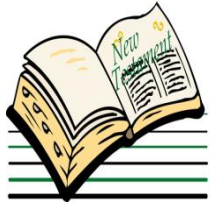


Sermon Notes



Title: "God Is the Original, Ultimate, and Perfect Host"

Text: Genesis 2:4-14

Theme: The Creator and Maker of the universe invites people to His banqueting hall to be in His presence and to commune with Him. God is still the original, ultimate, and perfect host. In showing hospitality, we show forth the Gospel and the God who has welcomed us into His home.

I. The _____ God in Genesis 2:4-14

A. God Makes a _____ Where He Will
_____ Often and Regularly with

B. God _____ and _____ the
Garden with _____ Needed

II. The Hospitality of God Is the _____ of the Bible

III. God's Kingdom Is His _____

IV. What This Means for Us

A. We are called and expected to _____ our God.

B. Welcome others as a means of _____
_____ in imitation of our hospitable God.

C. God has _____ you somewhere to
_____ Him who is the original, ultimate, and
perfect _____.

Next Week Read: Luke 14:12-24

Questions to Answer and Discuss:

1. Out of what did God form the man (v. 7a)?
2. When and how did man become a living creature (v. 7b)?
3. What specifically did God make for man (v. 8a)?
4. What else did God make for man (v. 9)?
5. What watered the garden in Eden (v. 10a)?
6. What adorned the garden and the surrounding region (vv. 9, 11-12)?
7. How do we know this garden was a real place?
8. What English word comes from the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, that describes this garden? What idea does this convey?
9. Besides the beauty, riches, and abundant resources of this place where God put man, what particularly took place there that speaks to the matter of hospitality?
10. How does hospitality reflect God?
11. At present, what is God's "house" where He invites man into fellowship with Himself?
12. What is a major reason why God's people should be hospitable?
13. How can you be hospitable to others who think and act so differently from you? What aspect of God's grace can help us in this matter?
14. Where in life has God presently placed you where you can reflect hospitality in specific ways?