

First Man and Woman

Genesis 1:24-28

I. ANIMALS: "Let the earth bring forth living creatures" (vv.24-25)

A. Decree: "bring forth...after their kind" (v.24)

1. Large: "cattle"
2. Small: "creeping things"
3. Medium: "beasts"

B. Description: "God made...it was good" (v.25)

1. Created: "made"
2. Controlled: "after their kind"
3. Complete: "it is good"

II. MANKIND: "Let Us make man in Our image" (vv.26-28)

A. Representatives: "let them rule" (vv.26-27)

1. Position: "in Our image"
2. Pattern: "according to Our likeness"
3. Partners: "male and female"

B. Responsibilities: "God blessed them...said..." (v.28)

1. Create: "fruitful...multiply...fill..."
 - a. Produce: "be fruitful"
 - b. Propagate: "multiply"
 - c. Populate: "fill the earth"
2. Control: "subdue...rule over..."
 - a. Dominion: "subdue it"
 - b. Direction: "rule over..."

Next week: Read Genesis 2:15-25