



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - August 12, 2012

Sermon

The Beauty of Creation:
“God Created Man and Woman”

Genesis 1:26-31 & Psalm 8
by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 8/13/12
Genesis 1:26a

We hear part of a conversation here in this verse. God is speaking but to whom is God speaking? Who are the “us” mentioned in this verse? Wasn’t God all alone when God created all these things? Who could have been there with God way back in the beginning of time? It is also critical to note that we humans are made in the very image of God. This is significant!

Tuesday 8/14/12
Genesis 1:26b

God was about to make humankind in God’s own image, but God also declared that the humans were to have dominion and rule over all of the things and animals in God’s creation. God gave humans a very important and prominent role in creation. All the animals, all the crops and plants, all the birds, and all of creation are going to be given over to be ruled by humans. Are we taking care of creation today? What more can we do to care for and tend after all the things God created?

Wednesday 8/15/12
Genesis 1:27

Verse 27 sounds kind of repetitive, but what God wanted and planned to do now was being created. God created humans in God’s image and in the image of God they were made, both male and female. For generations women played second fiddle to men in society. But this story is very clear that both man and woman were made in God’s own image. There is no pecking order or hierarchy mentioned here. In fact, later, the story would declare that the two become one! Male and female, men and women, boys and girls, are each made in the image of God!



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<p>Things to do this week in response to the sermon...</p> <p><i>Read the story of creation again in Genesis 1 & 2.</i></p> <p><i>Look around at God's creation again this week and observe the beauty all around you!</i></p>	<p>Thursday 8/16/12 Genesis 1:28-30</p> <p>God put the man and woman in charge of the rest of creation. God first gave them a blessing and then told them to be fruitful and multiply. They are to make the earth full and be masters of it. Did you hear these words? Our place in the story of creation is very important--paramount, in fact. Some scholars in studying the story of creation believe that God was looking for companionship and found this companionship when man and woman were created. From the beginning of time, humans were created to be in relationship with God!</p>
<p><i>Thank God each day this week for everything God created!</i></p> <p><i>Know and realize your place in creation!</i></p>	<p>Friday 8/17/12 Genesis 1:31</p> <p>The creation of man and woman marked the sixth day of creation. The formula in this story is that after God created something on each of these six days, God sat back, looked at the new creation, and declared it to be good. This was true each time until now. At the end of the sixth day, after making man and woman, God declared this new creation to be "very good." Again, this indicates the importance of humankind in God's creation. Do you really know how important you are to God?</p>
	<p>Saturday 8/18/12 Psalm 8</p> <p>Read verses 3 and 4 of this chapter again. Do you hear these words? What place do we have in creation? Why is God mindful of us? Now read verse 5, but read it carefully and slowly. Depending on the translation of your Bible this verse declares that humans are just a little lower than the angels or a little lower than God! Imagine this! God created us in God's image and God created us just a little lower than God! We are special and significant to God! That's how important you are in this story of creation!</p>