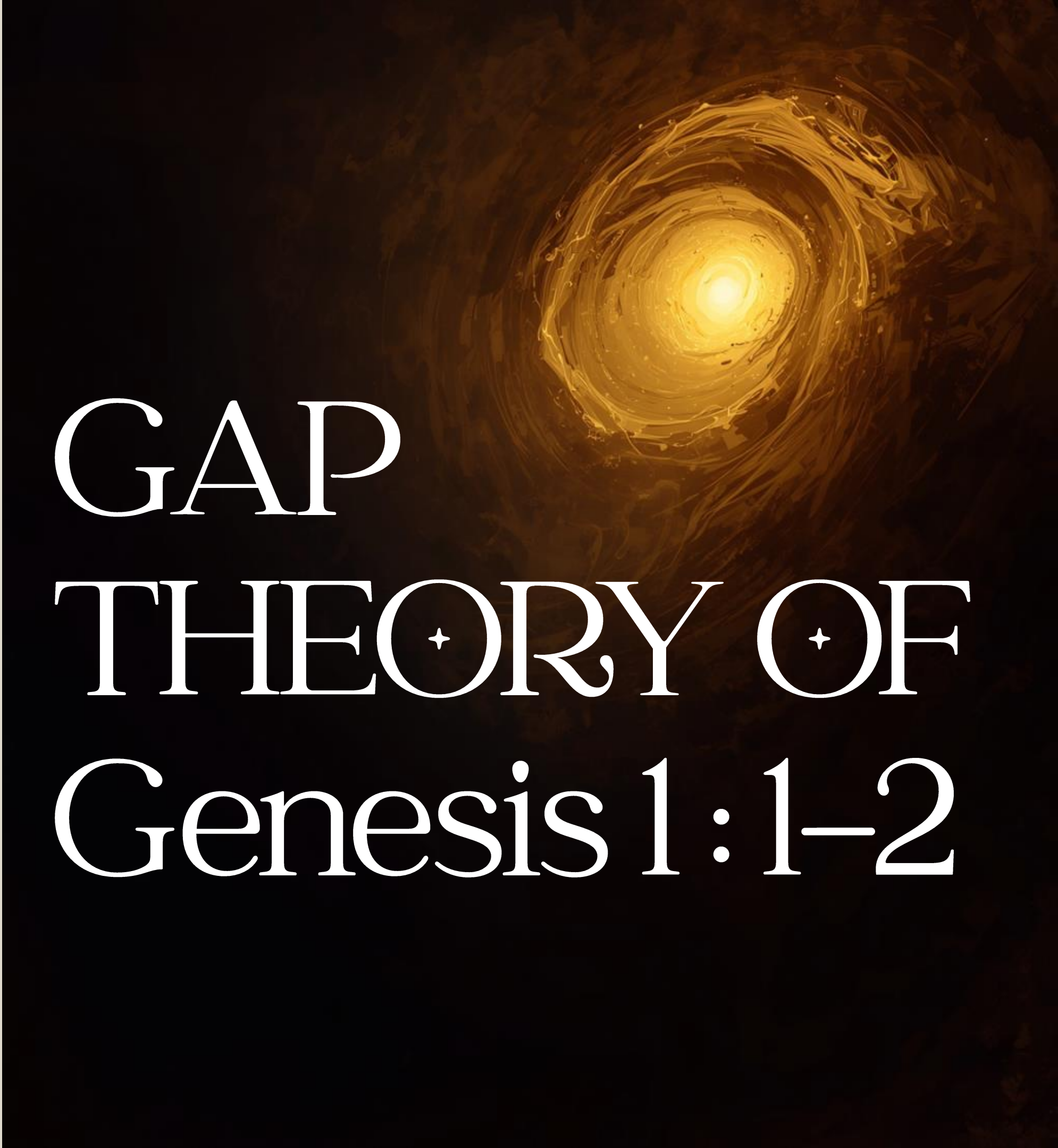
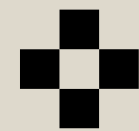
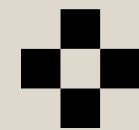
The background image is a composite of two nature scenes. The top half shows a view from inside a dark, mossy cave looking out through a large, irregular opening. Outside, a powerful waterfall cascades down a rocky cliff, and a bright sun is visible in a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The bottom half of the image shows a dark, wet, rocky path or streambed in the foreground, leading towards a body of water. The banks are covered in vibrant green moss and grass, and the water in the distance is turbulent with white foam.

