

Work in the Sinless World: God's Design

Genesis 1:26-28,31

I. God's work

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

II. God's nature

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"...the gospel of the glory of the blessed God ..." (1 Timothy 1:11 ESV)

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"" (Acts 20:35 ESV)

"If God had not a communicative, spreading goodness, he would never have created the world. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were happy in themselves, and enjoyed one another before the world was. Apart from the fact that God delights to communicate and spread his goodness, there had never been a creation or redemption." (Sibbs, quoted by Reeves in Delighting in Trinity, p. 49)

III. Man's nature

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." (Acts 17:24–25 ESV)

"...Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion..." (Genesis 1:26 ESV)

IV. Man's work

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 ESV)

"We are to use all we have, in all areas of life, for the good of others, to the glory of God - and this is the most exciting life."
(Matt Perman)