

## The World of Nature Designed to Be Tended by Man - Genesis 2:5

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up- **for** the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and **there was no man to work the ground**,<sup>1</sup> (Gen 2:5 ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Delitzsch notes, "The world of nature was designed to be tilled and tended, [and] it runs wild without man, who can and ought... to make it more useful and habitable." (Franz Delitzsch, *A New Commentary on Genesis* [Edinburgh: Clark, 1888], 137, quoted in C. John Collins, *Genesis 1-4: A Linguistic, Literary, and Theological Commentary* [Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P&R, 2006], 106).