GOD'S ORIGINAL INTENT Genesis 1:26-31

26 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 the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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

28 Then God 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."

29 Then God said, "See I have given every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

30 Also, to every beasts of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God's Original Intent for His creation is three-fold:

We are created for God (v26).
We are created for one another (vs 27-28).
We are created with divine provisions (vs29-30)

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²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion (rule) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and the cattle, over ^[a]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 66

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

(Heb) 'bara" = create

Refers to divine activity only

To know God is the deepest craving of the human heart. It is the chief end of humankind.



"There is only one God, the Father from whom all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist." 1 Corinthian 8:6

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We are created for one another (v27-28).

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God 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 ^[b] moves on the earth." "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" Luke 9:25

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We are created with divine provisions (v29-30).

²⁹ And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. ³⁰ Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is ^[] life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing." Psalm 34:10

And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Matthew 6:25-27

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²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, <u>do not worry</u> about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you, by worrying, add a single hour to *your life*^[<u>a</u>]

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The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Cor. 4:4

For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." A c t s 4 : 1 2

If you declare with your mouth,"Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As the Scriptures says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." Romans 10:9-11

PRAY: "Jesus, I come to you in faith. I thank you for the cross. I confess that I am a sinner and that I need You to save me. I repent of my sins and ask you to forgive me. Jesus, I confess that you are Lord. Come into my life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender to your will from this day forward. Thank you for restoring me to Your original intent for my life. You are my Saviour, my Healer, my Baptizer of the Holy Spirit, and my Coming King. Amen!

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