

## **“Broken Reflections to Restored Images”**

Genesis 2:7, 15-18, 21-25

**Main Idea:** *God’s original plan for people was shattered by sin but restored by Jesus Christ.*

- I. Introduction: A distorted reflection.
- II. God’s **Design**: A Perfect Image (Genesis 1:28; 2:7, 15-17)
  - God’s Three-fold Plan:
    1. Be fruitful and multiply.
    2. Fill the earth and govern it.
    3. Work and care for the Garden - eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
  - People are created in God’s image to:
    1. **Reflect** of God’s character.
    2. **Represent** of God’s rule and reign.
    3. **Work** at harnessing creation’s potential and creating beauty and order.
- III. The Image **Shattered**: A tragic decision. (Genesis 3:1-7)
  - The choice:
    1. Trust God’s definition of good and evil **or** seize autonomy and define good and evil for themselves.
    2. They chose to **disobey** God and that led to sin entering the world.
- IV. The promise of a **Savior** (Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:12-15)
  - God’s first promise of redemption: the seed of the woman would crush the serpent’s head.
- V. The image **restored**: Clothed in Grace (Genesis 3:21; Isaiah 61:10; Col. 3:9-10)
  - Just as God made garments of skin to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness (shame), we too are clothed in God’s grace because of the sacrifice of Jesus—the Lamb of God who covers our sin.

### **Action Points:**

- Embrace God’s Perfect Design
- Resist Temptation
- Hold onto God’s Promises
- Clothe Yourself in Christ
- Share the Good News