

## Sermon Outline and Questions

Pastor Dave – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

### Genesis Ch 1:26-27 into Chapter 2:1-24

Recap – last week we spent time looking at how we are created in the image of God.

This week we will be looking at ...

- The Cultural Mandate.
- The Dominion Mandate.

Both of these holding significant importance and the importance held within scripture.

3 Ways...

1. It starts at home.
2. It requires work.
3. Sin has corrupted and confused the cultural mandate we have been given.

### Genesis 1:26-27 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>[a]</sup> in<sup>[b]</sup> our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl<sup>[c]</sup> on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man

in his own image;

he created him in the image of God;

he created them male and female.

### Genesis 2 Christian Standard Bible

<sup>2</sup>So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. <sup>2</sup>On the seventh<sup>[a]</sup> day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested<sup>[b]</sup> on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

### Man and Woman in the Garden

<sup>4</sup>These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time<sup>[c]</sup> that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land,<sup>[d]</sup> and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground. <sup>6</sup>But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God

formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river went<sup>[e]</sup> out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon, which flows through the entire land of Havilah,<sup>[g]</sup> where there is gold. <sup>12</sup>Gold from that land is pure;<sup>[h]</sup> bdellium<sup>[i]</sup> and onyx<sup>[j]</sup> are also there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon, which flows through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which runs east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die." <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him." <sup>19</sup>The LORD God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man<sup>[k]</sup> no helper was found corresponding to him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone of my bone  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one will be called "woman,"  
for she was taken from man.

<sup>24</sup>This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

Genesis Ch 1 and Ch 2 shows us...

- Aspects of the cultural mandate.
- The beginnings of human society.

## #1 – It Starts at Home.

**Question** – How do we understand this?

Ch 1 and 2 – show the establishment of the marriage covenant.

Ch 2 – we are reading some things that we read in chapter 1 – but in a deeper and more reinforcing way.

Chapter 2 gets into the meat of what we were introduced to in chapter 1.

Chapter 1 – very clear guidelines...

- Created in the image of a Triune God.
- The Triune God “Let’s make them into our image”.
- Male and Female – Adam and Eve.
- Established a covenant.

“This is the command I am giving you”.

### **Genesis 1:28 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

- Reference made to a Lincoln Message – Before gives the command he blesses them.

<sup>28</sup> **God blessed them**, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

There is a blessing for us when we do what God has called us to do!

- Cultural Mandate.

“Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

God creates a suitable companion for Adam in Eve and brings them together – One Man, One Woman.

Man and woman being what God specifically designed them to be.

Reference made to a James Boyce Quote – re listen.

In the economy of the family (and the church) the man is to lead, protect, care for, cherish, act upon and initiate. The woman is to respond, receive, be acted upon, bear, nurture and follow. In this the human family is a deliberate parallelism to the trinity. We say in theology that within the trinity the three persons are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. But there are also distinctions according to which the second person of God Head, the son voluntarily subordinates himself to carry out the wishes of the father in redemption. And the third person the Holy Spirit voluntarily subordinates himself to the united wills of the father and the son.

- Marriage is a picture of the of the relationship in a triune God.
- Man and woman – intended to have children – “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth,

This is why we have scripture that speaks of Children obeying their mother and father.

[Ephesians 6:1-2 Christian Standard Bible](#)

## **Children and Parents**

**6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. **<sup>2</sup>Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise,**

Parents are to teach and nurture their children.

The Cultural mandate has to start at home.

**Point #1 – our relationship to God ought to be what it is called to be.**

- Adam in the cool of the garden of Eden, knowing God intimately and what God wanted him to do.

Ours starts with a personal relationship with God through Jesus.

It starts with establishing the relationship the family dynamic within marriage.

Quote – Premarital counselling material that we use as Pastors.

Wright and Roberts put it like this...

Marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman intended by God to be a monogamous relationship, intended to be a permanent bond in which many needs are satisfied. The need to love and be loved, the need

for deep friendship, for sharing, for companionship, for sexual satisfaction, for children, the need to escape loneliness, marriage ought to be a bond of love reflecting the love Christ has for his people, a bond of sacrificial life of love, where the husband and the wife become one, one flesh, a unity.

*“The establishment of any society starts at home”.*

- Image bearers – giving life to images – bearers to be image bearers of God.
- Sin has messed up relationships and impacted humans.
- Families are no longer as God intended them to look – because sin has entered our society – our culture – constantly attacking the fabric of a godly marriage.
- Violating clear instructions from scripture – that we were intended to multiply, procreate.
- Without Godly families a community is hugely impacted.

We are to stand firm on the word of God as we share these things in love.

- This is to be our heartbeat.
- We do need to stand up in our culture – lovingly and graciously.

**Point #2 – Encouraged to read through scripture – read on.**

Read on to things like in Deuteronomy...

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-8 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>4</sup>“Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol<sup>[b]</sup> on your forehead.<sup>[c]</sup>

- Training our children on everything God has commanded them.

A biblical worldview.

In a worldview that takes on 10 of the most widely accepted areas of life in academics.

If we are going to teach our children a proper biblical world view, I am teaching them theology, opening up the scriptures and saying – *“this is who God is”* – *“this is who I am in light of who God is”* – *“this is how I respond to God – this is how God has responded to me”* and doing it from the word of God.

Needed biblical views in education.

- On philosophy

Our purpose, where do we come from, how did we get here, what is my goal, what is my purpose.

Examples...

- Rationalism.
- Pursue your pleasures.
- Ethics.
- Sociology etc.

Areas of life that a worldview addresses.

- One man, One woman – for a lifetime – sociology!

**Question** – What does God say, the bible say – a biblical worldview.

**Point #2 – Cultural Mandate requires work.**

Important – Work is not a result of sin!

- Arduous work is a result of sin!

### **Genesis 2:1-3 Christian Standard Bible**

**2** So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh<sup>[a]</sup> day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested<sup>[b]</sup> on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

SABBATH – the sabbath is designated – specific – a message we all need to hear.

### **Genesis 2:5 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>5</sup> no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land,<sup>[a]</sup> and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground.

- We are also designated to work.

### **Genesis 2:15 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.

- work it and watch over it.

### **Genesis 1:26-27 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>[a]</sup> in<sup>[b]</sup> our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl<sup>[c]</sup> on the earth.”

- work it and watch over it.

Here is the problem!

Sin confuses and corrupts.

- Work becomes our idol.

Or

- We become lazy bums!
- God has made us to work it and watch over it.

Creation we use it for the betterment of mankind and abuse it.

We have become so caught up in climate change we are not following how God commanded us to work it.

- Skilled me to make the tabernacle – as in Exodus 35

#### **Exodus 35:10-19 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>10</sup>“Let all the skilled artisans<sup>[a]</sup> among you come and make everything that the LORD has commanded: <sup>11</sup>the tabernacle—its tent and covering, its clasps and supports, its crossbars, its pillars and bases; <sup>12</sup>the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the curtain for the screen; <sup>13</sup>the table with its poles, all its utensils, and the Bread of the Presence; <sup>14</sup>the lampstand for light with its utensils and lamps as well as the oil for the light; <sup>15</sup>the altar of incense with its poles; the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; the entryway screen for the entrance to the tabernacle; <sup>16</sup>the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grate, its poles, and all its utensils; the basin with its stand; <sup>17</sup>the hangings of the courtyard, its posts and bases, and the screen for the gate of the courtyard; <sup>18</sup>the tent pegs for the tabernacle and the tent pegs for the courtyard, along with their ropes; <sup>19</sup>and the specially woven<sup>[b]</sup> garments for ministering in the sanctuary—the holy garments for the priest Aaron and the garments for his sons to serve as priests.”

- To understand the times.

Discernment – are we using that for God’s glory.

- Engineers – are you being the best engineer you can be for God’s glory and mankind.

