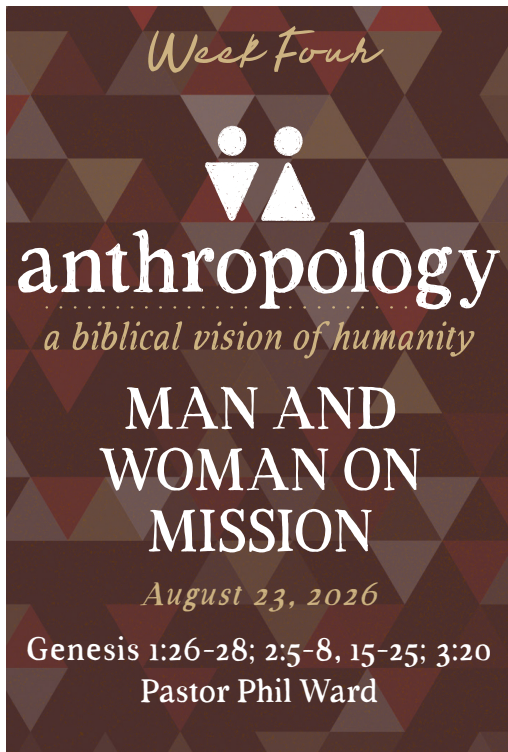




SERMON OUTLINE

notes

I. HUMAN BEINGS ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE AS PSYCHOSOMATIC PERSONS (*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:7*)

- A. We are created beings, which means we are limited and have God-given obligations and purpose. (**Genesis 1:26-27; Hebrews 4:13; Romans 1:25; Deuteronomy 10:12-14**)
- B. We are created in God's image, which has rich implications. (**Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 9:6; James 3:9-10**)
- C. We are psychosomatic persons, which means we are body and soul persons, not objects. (**Genesis 2:7**)

II. THE CULTURAL MANDATE: MAN AND WOMAN ON MISSION (*Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:5-8; Genesis 2:15-25; Genesis 3:20*)

- A. God created man and female with differentiation by design.
 - 1. The creation of man to work and keep the garden. (**Genesis 2:5-8; Genesis 2:15-17**)
 - 2. The creation of woman to be a help to the man. (**Genesis 2:18-25; Genesis 3:20**)
 - 3. The distinction corresponds to the mission. (**Genesis 1:28**)
- B. The different natures of men and women point to different functions of the mission.
 - 1. Men carry out their mission in distinctly masculine ways. (**Numbers 18:5-6; 2 Samuel 10:12**)
 - 2. Women carry out their mission in distinctly feminine ways. (**Genesis 3:20; 1 Peter 3:4; Proverbs 31:12**)
- C. Culture begins in the home and spreads outward.
 - 1. The household is the primary sphere of responsibility for a woman. (**Proverbs 31:10-31; Titus 2:3-5**)
 - 2. The procurement of provision and protection is the primary sphere of responsibility for a man. (**Genesis 2:8; Genesis 2:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12**)

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make man[a] 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."

Genesis 2:5-8

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 3:20

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. In your own words, what does it mean to be a human being created in God's image as a psychosomatic person? What are some examples of what that is in everyday life?

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2. What is the "cultural mandate"?

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3. In what ways has God created men and woman with differences? How do these differences help fulfill the mission of the cultural mandate?
4. What are some examples of men carrying out their mission in distinctly masculine ways? How do women carry out their mission in distinctly feminine ways?
5. What is your overall impression and takeaway from this sermon? Why do you think this subject matter elicits such a passionate response at times?