

## Questions

1. Is there any reason to be troubled by biological similarities between humans and living creatures (animals)?
2. Read Genesis 1:28. There are four imperative verbs in this verse (commands), including "be fruitful and multiply." How do these commands speak to married couples who are able to have children?
3. Read Genesis 1:26. Why is it not possible that God is speaking to angels here? (Hint: in whose image is man made?)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 and Romans 5:12-19. Why is Adam important to the gospel of Jesus Christ?
5. What are some ways by which human beings show that they are made in the image of God?
6. Read Genesis 1:29-30 and Genesis 9:3. What key theological event took place between these two statements from God? What do these verses indicate about God has allowed for man to eat?
7. Read 1 Chronicles 28:2; 2 Chronicles 6:41; and Psalm 78:69. Are there implications we can draw out about God's work in creation, and His establishing the cosmos, and particularly earth, as His temple?
8. What is one element of the creation account in Genesis 1 that has given you even greater awe for God?

**For further reading: *No Adam, No Gospel* (2015) by Richard B. Gaffin Jr. and *Did Adam Exist?* (2014) by Vern Poythress**

Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.

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# BEGINNINGS

## Genesis 1-11

### Very Good, Indeed

**Genesis 1:20-2:3**

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As the creation account continues, we learn new and powerful lessons about God and His creation of the universe.

#### **1. Living Creatures (1:20, 24; cf. 2:7)**

Hebrew *nephesh* – breath (1:30)

#### **2. According to their kinds (1:21, 24-25)**

God separates and classifies.

God fixes boundaries for families of living creatures.

#### **3. God blessed them (1:22, 28)**

**6. It was very good (1:31)**

**4. Let us make man in our image (1:26)**

An early indication of the trinity.

God directly created the first man.

"The truth of the gospel stands or falls with the historicity of Adam as the first human being from whom all other human beings descend."

Richard Gaffin

Being made in the image of God means that there are ways in which man reflects God's nature, and that man has dignity and purpose.

**7. God "rested" (2:2)**

**5. Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish, birds, and other living creatures (1:28)**

**8. The earth as God's temple / place of rest**