

The BIBLICAL METANARRATIVE PART 1 – Handout

The story we are all a part of

The Meta-Narrative: the Promise Maker God.

God Reveals Himself as _____ and Humanity as His Creation

Remember: God tells us everything we _____ to know, not everything we Want to know.

I. GOD'S CREATIVE ACTION-Genesis 1:1-2:25

A. God creates _____ reality: (Gen. 1:1)

"This creation of the entire universe includes the creation of an unseen, spiritual realm of existence: God created the angels and other kinds of heavenly beings...He also created Heaven as a place where His presence is especially evident." - Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology

B. God creates _____ reality: (Gen. 1:1-31)

II. THE CREATION OF MAN:

A. The first account (1:26-31) is the _____ account of the creation of humanity.

- **Man is made in God's Image and Likeness.**

The man and woman are "like" God because...

They have _____ They are Creative.
They are _____ They exercise _____

B. The Second Account (Gen. 2:5-25) is the _____ Creation account.

1. MAN'S NATURE

Creation and life of Adam. Adam is portrayed as the height of God's creation, made in the image and likeness of God, and entrusted with the stewardship of creation.

The creation of Adam...

- Is a _____ event**
- Is in the _____ of God**

2. MAN'S DOMINION

Man was given dominion over the animals, but now what that is to look like is specified.

Several observations here:

- The man was placed in the Garden to work (*cultivate*) it and Keep it. Work is _____.
- The Hebrew here can also be translated that he was to "Worship & obey".

→ He could not properly accomplish his worshipful work without _____. (Gen. 2:18)

This was not a threat, but a Promise.

For them to seek a life apart from the Giver of life would lead to _____ in their relationship with God.

3. MAN'S RELATIONSHIPS

Man was to image and Reflect who God is. The triunity of God is alluded to here in that God declares that it is "not good" that the man is alone.

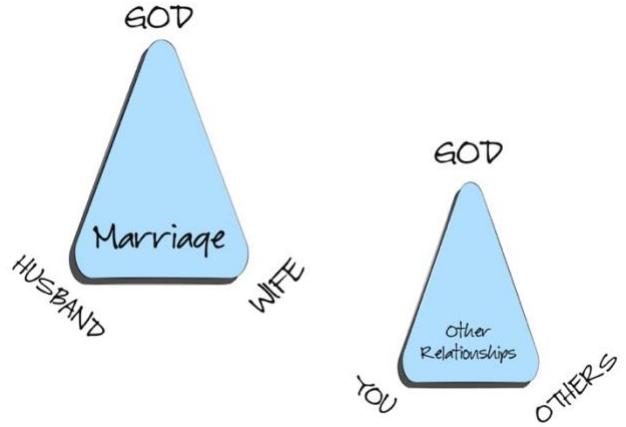
* Human relationships are intended by God to be _____.

"The two shall become one flesh."

→ "Echad, One"

In some amazing way, marriage is a picture of what God is like.

This is why we place such a high value on marriage as the Bible pictures it.



4. MAN'S IDENTITY

God had created Adam and Eve perfectly in His image to reflect His glory.

God was their source of _____ and _____.

III. GOD'S ONE RULE

"And Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may surely eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."'" (Genesis 2:16–17, LSB)

This was not a threat, but a _____.

For them to seek a life apart from the Giver of life would lead to _____

_____ in their relationship with God.

"At this early stage in history Adam and Eve had life—they knew God intimately and had beautiful fellowship with Him. That fellowship was to be maintained and protected simply by obeying one imperative."

Christopher Cone, *The Promises*