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God's Design: "Male and female He created them"

We must know, the Creator, His Word and ourselves!

Genesis 1:1, 26-28 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Introduction

This is exactly what is happening in the world every day, the creature has a set of instructions and is paying no attention to it!

The first verse of the Bible says that we have a creator

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So how can we figure out God's design for us?

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We must know His Word

Only then can we know ourselves

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John 17:3 (ESV) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Leviticus 11:45
 He is the creator and we are the creatures
 That means that God is very different than us
 God needs nothing
 Nothing is too hard for Him
 He has complete power and freedom to do whatever He wills to do
 He has complete power and control over all His creation
 He made nothing and then just turned it loose
 He is absolutely sovereign over all
 He knows and does all things perfectly

Psalm 115:3
 In order to know the Creator we must know His Son

Colossians 2:9 (ESV) For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

- 2. We must know His Word

Psalm 119:9, 11, 15-16

Psalm 1:1-2

The creature does not know the creator and has no interest in the instruction manual!

Luke 11:28 (ESV) But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

So what is the solution

Proverbs 22:13

We must get to know His book, the Bible

Colossians 2:3 (ESV) In whom (Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

God has made us to know Him and His good design for our lives

John 17:3 (ESV) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Proverbs 3:5-6

3. Only then can we know ourselves

In our image God says

1 Peter 1:15 (ESV) But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."

Jeremiah 13:23, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 139:14

We have no business grumbling or complaining how God made us

Romans 9:20-21 (ESV) But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

This is what he said when his mind returned to him

Daniel 4:34-35

So what is the problem?

Proverbs 14:12

Romans 1:21-25 (ESV) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Most do not fear God

Most do not know God

Most have no interest in His plan

Most have gone their own way

Most see no reason to worship Him

So we end up confused and frustrated

We do not know God

We do not know His Word

We do not know ourselves or our roles

God has a design

God is the designer of His creation

God created us for the purpose of having dominion over His creation

God has given us detailed instructions

God will soon come back for an accounting

Assignment-*Discuss men and women's conference*

Discuss what you are going to do to know God and His plan better