




# OUR PURPOSE

The crown of creation



A painting depicting a night sky with a large, glowing yellow and orange nebula or comet streak across the upper half. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small white stars. In the lower right foreground, a group of stylized fish in shades of blue and green swim towards the left. The overall style is painterly and expressive.

Thus the heavens and the earth were  
completed in all their vast array  
(Gen 2.1)

# WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646):

‘Man's chief purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever’.

*‘Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth;<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. (Is 43.7)*



A previous  
generations'  
approach  
to God?


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**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our  
eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great  
name we praise.**



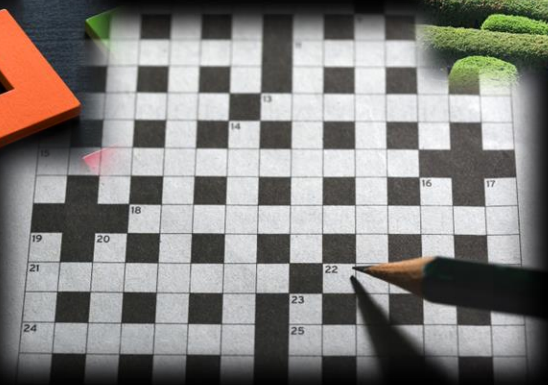
1.27 So God created humans in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

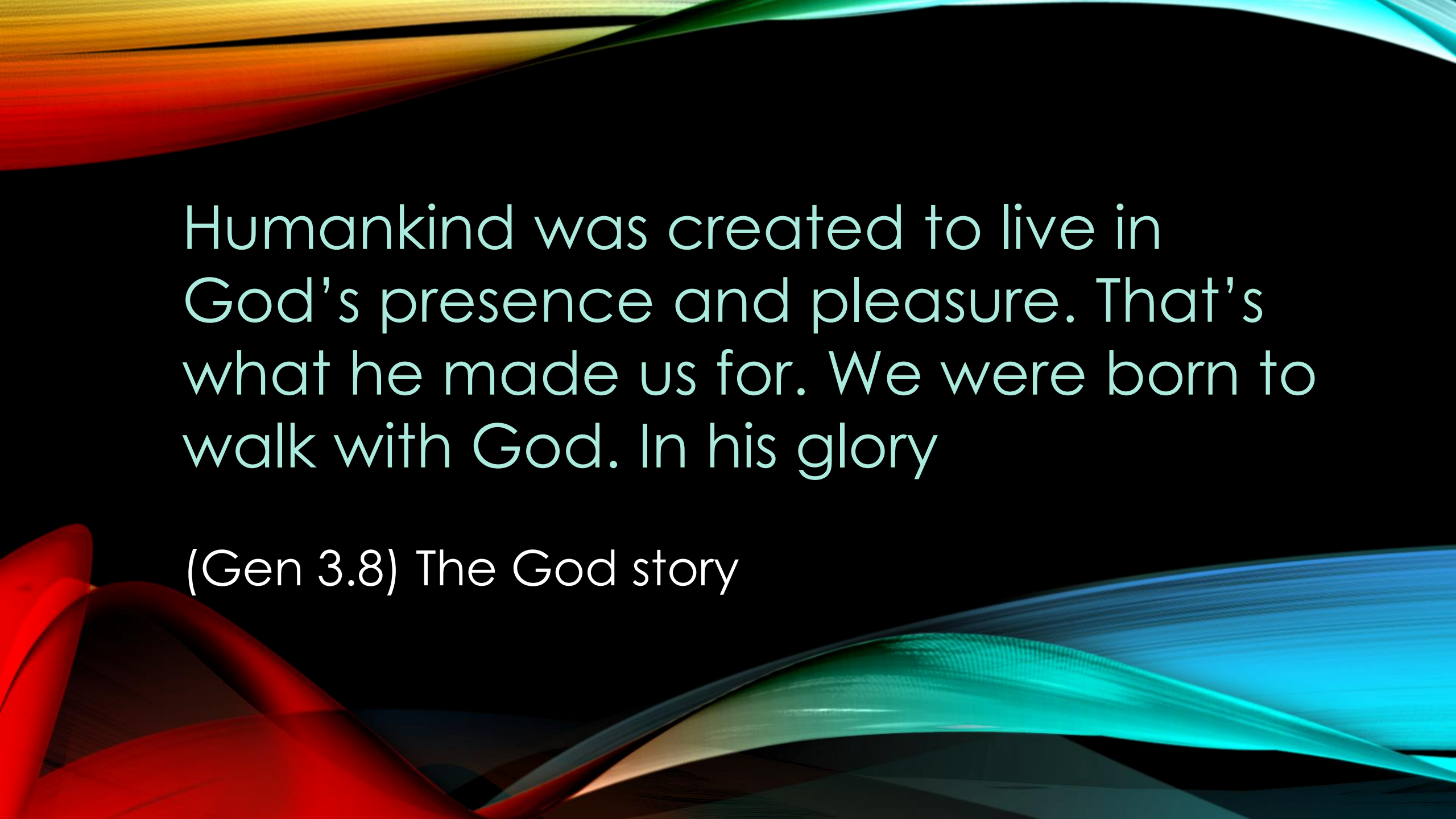
28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”