VERSE 1-2

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”

GAP THEORY: A significant interval exists between verses 1 and 2. Linked to angelic rebellion and a pre-Adamic judgment.

Earth became "without form and void" after a catastrophic fall.

A large, artistic depiction of a spiral galaxy or nebula in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, filling the right half of the slide.

GAP THEORY OF Genesis 1:1–2

The Principle of: Creation Before Formation

Hebrews 11:3 — "The things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." Creation precedes formation. The spiritual realm precedes natural manifestation. God first creates in the unseen, then forms in the visible world.

**Creation precedes formation
in God's order of work**

**The spiritual realm precedes
natural manifestation**

**Hebrews 11:3 — seen
things made from the
unseen**

**The Lamb slain from the
foundation of the world**

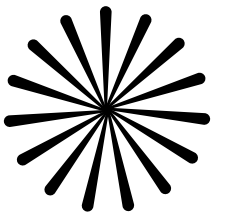


Genesis 1:3-5

Day One



Day One: Let There Be Light



VERSES 3-5

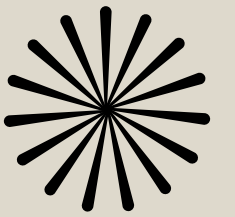
Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

What Is this Light?

- John 1 reveals the Word as Life and Light.
- "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."
- God's first declaration — "Let there be light" — was not merely physical illumination, but the release of divine life into creation. Light is a spiritual reality: the nature, presence, and glory of God Himself.



