

## Trusting in the Goodness of God

*God's Goodness Displayed in Provision*

*Genesis 2:4-25*

***God's Provision of a Good Life***

*Genesis 2:4-7*

God promises to provide a truly good life to His people,  
but you must trust **Him** for it.

1. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_ a good life. [Establishes]
  - a. He defines what it is.
  - b. He designs His people for it.
2. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_ a life for good. [Ennobles]
  - a. It was God who raised Adam up from the dust.
  - b. It is God who raises His people up from disgrace.
3. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_ a good life. [Enables]
  - a. It was God who enabled Adam for good.
  - b. It is God who enables His people for good.

### **Questions for Discussion**

- God's declaration that all of His creation was "very good" (1:31) shows that God defines what is good. Why is it important for us to remember this? In what ways are you tempted to define your own good?
- What conditions are described in verses 5-6 before God created Adam? How might the first two descriptions of verse 5 be related to 3:18? How might the third condition be related to 7:4?
- The word translated "formed" in verse 7 implies purposeful design. It is related to the work of a potter (cf. Jer. 18:2-4). What does this say about God's creation of Adam? What about you (cf. Isa. 44:2)?
- Being raised up from the dust communicates an elevation from lowliness to nobility (cf. 1 Sam. 2:8; 1 Kings 16:2). Adam was formed "of dust from the earth." Why is this statement humbling? What does it say about how God raises up His people?
- Life is given to Adam by divine breath. This may refer to the impartation of God's image, but certainly results in a life divinely enabled to fulfill God's design. How is this related to how God enables His followers now (cf. Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:9-10)?