

OT Survey 4 – Jun 21, 2020 – Gen 2:24-Gen 3

Gen 2:19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. *[There's a long line of Bible stories, where at key moments the main HUMAN characters were sleeping, but GOD was fulfilling His will! - Gen 2:21, 15:12, 28:16, Jonah 1:5, Mt 26:40, Mk 14:37, Lk 22:45]*

²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

[1) Trinity implication – "one" here is Heb "echad" (same as Deut 6:4 – "the LORD is one"). So, TWO in one sense, and yet ONE in another – similar to the Trinity! No wonder that 1 Cor 11:3 makes further connections between husband and wife and the Tri-unity of God. 2) Eph 5:31-32 quotes this, making clear that God intended human marriage to be a picture of the love between Christ and His church. Eph 5:22-33 keeps switching back and forth between human marriage and Christ and the church.]

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. *[Sex is GOD's idea, and it is reserved for a man and wife – also see Mt 19:1-12 (so Jesus DID address homosexual marriage – it's NOT recognized Biblically), and Heb 13:4. Although sex IS one of God's good gifts, the only perfectly whole human who has ever lived never had sex. It is NOT necessary for wholeness! Though it IS important if you're married – see Prov 5:15-19, 1 Cor 7:2-5.]*

Matthew 19:3–12 (ESV) - And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"

⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹ But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made

themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV) - Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. *[And “marriage bed” is in light of what Jesus said in Mt 19 – marriage is between a man and a woman.]*

Genesis 3 (ESV) - ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

[John Piper has a helpful article: “How Did Evil Begin?” at DesiringGod.org. One clarification – God DOES use the TERM “free will,” but NEVER as so many use it today – to refer to people as ultimately self-determining. The Bible uses it to refer to offerings that were not COMMANDED by God, but that people gave because they recognized in themselves a real DESIRE to give. But even there, 1 Chron 29 makes it repeatedly clear that even this DESIRE to freely give came from God! (See especially 1 Chron 29:9-19). Note that Satan immediately questions what God said, and Eve’s understanding of it.]

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” *[Jesus said in Jn 8:44 that Satan is a liar and the father of lies. He told 2 lies here that he’s been using ever since: 1) Sin is NOT as bad as God said. 2) God is not as good as He said...He’s holding out on you.]*

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

[“good” in Gen 3:6 is the same Hebrew as repeatedly in Gen 1 – “God saw that it was good...very good”. The first sin is linked with PEOPLE wanting to decide what is “good,” apart from what GOD says is “good”. That’s still the basis of all sin today!]

1 Timothy 2:12–14 (ESV) - I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

1 Corinthians 15:21–22 (ESV) - For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. *[ADAM is responsible – also see Rom 5:12-17. Between Gen 3 and these NT passages, I think there are strong hints that Adam was THERE during the temptation and just remained silent.]*

⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. *[Despite what Satan promised, fear and shame entered the world with sin. And ever since, people have been trying to devise their OWN covering. Thank God that HE provides a covering!]*

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. *[The fulfillment of Gen 2:17 – they died IMMEDIATELY in the most important way – spiritually. From here on, we are born “DEAD in trespasses and sins” – Eph 2:1]*

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” *[The first glimpse of the Gospel – the “proto-evangelium”! Even before God tells people about the curse, He tells them about the PROVISION He’s already made. Remember that Jesus is the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” – Rev 13:8]*