

The Creation of Woman
Genesis 2:15-25
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Introduction

When we study the creation of man, we note that God is doing things differently from what He was doing for the rest of Creation. What He does is relational. He made man and provided him with a beautiful place, full of good things. God is not finished with man—He still has a greater gift for him, woman.

I. Preparation of Adam (15-20)

- Man's job
 - In the perfection of the garden, there was no hard work
 - Adam was to take care of it
 - We do not know what Adam did to take care of the garden
 - We do know that he was not weary
 - There was immense joy in work—it was blessed work
 - God has given Adam the right to rule over creation
 - We will also work in heaven as kings and priests
- God's command
 - First commandment in the Bible
 - Very simple command
 - Eat from all the trees except for one
 - Why this command?
 - Test of Adam's love for and satisfaction in God
 - There was no reason for Adam to disobey
 - Adam only knew of the good things from God
 - Adam never knew evil
 - Death
 - Disobedience = knowing evil
 - It was not the fruit that brought them knowledge of good and evil
 - In fact the fruit itself is not important
 - It was disobedience that brought death

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one Man the many will be made righteous.

- Spiritual death
- Physical decay

- It is not good
 - This is still the sixth day
 - Because by the end of the sixth day, God saw it was all very good

Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

- It was on that day that God created man and woman
- The first “not good”

- Not because of flaw or imperfection
- Everything was perfect
- What was not good was that it was not complete yet
- No helper suitable for Adam
 - Adam was created fully mature and perfect
 - God placed all the animals for Adam to look over

Genesis 7:8-9 *Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.*

- Why?
 - Was God confused as to what was a suitable helper for Adam?
 - No, God did it for Adam's benefit
 - God did it for Adam so that Adam can appreciate his wife when he meets her
- Adam looks over all the animals
 - Names them (in what language? We do not know)
 - He is studying each animal and giving them names based on their characteristics
 - Adam understood that none of these animals are his equal
 - He also understood that none of them are created in God's image

II. Wife For Adam (21-24)

- Creation of a woman
 - What a difference!
 - Adam was created from the dust of the ground
 - But woman was created from man
 - Bible translations say "rib" but the Hebrew word translated elsewhere is always side
 - Woman is created from the side of Adam (his bones and flesh)
 - This is the only time that woman has come from man
 - Every time since, man has come from woman
 - Woman was created for man because it was not good for him to be alone
 - Woman was given to man—the greatest gift God gives to man
- Theology of woman

1 Corinthians 11:7-9 *A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.*

- Glory of man
 - Man is the glory of God
 - He is made to show God's authority on earth
 - He is created from the dust of the ground
 - However woman is created from man
 - She is the glory of man
 - She is made to show man's authority on earth
 - She is created to help man rule creation
- Priority of leadership
 - Man was created first—from the dust

- Woman is to be under the man's leadership
- Created for man's sake
 - Woman is created to be man's helper
 - She is created to assist man in his rule (co-rule)

Genesis 1:28 *God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

- Woman's equality with man
 - She is created in the image of God

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

- She is man's equal before God (intellectually, spiritually, and morally)
- She receives equally the saving grace of God

1 Peter 3:7 *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

- She will reign equally with man in heaven
- She is equal with man when being like Christ
- This created order applies to marriage and in church
 - Marriage

1 Peter 3:1 *Wives in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,*

- Church

1 Timothy 2:11-13 *A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.*

- Adam's praise
 - Adam sings a love song for his wife!
 - She is my completion, my helper
 - She is my blood, bones, and flesh
 - She is family
- Foundation of marriage
 - The first human institution was the union between man and woman in marriage
 - This is also the only recognized sexual activity between man and woman
 - Between husband and wife
 - This is submission as its finest
 - Husbands leave their mother and father for his wife
 - He is to serve his wife and love her
 - Wives are to submit to their husbands as head of the family

III. Union of Adam and Eve (25)

- This verse is a bridge to chapter 3
- Nakedness and shameless
 - They were naked
 - They had no shame
 - What does this mean?
 - Adam and Eve could see each other quite clearly
 - They had nothing to hide
 - There were no sin hidden in them for them to be ashamed
 - They were open and intimate
 - Not only before themselves but before God
- Then sin came
 - Man and woman no longer are open to one another
 - Because of sin, we have everything to hide
 - We are ashamed of God, our spouse, and ourselves
 - Why?
 - Guilt
 - Guilt is in every part of our life
- The glorious gospel
 - God deals with all our guilt through Christ Jesus
 - He provided the covering for our guilt and shame
 - Jesus died to replace our guilt and remove our sins
 - Then He clothes us with His perfect righteousness
 - The truth is that when we are in Christ

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,