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Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Seven • Genesis 2:4-17
Life with God

Life with God, Under the Rule of God

The blessings of life with God are only ENJOYED within the boundaries set by God.

You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; at Your right hand are eternal pleasures. Psalm 16:11 CSB

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1. We Were Created to Enjoy the BLESSINGS of Life with God!

This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. Genesis 2:4-6

The Creation of the First Man

God formed Adam from dirt and breathed LIFE into him.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

The Blessings of Life with God

- Adam's life with God was one of PROVISION from God.

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:8-9

Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. Genesis 2:10

- Adam's life with God was one of PURPOSE for God.

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. Genesis 2:15

- Adam's life with God was one of PROXIMITY to God.

And they [Adam & Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day... Genesis 3:8

2. We Were Created to Live within the BOUNDARIES Set by God!

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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 2:16-17

The Boundaries Set by God

"Of every tree of the garden you may FREELY EAT; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall NOT EAT."

The Consequences for Violating the Boundaries

"You shall surely DIE."

The person who sins is the one who will die. Ezekiel 18:4 CSB

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23 NIV

The Reason for the Boundaries

One of the ways we worship God is by OBEYING His commands.

The reason obedience is worship is because we are proclaiming the supremacy of God when we listen to Him and submit to His rule.

Life with God Provided on Another Tree

Life with God is RUINED by our sin, but RESTORED by Jesus' death on the Cross.

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 1Peter 2:24 NKJV

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1Corinthians 15:21-22 NIV
For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Romans 5:17 NIV