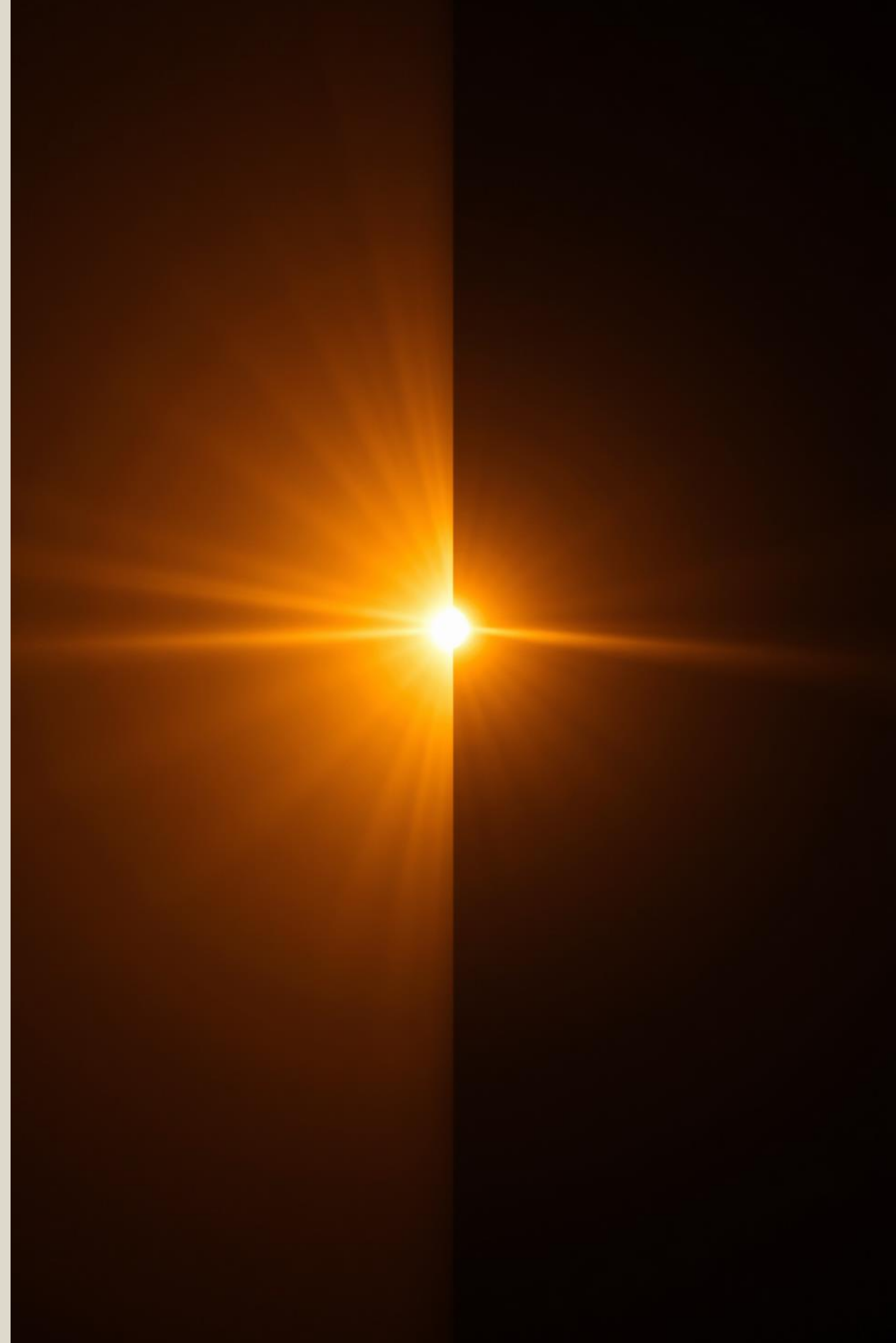
Day Two: The Firmament



- Waters were separated and the firmament was established, called Heaven.
- Formation begins as God brings order — dividing the waters above from the waters below.

Genesis 1 & 2

Day & Night: Spiritual Concepts at this point ✚



Characteristics of Heavens

- Can be torn and split apart
 - Will be burned up and dissolved
 - Rolled up like a scroll
 - Scripture references multiple heavens
- These characteristics reveal the heavens as a created, temporal structure — not eternal — subject to God's sovereign authority.



