

*In The Beginning...*

**At Home In God's Garden**  
**Genesis 2:4-17**

# Our Original Home

## A shift of focus – vs. 4

From the cosmos to man 'at home' in the perfect setting which God designed for him. The story now proceeds with man in center stage, and it is told mostly from his perspective and in terms of how things impact him.

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**Man's dual nature – vs. 7**

– Man of dust from the ground

- Ground = 'adamah' Man = 'adam' = Adam
- Earthlings! Earth is our cradle, home and grave
- Earth is our first and our final home...  
John 14 (a 'place') & Rev 21 New Heaven/Earth

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- Man of dust from the ground
- Brought to life by the very breath of God
  - 'breathed' points warmly personal, face-to-face intimacy.

*Not only did God get His hands dirty forming us,  
He also kissed His very life into man.*

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**Man's 'station' vs. 8, 9, 15**

- Location: 'a garden in Eden, in the East'
  - Nourishing to the body, delightful to the eye, satisfying to the soul.
  - A place of intimate fellowship with God  
"Heaven on Earth"!

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- Location: 'a garden in Eden, in the East'
- Vocation: 'to work and keep the garden'
  - Work is not a curse, but a blessing.
  - 'to keep' = to exercise great care over, guard and protect
  - 'to work' = to serve

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**Man's boundaries vs. 16, 17**

- The very first word God spoke to man!
- The freedom of the creature involves boundaries.
- We are not free to determine right/wrong – God alone does that.
- Boundaries foster freedom: guardrails!

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## Our Certain Hope: HOME!

- **The New Heaven and New Earth**
  - Paradise regained – and far more!
  - As 'temporary residents of Planet Dirt' we learn to long for Home!
- ***Harvey is HOME!....***