*Then the LORD God formed the man  
from the dust of the ground. He  
breathed the breath of life into the  
man's nostrils, and the man became a  
living person. (Gen 2.7)*







Humankind was created to live in  
God's presence and pleasure. That's  
what he made us for. We were born to  
walk with God. In his glory

(Gen 3.8) The God story





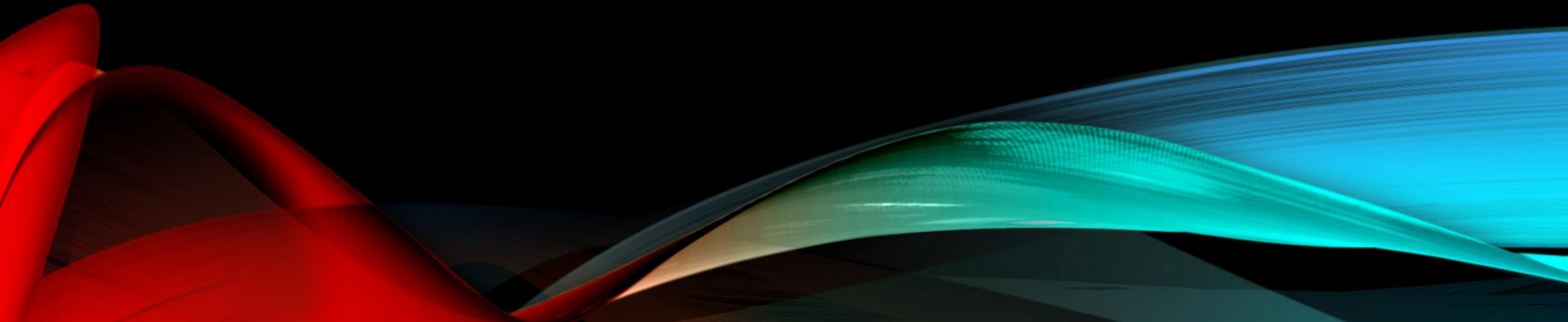


“ ‘Imagine God delighting in the reflection of himself in his very own, image-bearing son, like the wide-eyed wonder of a parent holding their newborn baby for the first time. ”

God is gazing into the wonderstruck eyes of his child through whom his dream for the world, his very own nature, will be multiplied. And it fascinates him. Every person will fascinate him forever. ‘

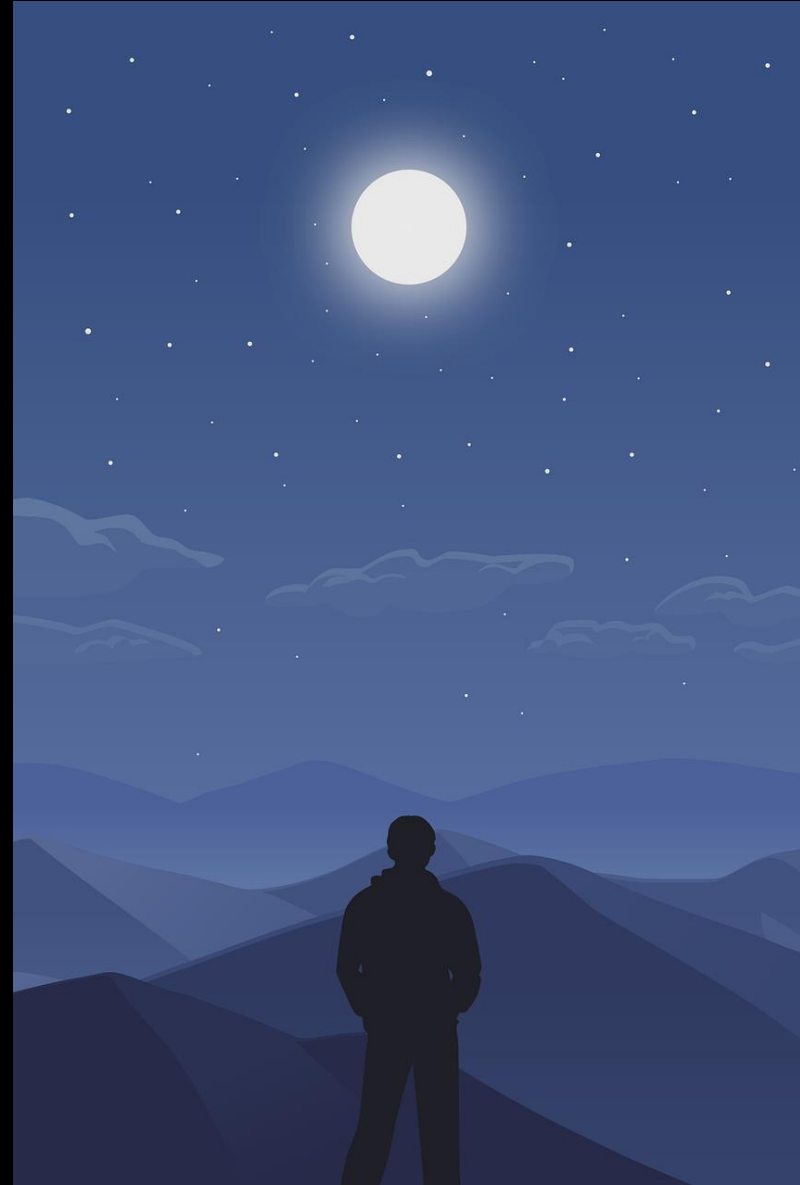
From ‘The God Story’

RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER



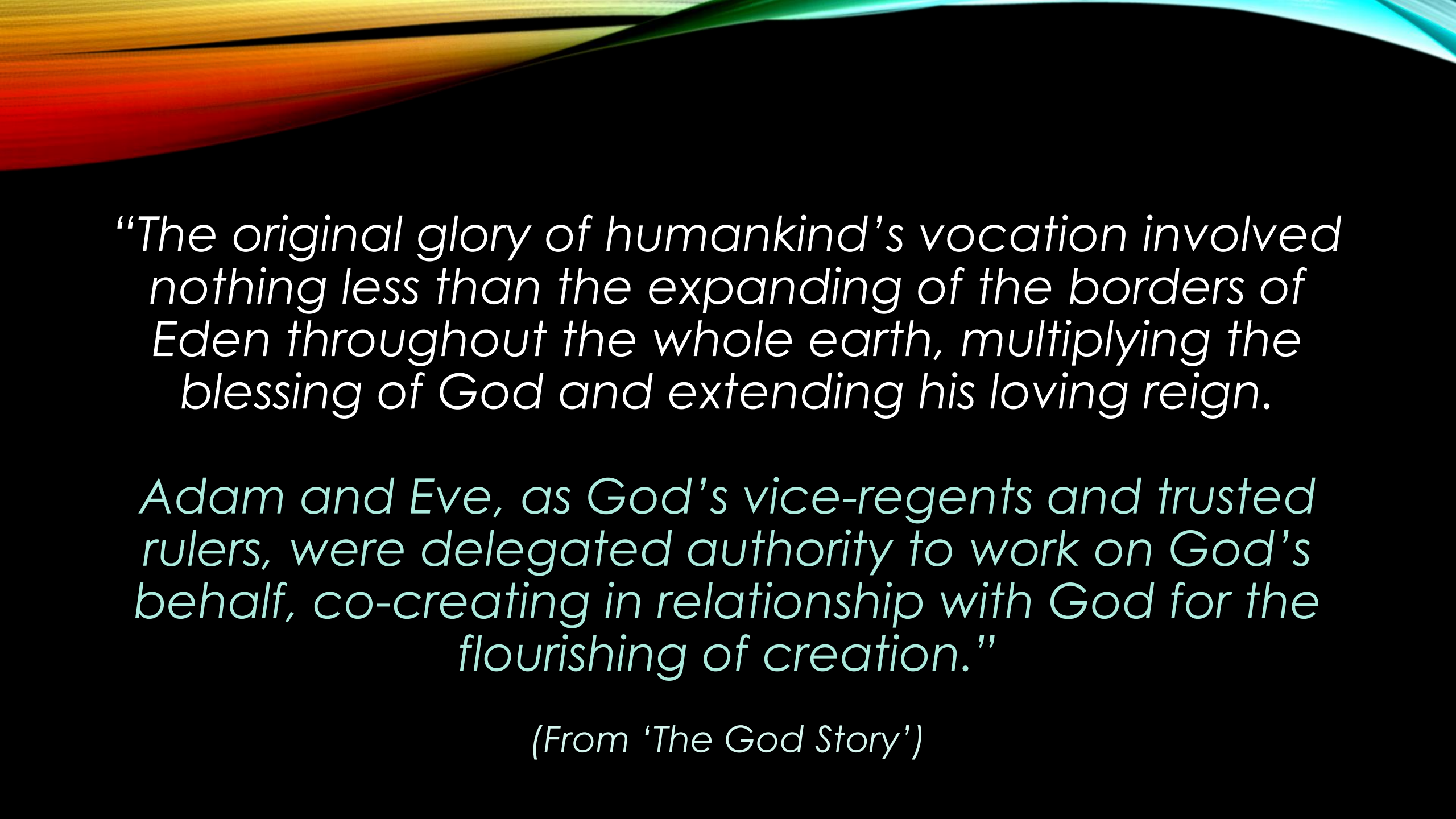


The first  
'Not good' of  
creation



# RELATIONSHIP TO CREATION

*Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the living creatures that move on the ground. (1.28)*



*“The original glory of humankind’s vocation involved nothing less than the expanding of the borders of Eden throughout the whole earth, multiplying the blessing of God and extending his loving reign.*

*Adam and Eve, as God’s vice-regents and trusted rulers, were delegated authority to work on God’s behalf, co-creating in relationship with God for the flourishing of creation.”*

*(From ‘The God Story’)*



“ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.

“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ”

*(Jer 29. 11,12)*

