



The Creation of Man – Genesis 2:4-17

God's gifts to man are on full display in the original creation

1. Self-sustaining environment (vs. 4-6)

Plants for food
Water for life

2. Man a special creation (vs. 7)

Formed from the earth
Living by being by the breath of God

3. A cultivated environment (vs. 8-9)

A place separate from the wilderness
Stocked with fruit-bearing trees
Life giving tree (see 3:22)
Tree to prove obedience

4. An expandable environment

Rivers (water, life, refreshment, transportation)
Source of flowing waters?
Raw materials (gold, Bdelium and onyx stone)

5. Opportunity to glorify God

Purpose/job – tend and keep garden
Command to keep / Warning to avoid

Lessons:

- Treat our lives and opportunities as gifts
- Joyfully engage in your work
- Value the worth of man
- Remember the eternity of man
- Enjoy the remnants of paradise in the fallen world
- Carefully observe the warnings that have been given