

Sermon Handout

God the Creator

Luke 1:26-37

- I. Creation Week** Gen 1:26-28; 2:4-7; 18-25
 - a. God creates Adam 2:4-7
 - b. God creates Eve 2:18, 20
 - i. From Adam's body 2:21-22
 - ii. A suitable companion/mate v. 23 *contra* vv. 19-20
 - c. Adam & Eve together reflect the image of God 1:26
 - i. "Male & female" he created them 1:27
 - ii. He commands them to procreate 1:28a
 - iii. He sets them over every other living thing 1:28b *cf.* v. 26b
 - d. The Creation Mandate includes both procreation & dominion
 - i. Given to Adam in his innocence Gen 1:28-30
 - ii. Given to Noah after the flood judgment Gen 9:1-3

- II. Man: Sub-creator under God**
 - a. God creates; man procreates
 - i. Yet, not just to "make babies" *see* Mal 2:14-15
 - ii. Our offspring are to be trained for godly dominion (v. 15)
 - b. God owns/rules all; man is to rule as vicegerent
 - i. The earth is the Lord's Ps 24:1-2 *see* Ps 8:4-9
 - ii. If you would stand with God, purify yourselves vv. 3-6 (I Jn 3:1-3)
 - c. Godly dominion is a transgenerational project
Parents: prepare the next generation to continue the work.

- III. The Incarnation Changed the Course** Lk 1:26-37; Mt 1:18-25
 - a. The virgin birth – an act of fiat creation Lk 1:34-35; Mt 1:20
 - b. "Born of Christ" = a new creation Jn 1:12-13; II Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10
 - c. Jesus: the new Adam; the new Firstborn Rom 5:14, 17, 19; Col 1:14-18
 - i. In Adam, all died; in Christ men are made alive I Cor 15:20-26
 - ii. A new "human race" is born in Christ I Cor 15:45-49
 - iii. Its task is to call the world to Jesus Mt 28:18-20
Mt 28 is nothing less than a renewed Creation Mandate.