

The Life we were made for

The Story of Life- session 1



Introduction: The Story of Life

Jesus said 'You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life' John 5:39-40

- The Bible is all about Jesus
- The Bible is all about the life that Jesus brings

Three things that working through an overview of the Bible will give us-

1. **A deeper understanding of Jesus**
 2. **A firmer confidence in Jesus**
 3. **A greater love for Jesus**
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1. The God who made everything (Genesis 1:1-2, p. 3)

a. **How? Through His powerful Word (1:3, 6, 9, 14 etc)**

- *"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made"* **Psalm 33:6-11**
- *"The universe was formed at God's command"* **Hebrews 11:3**

b. **Why? For the display of His glory**

- *"The heavens declare the glory of God"* **Psalm 19:1**
- *"Bring back my sons and daughters from the ends of the earth- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory"* **Isaiah 43:7**

c. **So What?**

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being" **Revelation 4:11**

- God is worthy of all praise and glory (Revelation 4:11)
- God must have no competition (Isaiah 44:9-20)
- God is the God of all nations (Revelation 7:9)

2. The world that God made (Genesis 1:3-2:3)

a. God's creation is orderly

Forming	Filling
Day 1: Light & Dark	Day 4: Sun, Moon, Stars
Day 2: Air & Sea	Day 5: Air and sea creatures
Day 3: Dry ground	Day 6: Land creatures and man
Day 7: Completion- God rests	

b. God's creation is good (1:10, 12, 18 etc)

"Everything God created is good, and nothing should be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."

1 Timothy 4:4

c. The pinnacle of God's creation is mankind (1:26-31)

d. The goal of God's creation is 'rest' (2:2-3)

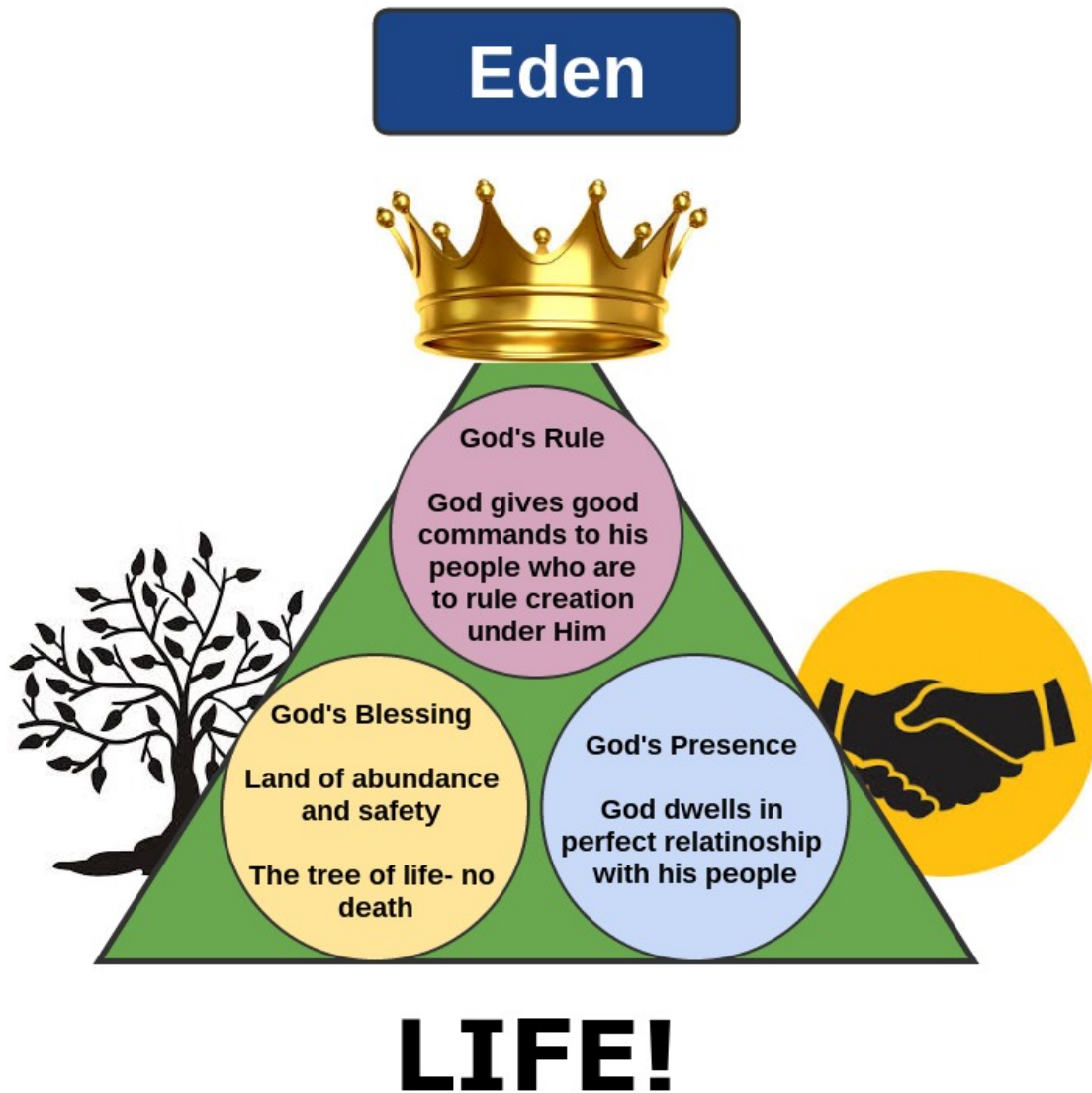
3. The life God made us for

a. Living under God's rule (1:28, 2:16-17)

b. Enjoying God's presence (3:8)

c. Experiencing God's blessing (2:9)

The picture so far...



Small Groups – Genesis 2

Next Time

Next week we see how everything goes wrong! People reject God and turn away from the life that he created for them to enjoy.

Reading for next week: **Genesis 3-11**

Tracing the **IMAGE OF GOD** through the Bible

In Genesis 1:27 we're told that we've been made in the image of God. Look up the following verses to see how this traces through God's story of salvation in the Bible

- **Genesis 1:27**- What was special about God's initial design for people?
- **Hosea 9:10**- We were meant to be 'like God', but under sin, what are people now 'like'?
- **Colossians 1:15**- Who now bears the perfect image of God? (see v14)
- **Romans 8:28**- What is God's plan for the people he calls to himself through Jesus?
- **Colossians 3:10**- What work is God now doing in those who have trusted in Jesus?
- **1 John 3:2**- When will God's image finally be fully restored in God's people?

For the book-worms

<i>God's Big Picture</i>	Vaughan Roberts	A book tracing out the big story-line of the Bible.
<i>Can we believe Genesis today?</i>	Ernest Lucas	A very helpful short book on the compatibility of Genesis and modern science.
<i>Seven days that divide the world</i>	John Lennox	Similar to above, but more recent
<i>Science and God</i>	Scott Perry	A short intro to how God and science fit together