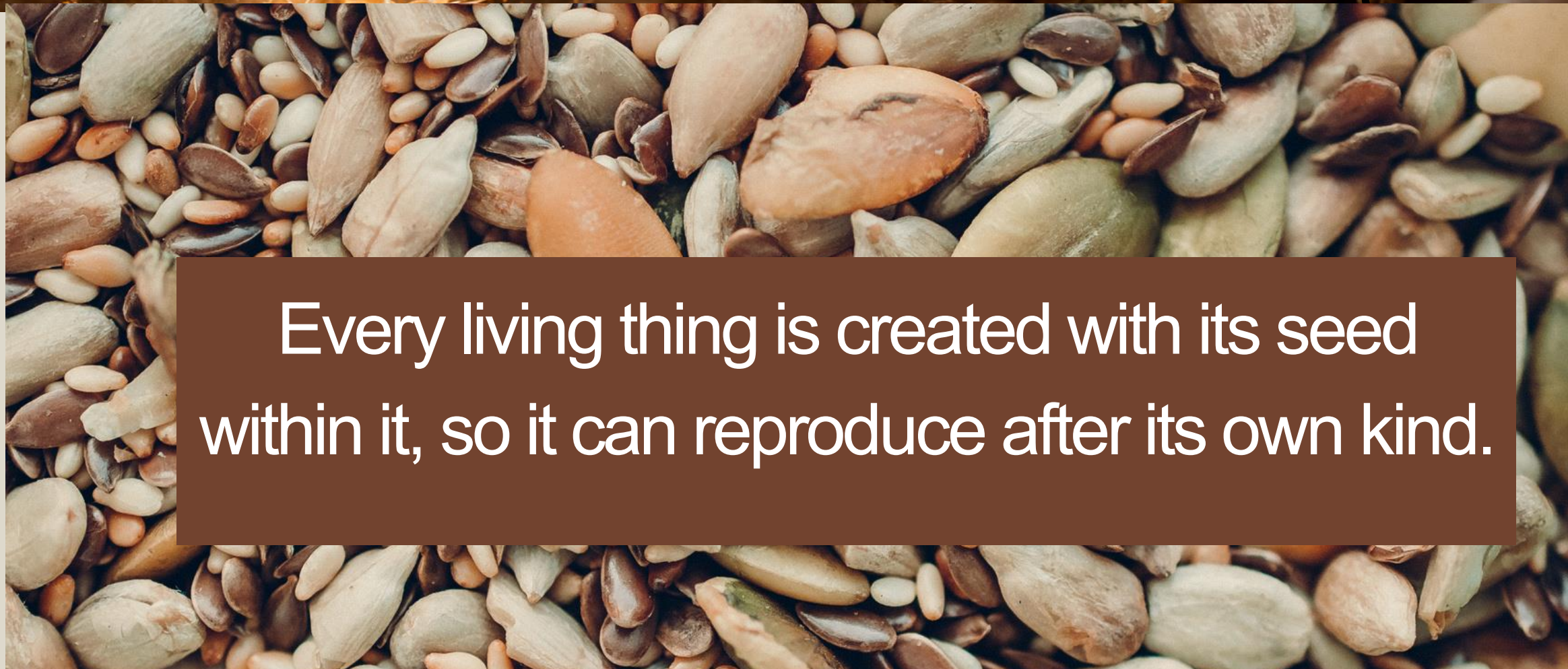
Day Three: Land & Vegetation

VERSES 9 -13

Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day



ANOTHER CREATION PRINCIPLE:



Every living thing is created with its seed within it, so it can reproduce after its own kind.

A vibrant cosmic background featuring a large, bright orange and yellow galaxy in the upper left, a blue and white nebula in the upper right, and various celestial bodies including planets, moons, and stars scattered throughout. The foreground shows a dark, rocky, and cratered landscape, possibly a moon or planet surface, with a small orange planet visible in the lower center.

Day Four: The Luminaries

God created the greater light (Sun), the lesser light (Moon), and the stars.

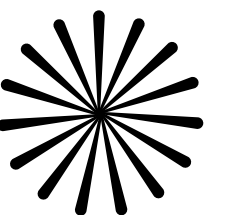
Their purpose: signs, seasons, days, and years. Notably, vegetation already existed before the luminaries — revealing God as the ultimate source of life, not the sun.

Genesis 1:20–23

Day Five: Living Creatures

VERSE 20-23

Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.



Genesis 1:26–28

Day Six: Humanity

VERSE 26-27

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

"Let Us Make Man" – Elohim plural form of Eloah
Elohim: Creator, mighty, strong

- Father, Word, and Holy Spirit present at creation.
- "Let Us" signals the triune nature of God.
- One God, unified in purpose and power.

[1 John 5:7](#) *For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.*

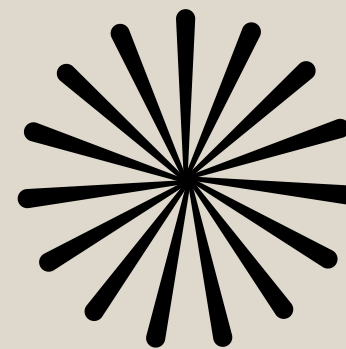
Created in His Image



Humanity uniquely bears the image and likeness of God. This divine image is not merely physical — it encompasses our spiritual nature, moral capacity, and God-given purpose. Understanding what we carry shapes our identity and how we live.

