

Alpha and Omega

Genesis 2:4-25 Read

Creation of man

The apex of God's creation was the creation of man and woman.

- Genesis 1:26-27 READ
- Genesis 2 is a deeper dive into the creation of man and woman.
 - Genesis 2:4-6
- God includes us in His work. {Men cultivated the plants}
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9 God's fellow workers
- God is referred to as **Yahweh LORD God** Elohim in Genesis 2.
- Yahweh is the covenant name for God as He reveals Himself and cares for and redeems His people.= Relational God w us.
- Yahweh is in relationship with His creation.
- The care God took to create mankind is unlike any other in creation. He personally breathed life into us> **John 20 :20-21**
 - Psalm 139:13-16

Eden

Eden means "delight" or "place of abundant waters".

- God met with the man and the woman in the Garden.
- God satisfied the needs of the man in the Garden.
 - Genesis 2:15

Work

- God gave the man a **job** in Eden.
- Work is not a curse. It has divine roots in the Garden.
- Work is a godly thing when done in a godly way.
 - Ephesians 4:28 Make an honest living.
 - Colossians 3:23-24 Do tasks as unto the Lord.
- Godly work is a service to others and to God.
- You're an image-bearer of God on mission at work.

The trees: God's protective boundary>> Satan distorts God's boundary

God put the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden.

- Genesis 2:9
- Genesis 2:16-17 See below

Creation of woman

God said it was not good for the man to be alone.

- Genesis 2:18
- Adam named all of the animals, but no "suitable helper" was found for him.
 - Genesis 2:20 Wives compliment and adapt to _____
- God created a strong and complementary helper for Adam who was like him but different, contributing what was lacking in him.
- God presented the woman to Adam.
 - Genesis 2:23

Marriage:

- Marriage is intended to be a covenant relationship between a man and woman for life.
- The relationship between husband and wife comes before all other relationships except for that with God.
- The godly design and outcome for marriage is to be fully transparent, loved and unashamed.
 - Genesis 2:25
 - **What 5 things did God show as an example of Godly husband:**1-Man, 2- He had a strong obedient relationship with the Lord,3- He had a job and could provide for her. 4- appreciated her as compliment to him.5- Eve was willing to follow and adapt to him at least at first.

New life

- The abundant life is the "Garden life".
 - John 10:10 I came to give you abundant life
- **God breathed** new life into us as a new creation in Jesus.
 - John 20 :20-21, Ephesians 2:4-5

Action Steps

- Ask God to help you to live the abundant, "Garden life" that He intends for you. **Shalom peace through Jesus**
- Share the good news of the abundant "Garden life" with someone this week.

Genesis 2:7

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Gen 2:4-25⁴ This is the history of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens—⁵ When no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not [yet] caused it to rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the ground,⁶ But there went up a mist (fog, vapor) from the land and watered the whole surface of the ground—⁷ Then the Lord God formed man from the [Ⓜ]dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being.⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight *or* to be desired—good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the tree of life also in the center of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of [the difference between] good and evil *and* blessing and calamity.¹⁰ Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four [river] heads.¹¹ The first is named Pishon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² The gold of that land is of high quality; bdellium (pearl?) and onyx stone are there.¹³ The second river is named Gihon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ The third river is named Hiddekel [the Tigris]; it is the one flowing east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard *and* keep it.¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ***You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;***¹⁷ ***But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely***

die.¹⁸ Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.¹⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God formed every [wild] beast *and* living creature of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever Adam called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰ **And Adam gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the air and to every [wild] beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.**²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs *or* a part of his side and closed up the [place with] flesh.²² And the rib *or* part of his side which the Lord God had taken from the man He built up *and* made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.²³ Then Adam said, This [creature] is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of a man.²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united *and* cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed *or* ashamed in each other's presence. AMPC

John 20 :20-22 So saying, He showed them His hands and His side. And when the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy (delight, exultation, ecstasy, rapture).²¹ Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! [Just] as the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you.²² And having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit!

Eph: 2:10¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), [Ⓜ]recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].