

Reformed Christian Worldview
Lesson 3: Who is man?

I. Four Foundational Relationships in the Created Order

A. Man With God

1. Adam and Eve _____
2. God's _____

B. Relationship with Self (Created with self-awareness)

1. Inherent _____ and _____
2. Adam _____ Eve with respect to himself and _____ her
3. Adam and Eve were _____, yet _____

C. Relationships with other Humans

1. In the garden " _____ " was found for Adam to fulfill his calling.
2. Eve Created to Help Adam _____ the Garden

D. Relationship with Creation

1. Created to Continue _____ the Earth (Gen 1:27)
2. Given _____ over the Creation
3. Adam functions as Image-bearer of God (Gen 2:8)

a) Adam "tends and keeps" the garden (Gen 2:15).

(1) Tend - עָבַד [‘abad]

(a) _____

(2) Keep - שָׁמַר [shamar]

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

*b) Adam _____ and _____
cattle, beasts and birds (2:19-20)*

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c) Adam _____ the woman and
_____ her (2:23)

II. World View Principles from Creation

- A. We were designed to _____ and _____.
- B. Mankind is uniquely created in the image of God (but is not God) and thus has _____.
- C. God created man to _____ within his creation.
- D. God created man to relate to the creation through _____.

III. Summary from Fikkert & Corbett, Helping Without Hurting

- A. The mandate of Genesis 1:28 – 30 teaches that God created us to be _____, people who understand, protect, subdue, and manage the world that God has created in order to _____ it and _____.
- B. While God made the world " _____," he left it " _____." It still needed to be filled and subdued by humans.
- C. Though the world was created without defect, God called humans to _____ with creation, to make possibilities into _____, and to be able to sustain themselves via the fruits of their _____.

IV. For Further Study

- A. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chs. 2 and 7.
- B. Louis Berkhof, Systematic Theology, "Image of God"
- C. John Frame, Systematic Theology, "Image of God"
- D. Fikkert & Corbett, Helping Without Hurting, Chapter 1.