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Genesis 1 – 3

- Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
 - 2:4 – These are the generations...
- Inverse order of 1:1 & 2:1-3
 - 1:1 – “He created”... “God”... “heavens & earth”
 - 2:1 “heavens & earth”... 2:2 “God” ... 2:3 “He had done in creation”

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- Announcement: “And God said” – 10x
 - 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,28,29
- Fulfillment: “And it was so” – 7x
 - 1:3,7,9,11,15,24,30
- Approval: “God saw that it was good” – 7x
 - 1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31
- Mention of Day: – 7x
 - 1:5,8,13,19,23,31; 2:2

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The creator’s generosity is not being given its full due, and he is being painted as a little harsh and repressive, forbidding the tree even to be touched.

- Gordan J. Wenham

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It is The Church’s responsibility to get people back into a position where they can trust God.