Immortal spirit with capacity for communion with God and divine nature

Ability to think, feel, and decide — qualities of justice and moral choice



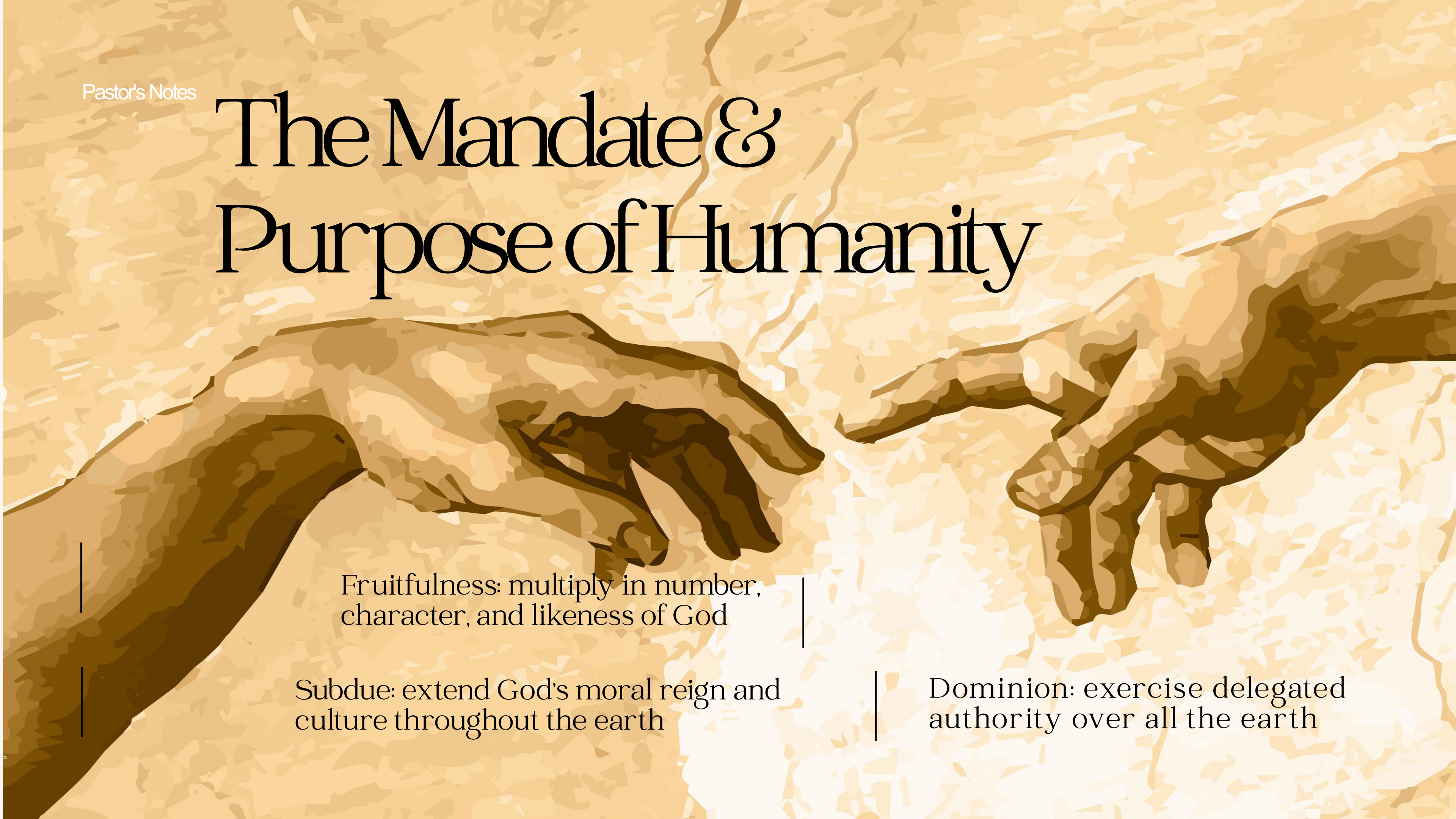
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Genesis

A dramatic, high-contrast image of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Adam is shown from the waist up, leaning forward with his head bowed, his body covered in a fine mist of golden dust or sand. The background is a swirling, ethereal cloud of the same golden dust, creating a sense of divine breath or the beginning of creation. The lighting is warm and golden, highlighting the texture of the dust and the contours of Adam's body.

IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
CREATED HE HIM, MALE &
FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

The Mandate & Purpose of Humanity



Fruitfulness: multiply in number, character, and likeness of God

Subdue: extend God's moral reign and culture throughout the earth

Dominion: exercise delegated authority over all the earth



Every herb yielding seed and every tree bearing fruit was given as food for humanity. Green herbs were provided for living creatures. God surveyed all He had made and declared: "Indeed it was very good."

Genesis 2:1-3

The Seventh Day: God Rested





Rest & Delegated Responsibility



“My father & I have been working.”





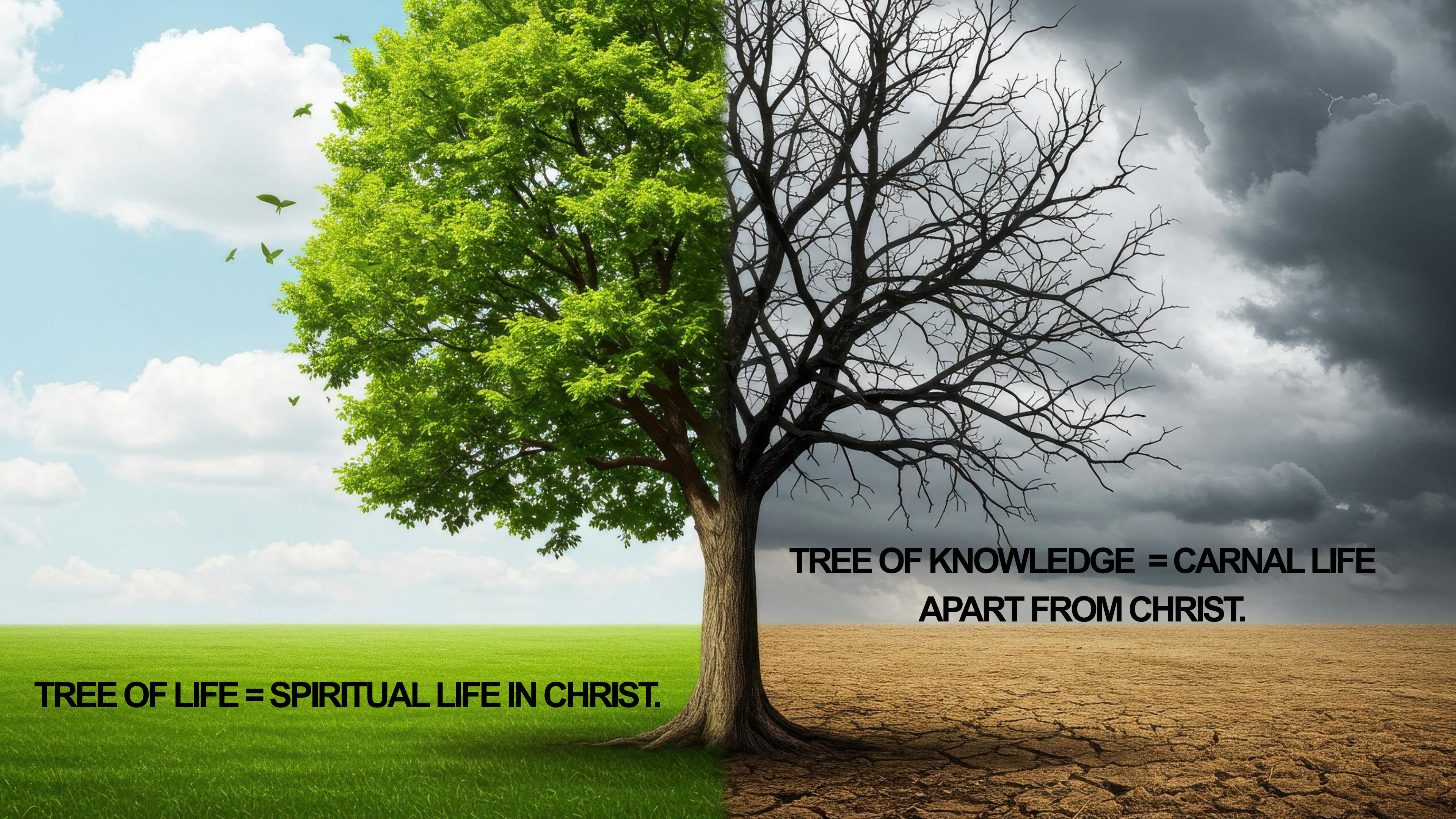
VERSE 4-7 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

