

Session 6 - In the Garden

LORD God (Genesis 2:4 - 3:23)

- For the first time in the Bible, in Genesis 2:4, God is referenced by His personal covenant name, YHWH. For the entire time that the garden account is being explained, except for during the conversation between the serpent and Eve, God is referred to as the LORD God.
- This title connects the name God which was used in Genesis 1 to describe God as the creator of everything to the term YHWH which will eventually be explained as being the personal name for God as He is known by His people.
- God (or *Elohim*) “is the appropriate word for the majestic portrayal of God as Creator of the universe, signifying omnipotent deity” (Hughes, p. 49)
- LORD (or *YHWH*) “is the personal covenant name of God who relates and redeems his people (cf. 15:7 and Exodus 3:14, 15)” (Hughes, p. 49).

Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being. - Genesis 2:7



Creation of Man

- Then the LORD God formed the adam out of the dust from the adamah.
- God created humans and gave them important work to do; obedience would bring fulfillment, but disobedience would result in death.

The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die. - Genesis 2:15-17

- “Freedom has never meant a complete lack of boundaries, responsibility, or self-control. When we accept this popular cultural definition of freedom, we believe a lie.” - Explore the Bible