



Genesis 1:1, 26-31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."

*27 So God created man in his own image;
he created him in the image of God;
he created them male and female.*

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth." 29 God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, 30 for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth — everything having the breath of life in it — I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.



Outline

Three questions:

- What is the physical creation?
- What is humanity's role in the physical creation?
- How can we live into humanity's role in the physical creation?

1. What is creation?

The physical creation is good...

...but it's not God.

2. What is humanity's role in the physical creation?

- a. *"Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth..."*
- b. *"...and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."*
- c. *"God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you..."*
 - i. *"...for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth — ..."*



- ii. *"...everything having the breath of life in it — I have given every green plant for food."*

3. How can we live into humanity's role in the physical creation?

a. Practice

What do your practices say about the story you live in?

Are there practices that show you're living in a different story?

b. Story

Has God's gifts made you someone who is thankful?

Has God's gifts drawn you into a closer relationship with Him?