A dramatic scene depicting the creation of man. Two large, glowing, golden hands are shown shaping a clay figure of a man. The figure is made of dark, textured earth and is standing upright. The hands are positioned as if they are molding the figure's head and torso. The background is a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. Bright rays of light, resembling sunlight, stream down from the upper right corner, illuminating the scene. The overall atmosphere is one of divine creation and inspiration.

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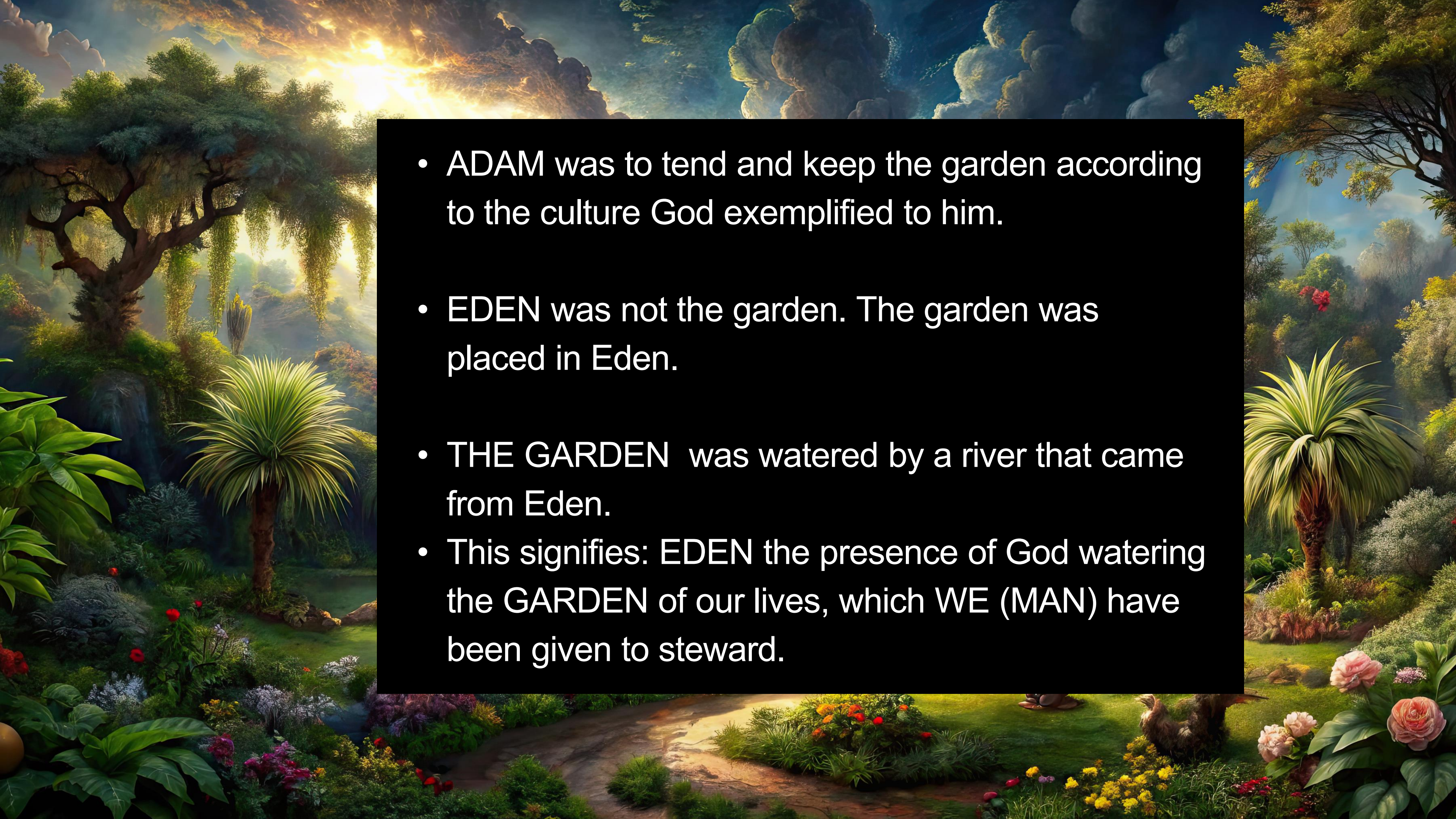
CREATION BEFORE FORMATION
VERSE 7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life; and man became a living soul!



