

# Genesis 2:4 – 25

## Paradise (Part I)



*Enjoying God's creation over Labor Day*

What does a day in *Paradise* look like to you?



# *Explore:*

This special garden God crafts for humanity, specifically:

- 1) Reflects his bountiful nature*
- 2) Invites humanity to take part in service*
- 3) Includes special relationships - community*



*Apply:*

This world doesn't look like Paradise

Yet God in his wisdom has placed us here and cultivated our lives so that we can take part in his holy work, just as he invited humanity in the garden.

# Wrap Up from Last Week

- *Hebrews over 3,000 years ago saw the world differently than we do*
- *Ask the hard questions – of ourselves and the text!*
- *Not just an intellectual exercise - ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your prejudices, your hurts, your crap, and to change your heart!*



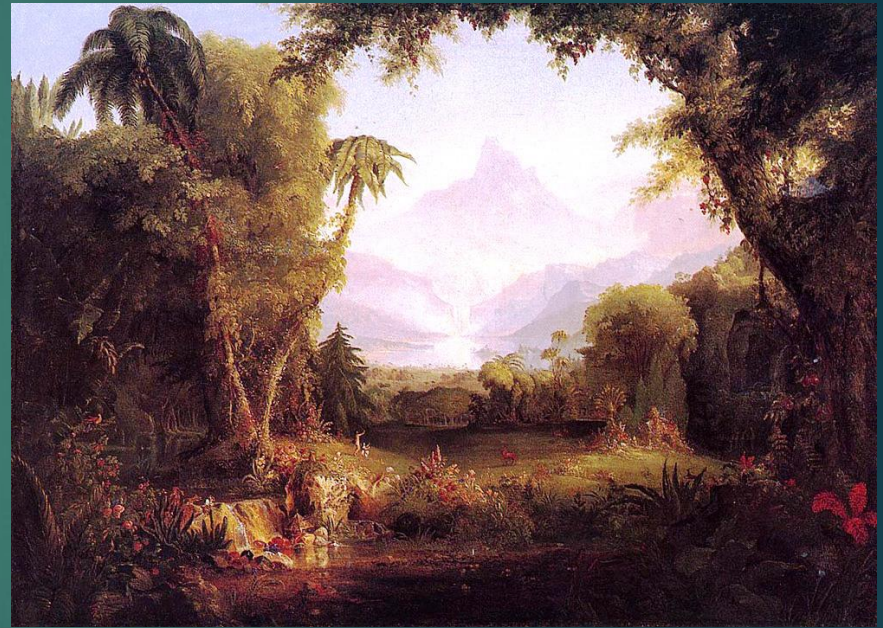
# Genesis 2:4 - 14

- *How is the world described in v.4 – 6?*
- *What does God plant in the garden?*
- *What else is in the garden (v.10)?*
- *What does this garden reveal about God?*



# Genesis 2:15 - 17

- *What tasks does God give man?*
- *Why does God assign him these tasks?*
- *What is God's command to NOT do?*





# Genesis 2:18 - 25

- *What is God's goal here? Why is it important?*
- *What kind of "helper" is God looking for here?*
- *What binds them together?*





# Conclusion

*God showed his love for humanity in 3 ways:*

- *Created a place that reflected his glory, where they could join him in his pleasure*
- *Allowed them to take part in the holy task of serving*
- *Created a special bond between them so they could grow together and enjoy the purpose God had given them*

# Conclusion

*God has done the same for us:*

- *He has created just the right conditions for us to grow*
- *God has equipped us through the Holy Spirit to take part in his holy task, namely spreading the gospel*
- *God has given us each other as a community of faith*

***What has God gifted you to do for the Kingdom?***