And we can apply this to every aspect of life, for all work.

#### **Proverbs 12:10 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>10</sup>The righteous cares about his animal’s health,

- As sinful, fallen human beings we go further and elevate animals.
- However, neither are we to abuse our animals.
- Laziness – How this is so wrong.

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-14 Christian Standard Bible

### Warning against Irresponsible Behavior

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister who is idle and does not live<sup>[a]</sup> according to the tradition received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you should imitate us: We were not idle among you; <sup>8</sup> we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us. <sup>10</sup> In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." <sup>11</sup> For we hear that there are some among you who are idle. They are not busy but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and provide for themselves.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>13</sup> But as for you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good.

<sup>14</sup> If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take note of that person; don't associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.

- What is the tradition?
- The word of God.
- Commanded – work for God's glory – don't be idol.

<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you should imitate us: We were not idle among you; <sup>8</sup> we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It is not that we don't have the right to support, but we did it to make ourselves an example to you so that you would imitate us.

- Paul while witnessing went about doing his trade – a tent maker – so that he didn't put upon others – but provided for himself.

<sup>8</sup> we did not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, we labored and toiled, working night and day, so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

- Paul – telling us that we shouldn't be idle, because God has provided for us to work.



Paul – <sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some among you who are idle. They are not busy but busybodies.

It is an instruction – but yet some in the church wrestle with idleness.

Genesis Ch 3 – impact the family unit.

<sup>16</sup> He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains;  
you will bear children with painful effort.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
yet he will rule over you.

<sup>17</sup> And he said to the man, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘Do not eat from it’:

The ground is cursed because of you.  
You will eat from it by means of painful labor<sup>[e]</sup>  
all the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> You will eat bread<sup>[f]</sup> by the sweat of your brow  
until you return to the ground,  
since you were taken from it.  
For you are dust,  
and you will return to dust.”

- Sin has impacted the cultural mandate.

Unyet we are called to do the work God has called us to do, as image bearers of God.

End with this verse – talking about Christian Liberty.

Paul specifically talking about eating meat to idols and how that impacts other Christians who were saved out of that culture.

### **1 Corinthians 10:24 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>24</sup> No one is to seek his own good, but the good of the other person.

That is the way that we as Christians are called to live.

Our thinking should be...

*“I am not looking for my own good, I am looking for what is good for somebody else”.*

Paul goes onto talk about that as believers we have liberty to what we like, but for some that is a stumbling block. If eating meat, it is a stumbling block, then don't eat meat!

Paul is saying *"if it is a stumbling block for somebody else then I will never eat meat again"*.

Because in this moment we are doing what is best for them!

Then he says this...

### **1 Corinthians 10:31 Christian Standard Bible**

***31*** So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

If I am going to do carpentry, then I am going to do it for God's glory, I am going to put my best effort into it –

**Question - Why?**

It is for the good of the person, but I am doing it for God's glory.

If I am a teacher, I am going to teach to the best of my ability, because it is for their good, but it is for God's glory.

We are called to fulfill that cultural mandate that God has given to us.

The most important thing that we can do as image bearers of God, and is best for the people around us, is that they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Question – Why would a bunch of people give up their summer to go and hangout with teens at camp?

- To reach teens for Jesus Christ and to train the ones that believe in Jesus to be the strongest Christians they can possibly be.

That is why they did it. For God's glory and for what is best for those teens.

We are called first and foremost to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We can work really hard at that, but if we are lazy and we do slipshod work, and we are not following the mandate that God has given us, then we are tearing down the testimony of Jesus Christ that we are trying to convey to somebody else.

But if we are living the way God has called us to live and we are opening up our mouths to others and saying – “I want to tell you about the Jesus I have given my life to, we have a far better opportunity to get the message across to that person when we are living the way God has called us to.

When we obey God, we live in that sphere of blessing that he gave to Adam and Eve from the very beginning.

He blessed them and said – *“be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it”*.

May we do that as followers of Jesus Christ.