**TREE OF KNOWLEDGE = CARNAL LIFE
APART FROM CHRIST.**

TREE OF LIFE = SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CHRIST.

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- ADAM was to tend and keep the garden according to the culture God exemplified to him.
 - EDEN was not the garden. The garden was placed in Eden.
 - THE GARDEN was watered by a river that came from Eden.
 - This signifies: EDEN the presence of God watering the GARDEN of our lives, which WE (MAN) have been given to steward.

VERSE 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.

- Death is separation from God
- Man's spirit would no longer be in communion with God.
- Man would operate from his formation level instead of his creation level.



- **VERSE 19:** *“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them, and whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.”*

- **Grooming for Dominion.**
- **Delegate Authority**
- **What he called it - that’s what it was. - Same principle applies to situations in our lives.**



GOD SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!

**“She shall be called WOMAN
for she was taken out of man”**



Listening to Another
Voice Other than
God's =
The Fall of Man!



"You shall not die . For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you be like God knowing good and evil."

REALITY:

- They were already like God in nature, image - through union.
- Satan was promoting a state of being apart from God through carnal enlightenment! SAME ISSUE TODAY

SATAN'S THREE-POINT TEMPTATION STRATEGY

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

- THE LUST OF THE FLESH – Good for Food - **Stones into Bread**
 - A desire for self-gratification and generally relates to the inner cravings of the heart, sensual and illicit bodily appetites.
- THE LUST OF THE EYES – Pleasant to the Eyes - **Kingdoms of the World:**
 - All the things we see with our eyes which entice us to sin and often feeds the fallen imagination.
- THE PRIDE OF LIFE – Desirable to Make One Wise - **Jump from the Temple**
 - Haughtiness, Need to be better or superior than others, mostly by impressing others through outward appearances – even if by deception.







ADAMIC COVENANT

Words of the Covenant: Genesis 3:15
And I will put enmity Between you
and the woman, And between your
seed and her Seed; He shall bruise
your head, And you shall bruise His
heel."

The Blood of the Covenant: Genesis
3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the
Lord God made tunics of skin and
clothed them. / substitutionary death
and the shedding of sacrificial animal
blood to cover their sin. /

The Seal of the Covenant: Coats of
skin. – Discarded their fig leaves and
accepted coats of skin.

A photograph of a couple sitting on a couch, appearing to be in a state of emotional distress or conflict. The woman on the left is covering her face with her hands, while the man in the center looks on with a concerned expression. The woman on the right is leaning back with a pained or frustrated expression. The image has a torn paper effect along the right side.

- “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* [e]for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

- “Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it. All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”



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- *“Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”*
 - God knows through sovereignty and omniscience.
 - Man knows through indulgence.





“AND HE SENT A CHERUBIM TO GUARD THE GARDEN!”

EZEKIEL 1:10 AS FOR THE LIKENESS OF THEIR FACES, EACH HAD THE FACE OF A MAN; EACH OF THE FOUR HAD THE FACE OF A LION ON THE RIGHT SIDE, EACH OF THE FOUR HAD THE FACE OF AN OX ON THE LEFT SIDE, AND EACH OF THE FOUR HAD THE FACE OF AN EAGLE.

HE PLACED A FLAMING
SWORD WHICH TURNED
EVERY WAY, TO GUARD THE
WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE.





JESUS SAID: I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.”