

## **A Closer Look at Man's Creation**

Genesis 2:5-7

**Context:** After giving us the seven days of creation in Genesis 1, Moses now re-focuses back in on day six - the creation of man.

**As you deeper into God's creation of mankind...**

### **A. \_\_\_\_\_ the unity of scripture (vs. 4-6)**

1. There are many who will teach that Genesis 1 and 2 are opposing and contradicting accounts of creation. What we actually have is two different accounts of the same event - with Genesis 2 focusing in on the Creation of man in greater detail.
2. Critical scholarship has also made much of the different names of God that show up in Genesis 2:4 (Yahweh) and Genesis 1 using the name Elohim. This led scholars in the 1700's and 1800's to teach what is now called the J-E-D-P Documentary Hypothesis. That four different sources wrote Genesis and not the singular author Moses.
3. Modern scholarship has rejected J-E-D-P. Moses simply used the different names of God to make a point. Further research does not point to different authors but to a single author using God's various names to emphasize a point and describe different aspects of His character.

### **B. \_\_\_\_\_ mankind uniquely formed by God (vs. 7a)**

1. "When God created the stars, the sea, and the land, he merely spoke and they became. But when it comes to man, God engages in personal artistry and careful design." Richard Phillips
2. The Hebrew word used for "formed" is used for a potter molding his clay.

### **C. \_\_\_\_\_ man's full dependance upon God (vs. 7b)**

1. As God breathes into man's nostrils, Moses uses the Covenant name for God "Yahweh" emphasizing an intimate and personal relationship with man.
2. God breathed life into us and continues to sustain our lives with breath. Every breath we take is a gift from a loving God.