

The Way of Life and the Way of Death
Genesis 2:4-17, Pew Bible p. 2
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I. The Way of Life (V. 4-14)

- A. All life comes from God.
 - 1. Life apart from God has a limited time.
 - 2. Life apart from God has a limited reward.
- B. All goodness comes from God.
 - 1. Not all that God made good is eternal.
 - 2. Not all that God made good is for you.

II. The Way of Death (V. 15-17)

- A. Death is the result of rejecting the life that God has given.
 - 1. We think something is wrong.
 - 2. We think something is missing.
- B. Death is the result of rejecting the goodness that God has given.
 - 1. I have something I don't want.
 - 2. I am missing something I do want.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 2:4-14
2. Where does the life of man come from, according to verse 7?
 - a. How is this creation account different from pagan and evolutionist explanations about the origins of humanity?
 - b. Why is the breath of God in the life of man so important to us today?
3. List the number of good things God made around man to help him thrive in verses 6-14?
4. Why would God make both the tree of life AND the forbidden tree pleasing to the eye and good for food if He only wanted us to eat ONE?
 - a. What are some other things today that are good, but are not permitted for you according to God's Word?
 - b. Is any action good simply because you can get what you want from it, according to this passage? Why?
5. In what way does disobeying God lead to instant death, according to verse 14?
 - a. In what way is death from sin progressive and not immediate?
6. What do verses 4-14 tell us about our need for Jesus and the good news that brings people from death to life?
 - a. What way of death do you need God to deliver you from in this stage of your life?
7. Pray for our church members to live as God's image-bearers. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.