

Genesis 2:15-25 - Lesson 08

The First Man and Wife

1. 2:15-17

- a. Modern media tells us we came from nothing, without purpose - Cosmos
- b. "put him into the garden" - This is authority and purpose from God toward man
- c. God made man with intelligence, responsibility, and authority.
- d. Man is not to be idle/lazy/bored. God's purpose was not trouble but recreation.
 - i. To dress ~*def.* to put in order, decorate, prepare.
 - ii. To keep ~*def.* to possess, preserve, maintain, tend, use, guard, rule.
- e. Titus 2:5 - keepers at home, is not slavery, nor does it mean stay at home.
- f. 1 Tim 5:14 - women are to guide the house, but husband means *house holder*.
- g. Woman was created as a help for the man with the same purpose/objective/tasks.
 - i. Why does there need to be a head, because two are not always one.
 - ii. A keeper is given authority, makes decisions, and is responsible.
 - iii. The head provides what is needed, gives clear instructions, and ownership
 - iv. The keeper named the animals... and was to obey God - Gen 2:17, 1 Cor 11:3
- h. The commandment is not a trick or bondage; it was a lesson in righteous limitation.

2. 2:18

- a. "is not good" ... without the woman, both were made in the image of God - Gen 1:26
- b. God made man and woman to be married. Is being single bad? No. Better? No.
 - i. Marriage is good and honorable, and children should be raised to it - Heb 13:4
 - ii. Do not use 1 Cor 7:25-27 as your guide to if you should be married.
 - iii. Marriage is good and profitable, and God's intended order for all - 1 Cor 7:39
- c. Without woman, man could not fulfill God's goodness - Gen 1:26

3. 2:19-23

- a. "Woman" etymology is womb-man, or the female out of man
- b. Woman is the glory of man, and did not come from the dirt, but man - 1 Cor 11:7-9
- c. Woman made from man warrants special attention, affection from man- Eph 5:28
- d. The only men not to be made in reproduction are Adam, Eve, Christ, and the Church

4. 2:24-25

- a. The two shall be one - defines marriage, and the process.
- b. "not ashamed" - 1) they were married, 2) they were without sin.
 - i. God made clothes for naked sinful man/women in Gen 3:21, as a result of sin
- c. A man and women cleave together in marriage: it can be good or bad - Prov 12:4
- d. Jesus confirmed Gen 1 and 2 with marriage between man and wife - Mat 19:4-7
- e. The mystery of this genesis is in Eph 5:30 about Christ and the church

Dealing with “Contradictions” in Genesis 2

1. Addressing foolish comments is necessary so foolishness doesn't spread - Pro 26:4-5
2. Gen 2:4 begins a new section; it is not a second account of creation chronology.
3. Gen 2:5 is speaking about field plants and tilling them, not the plants in Gen 1:11.
4. Gen 2:8 is simply telling that God planted the garden, not when.
5. Gen 2:10-14 are names given later, and the later rivers/people named after them
6. Gen 2:16-17 - Is an exception to the rule of Gen 1:29 not a contradiction.
7. Gen 2:19 does not need to be chronological, but factual.
8. Gen 2:19-20 - he named the cattle and beast of the field not whole earth and seas
9. Male and female were both created on day 6 - Gen 1:28 - no contradictions.