

Genesis 1:28 (NIV) 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 1:29-30 (NIV) Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground-everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

Genesis 1:31 (NIV) God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Where Are We?

Who: God is

What: God formed and filled the earth Who: Mankind is made in the Image of God

What: Mankind...?

Where Are We?



The Blessing

Genesis 1:28a (NIV) God **blessed** them and said to them...



The Task: Bring Life

Genesis 1:28b (NIV) "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth..."

The Task: Bring Order

Genesis 1:28c (NIV) "...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."

The Feast

Genesis 1:29-30 (NIV) Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

The Sigh

Genesis 1:31 (NIV) God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Bring Life

John 6:40 (NIV) "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Bring Order

Mark 1:15 (NIV) "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Life & Order

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Those who bear God's image are to do the kinds of things they see God doing.



Humanity exists to reflect the character of God by bringing life and order to the world.

Humans were made after the pattern of God so that they could do the purposes of God.

