

# GENESIS

## EDEN'S ECONOMY

Genesis 2:4–25



These are the generations of the heavens  
and the earth when they were created, in  
the day that the Lord God made the earth  
and the heavens.

**Genesis 2:4**

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

**Genesis 2:5–7**

But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

**Isaiah 64:8**

For “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

**Acts 17:28**

For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.

**Psalms 139:13–16**



# We Are Created

Genesis 2:4–7

**What is our only hope in life and death?** That we are not our own, but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ. Just as God gave himself to us by breathing in us the breath of life, God also gave his Son.

*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

**Romans 8:32**

*How would your day change if you woke up knowing that you were intentionally formed by the God of the universe?*

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

**Genesis 2:8–9**



A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

**Genesis 2:10–14**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 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."

**Genesis 2:15–17**

There is a river whose streams make glad the  
city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**Psalms 46:4**

and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands."

**Genesis 5:29**

# We Are Created to Flourish

Genesis 2:8–17

עָבַד (*abad*) – work/worship

שָׁמַר (*shamar*) – keep/obey

# We Are Created to Flourish

Genesis 2:8–17

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**Romans 12:1**

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

**Hebrews 4:14–15**

*Are you living your life in worship and obedience?*



Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

**Genesis 2:18–20**

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

**Genesis 2:21–23**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**Genesis 2:24–25**

Neither was man created for woman,  
but woman for man.

**1 Corinthians 11:9**

# We Are Created to Flourish in Community

Genesis 2:18–25

*But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

**Galatians 5:15**

*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;*

**Romans 12:6**

# We Are Created to Flourish in Community

Genesis 2:18–25

*How are you living in community?*

*How are you relying on your brothers and sisters?*

*In what ways are you hindering community?*

*How can you encourage your brothers and sisters to live in community?*