

Lecture 2 – The Doctrine of Humanity: The Origin of Humanity (cont.) & the Image of God in Humanity

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’” Genesis 1:26-28

Key Terms

Naturalistic evolution, fiat creationism, deistic evolution, theistic evolution, progressive creationism, historic or symbolic, from dust or from previous creature, fact of image of God

Objectives

- *Summarize an initial evaluation of the five views.
- *Examine and summarize two questions in depth that arise in connection with our view of humanity.
- *Explore implications that our view of humanity has upon our life and ministry.

The Doctrine of Humanity

I. The Doctrine of Humanity

A. The origin of humanity

1. Views of humanity’s origin
2. An evaluation of the five views
 - Newman, Robert. “Evangelicals and Modern Science” in *Evangelical Affirmations*.
 - Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*.
 - Waltke, Bruce. “The Literary Genre of Genesis Chapter One” in *Crux* Vol. 27.4, Dec. 91, pp. 2-10.
 - Newman, Robert. *Genesis One and the Origin of the Earth*.
 - Noll, Mark. *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*.
3. Two significant issues regarding the origin of humanity
 - a. The status of Adam and Eve
 - b. Were human beings created from a previously existing creature?

B. The image of God in humanity

1. The fact of humanity’s creation in the image of God in the Old Testament
 - a. Genesis 1:26-28—the crowning act
 - 1) God made humans _____ the other creatures.
 - 2) God pronounced “very good” in contrast to “good.”
 - 3) God gave humans _____ over the rest of creation.
 - 4) Humanity’s creation is more _____.
 - 5) Man and woman alone were made in God’s likeness