



²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky,



over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."



²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.



Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."



Genesis 1:31

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—

the sixth day.



Genesis 2:1-2

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.



Genesis 2:1-2

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.



Genesis 2:15-18

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man,



Genesis 2:15-18

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."



Genesis 2:15-18

18 The Lord God said,
"It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a helper suitable for him."



¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'



"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.



¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.



¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."





The design of work



Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



"formless and empty" = "wild and waste"



Genesis 2:2

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.



The design of work:

Creates order out of chaos



The design of work:

- Creates order out of chaos
- Brings forth beauty



The design of work:

- Creates order out of chaos
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- Benefits others



Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.





The ruin of work



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A better way to work







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