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## Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Five • Genesis 1:26-31

### The Crown of Creation - Part 2

**Why did God create people?**

**Why am I here? What is my purpose in life?**

We were created to spread GOD'S GLORY to the ends of the earth.

*But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.  
Numbers 14:21*

*"Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:6-7*

#### The Crown of Creation

### 1. We Were Created by a Divine PLAN: "Let Us make man"

*Then God said, "Let Us make man..." Genesis 1:26*

*So God created man... Genesis 1:27*

### 2. We Were Created in a Divine PATTERN: "in Our image"

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."  
Genesis 1:26*

*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27*

### 3. We Were Created for a Divine PURPOSE: "let them have dominion"

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26*

#### Creation Blessing

God BLESSED mankind with a cultural commission to spread God's glory.

*Then He blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28*

#### Our Divine Purpose in Life (Cultural Commission)

- RULE over the earth.
  
- REPRODUCE godly children on the earth.
  
- REPRESENT God and REFLECT His glory to the ends of the earth.

### 4. We Were Created with a Divine PROMISE: God's Image Can Be Restored!

#### The Good News of God's Promise

The image of God has been MARRIED by sin, but can be RESTORED in Christ.

*He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God... Colossians 1:15*

*And have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. Colossians 3:10*

*And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24*

#### Cultural Commission ➤ Great Commission

The Cultural Commission is still in effect, but now the Great Commission is the primary way of SPREADING God's glory to the ends of the earth.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19-20*

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,  
as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14*