

The Garden of Eden - What it Teaches about Man

1. Man was specially made by God with an immortal soul as his unique image-bearer.
Let us make man (1:26)
Gen. 2:7
Psalm 8:5
Luke 3:38
2. Man's calling in the garden was to function as God's vice-regent over the creation.
...have dominion (1:26)
... subdue it (1:28)
Psalm 8:6-8
Gen. 3:17
3. Man's dominion consisted in exercising responsible authority over land and beast.
Tend and keep... (2:15)
Gen. 1:29-30
Gen. 2:19
Psalm 104:14-15
4. Gender distinction, marriage, and procreation are essential to man's identity and calling.
Male and female (1:27)
Gen. 1:28
Matt. 19:4-6
Mal. 2:15
5. Man was endowed with a completely free will and subject to the Law of God.
You shalt not eat (2:17)
Gen. 3:6
Ecc. 7:29
Romans 5:12