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*“Now the Lord God
had planted a
garden ... in
Eden; and there he
put the man he had
formed” Genesis 2:8*

Eden Principle #1

I. God is the Creator and Owner of Everything (Gen. 1:1 – 25; 2:1 – 3)

- A. Elohim is creator and owner of everything, but many disagree:
 - 1. The “rationalist” worldview – life is a result of natural random science
 - 2. The “religious” worldview – life is a result of “gods”
 - 3. The “Biblical” worldview – Life is designed and completed by the plural Elohim
- B. The conflict between owners = rights
- C. The Divine Trinity took a day to rest and enjoy creation (2:3)

Eden Principle #2

II. Humanity is Made in God’s Image as Stewards (Gen. 1:26 – 31; 2:4 – 8,15)

- A. Man is made in God’s image for a purpose – Yet some disagree:
 - 1. Humanity is a problem that needs to be removed
 - 2. Humanity is the pinnacle of all creation and should use the earth
- B. God “blessed” humanity the responsibility to manage His creation
- C. Notice the words used by God – fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue, and rule

Eden Principle #3

III. Marriage is God’s Gift to be Honored (Gen. 2:18 – 25)

- A. It is “not good” for man to be alone
- B. Family is a kingdom value
- C. God’s statement of truth: “one flesh” – Gen. 2:24

Eden Principle #4

IV. God Designed the Clash of Kingdoms (Gen. 2:9 – 17; 3:1 – 24)

- A. The freedom to choose between the trees – watch out for the “Google tree”
- B. There is no love or Lordship without free will
- C. The serpent represented another value and lured humanity to want it
- D. Bottom line: We must still choose to Invest in Kingdom Values.