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Class: Genesis—From Paradise to Prison

Further thoughts (on Genesis 1:26-28)

- “God created man in His own image” (i.e., intellect; affections; volition). See 9:6; James 3:9. What about murder, abortion, infanticide, suicide, assisted suicide, genocide, etc.?
- “. . . male and female He created them”
What about gender identity, LGBTQ, same sex attraction, etc.?
- “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over . . .”
See Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2:5-10.

ADAM’S _____ CREATION (2:4-7)

1. The secular theory of _____.
2. The biblical account of a distinct and separate _____ of God.
 - A. God _____ man’s body.
 - B. God _____ man’s body.
 - C. Man is a _____ (two-part) unity.

ADAM’S SPECIAL _____ (2:8-17)

1. Adam was given _____ to _____ (vss. 8-14).
 - A. The **features** of that place:
 - 1) _____ (vs. 9; cp. Rev. 22:3)
 - 2) _____ (vss. 10-14)
 - A river flowed through the garden area.
 - It then separated into four headwaters, each of which was a large and long river.
 - The names of the four rivers are given: the Pishon, the Gihon, the Tigris, and the Euphrates.
 - B. The **location** of that place. Where was the garden of Eden located?
2. Adam was given _____ to _____ (vss. 15-17).
 - A. He was given a specific _____.
 - B. He was given a sacred _____.

This was a _____ period for Adam. Theologians refer to this as the Dispensation of _____.

We know “the rest of the story”, don’t we? As we’ll see in Genesis 3, the first Adam failed. He doubted God’s goodness & resented His control, rejecting & disobeying His world. As a result, sin entered the world and death because of sin (see Rom. 5:12-18). But thankfully, that’s not the end of the story!

ADAM’S SPECIAL _____ (2:18-25)

1. Initial thoughts . . .

- God is a _____ being. The Bible teaches the _____ - _____ of God.
- Even in paradise Adam was _____.

2. Adam's desire was _____ by God (vs. 18)

A. Eve was the answer to Adam's loneliness.

The most basic purpose for marriage is _____.

B. "I will make a helper suitable for him."

A **helper** means one who supplies what is lacking in another person. God created Eve to do what Adam could not do by Himself. An amazing truth: the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

3. Adam's desire was _____ by God (vss. 19-20)

As Adam named the animals, he made a very simple observation: each creature had it's _____. He had _____!

4. Adam's desire was _____ by God (vss. 21-25)

A. The _____ of a woman for Adam (vss. 21-22a)

B. The _____ of the woman to Adam (vss. 22b-23)

C. The _____ of marriage in general (vss. 24-25)

An editorial comment by Moses; quoted three times in the NT (Mt. 19:5; Mk. 10:7-8; & Eph. 5:31).

1) "Leave" = _____. This works in two directions!

2) "Cleave" = _____.

3) "Weave" = _____.

- Becoming "one flesh" is a _____, not an instant fact.

- Unity does not mean _____.

- Oneness is not _____.

The great hindrance to "oneness" is our sinfulness!

See James 4:1-10 for the problem, as well as the answer.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. God _____ marriage.

Marriage is subject to the rules and regulations est. by God. We are not to "walk in the counsel of the ungodly" (Psalm 1:1). God is the master architect; we must consult His blueprint for marriage.

2. Marriage is _____.

What's the problem? The problem is not a lack of resources, the problem is within (James 4:2-5). The solution is laid out in James 4:6-10.

3. Marriage is _____ the _____.

4. Marriage is a _____.

Gen. 2:24 is quoted in three other places in the NT (Matt. 19:5; Mark 10:7-8). See Ephesians 5:22-32.