

“The First Couple” - Genesis 2:7-9, 15-25

Ask - “What are your thoughts about the meaning and significance of marriage?”

Background - After presenting a broad overview of the first week of creation, now the Bible focuses specifically on Day 6 - the creation of mankind. More details are provided about the creation of Adam and Eve, the first couple.

“Placed” - Genesis 2:7-9

(v7) What did God form man out of? How did the man that God fashioned come to life? Discuss the implications of this.

(v8-9) Where did the man that God created live? What grew there and what did it provide for the man? What 2 trees were specifically named?

GOD CREATED MAN FROM THE DUST OF THE EARTH, BREATHED LIFE INTO HIM, AND PLACED HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

“Employed” - Genesis 2:15-17

(v15) What work did God give the man to do? Talk about the importance and blessing of work.

(v16-17) What provision and restriction did God give to the man? What was the stated consequence if he chose to disobey?

GOD TASKED THE MAN TO TAKE CARE OF AND CULTIVATE THE GARDEN. HE WAS ALLOWED TO EAT OF ALL ITS FRUIT EXCEPT THAT PRODUCED BY THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

“Alone” - Genesis 2:18-20

(v18) What problem did God identify and how did He intend to rectify it?

(v19-20) What did God bring to the man and what did the man do as it was being brought? Was a suitable helper found from among the animals?

GOD DETERMINED THAT IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR THE MAN TO BE ALONE. HOWEVER, NO SUITABLE HELPER COULD BE FOUND FOR HIM FROM AMONG THE ANIMALS.

“United” - Genesis 2:21-25

(v21-22) What did the LORD do to the man? How and with what did He create the first woman?

(v23) What did the man say upon seeing her? What did he call her and why?

(v24-25) What institution did God establish through the uniting of the first man and first woman? Why were neither of them ashamed at this point?

GOD CREATED THE FIRST WOMAN FROM THE RIB OF THE MAN IN ORDER TO BE HIS HELPER, HIS PARTNER, AND HIS WIFE. AT THIS POINT, NEITHER OF THEM HAD SINNED.

Application - God created male and female - man and women. There are only 2 genders. They were created differently by design to compliment one another. God ordained marriage as a covenant relationship between 1 man and 1 woman for life. The bond between the couple is so great that they “become 1 flesh” in the LORD’s sight. How has our modern society’s rejection and distortion of these truths impacted us?