# "The Climax of Creation" Genesis 1:26–2:3 January 22, 2023

## Literary Structure of Genesis 1:1-2:3

Introduction (Genesis 1:1–2): Creation of the Heavens and the Earth				
Day 1 (Genesis 1:3–5): Day and Night	Day 4 (Genesis 1:14–19): Sun, Moon, and Stars			
Day 2 (Genesis 1:6–8): Sky and Water	Day 5 (Genesis 1:20–23): Sea Creatures and Birds			
Day 3 (Genesis 1:9–13): Dry Land and Plants	Day 6 (Genesis 1:24–31): Animals and Humans			
Day 7 (Genesis 2:1–3): God Rests				

## Image: God Created Humanity in His Image

"And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 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 17:26–28)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"He is the image of the invisible God." (Colossians 1:15)

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature." (Hebrews 1:3)

"Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (Romans 8:29)

"And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator." (Colossians 3:10)

Gender: God Created Male and Female

#### Rest: God Rested From His Work

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep." (Psalm 127:1–2)

Notes			

### **Discuss**

- Why is what the Bible says about gender better than what the world says, and how can Christians help those who are struggling with their gender?
- How might the commands to "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it" apply to your current situation?
- How does the fact that all people are created in the image of God impact how you should relate to people in every area of life?
- What is the difference between biblical rest and laziness, doing nothing, or wasting time?

#### Read

Exodus 20:8–11; Psalm 8:1–9; 121:1–8; Acts 17:16–34; Hebrews 4:1–13

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to treat other people as fellow image bearers.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to stay true to biblical teaching about gender and relate to those who disagree with love and grace.

#### **Bulletin**

- Copies of M'Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan Available on Connect Desk
- Youth Parent Information Meeting: Sunday, January 22
- Childcare Workers' Lunch: Sunday, February 12
- Men's Breakfast: February 18 at 8:00am