

# Sermon Study Guide – August 30th, 2020

*Today's Focus: "The Crown of Creation"*

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today as we continue our series, "Return to Eden", we will talk about how God created Adam and Eve to be the "the crown of creation"...
- ◆ What does that phrase mean? Is this still something that we have? What's it look like to be "the crown of creation" today?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 1:26-30

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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.

3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



*Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...*

1. *As we work through our sermon text...*

⇒ How is being the “crown of creation” like a “crown jewel”?

⇒ How is being the “crown of creation” like a “king’s crown”?

2. *As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...*

⇒ Compare the “crown of creation” between creation and now. What has changed? Answer in terms of how...

- *...the Creation itself is now in rebellion to us.*
  
- *...others have forfeited “the crown of creation”.*
  
- *...we have forfeited this God-given responsibility.*

⇒ How can we Christians still act as the “Crown of Creation” in a fallen world?

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:*

**Monday:** read/review Mt. 25

**Thursday:** Revelation 21

**Tuesday:** review Psalm 8 & Heb. 2:5-13

**Friday:** Psalm 24

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 11

**Saturday:** read/review Genesis 1