

A Relational God pt.3

Made Purposefully

Genesis 2:4-25

Review: **Genesis 1-2:3**

God is at the beginning:

1. God is eternal
2. God is relational
3. God is communicative
4. God is creative
5. God is both transcendent and imminent

Review: **Genesis 1-2:3**

Good things take:

1. A divine plan, interaction with God Spirit, His Word, time, work, and examination
2. **Relationships based on:**
 1. Commitment, time, intimacy

Review: Genesis 1-2:3

1. Have dominion in your relationships
2. We are created to represent Him
3. First thing was a blessing
4. Be fruitful and walk in His authority
5. What do you need to feed on to be very good?
6. Rest in Him - make time to be...

Review: Genesis 1-2:3

1. Our God is a Relational God.
2. He made us in His image.
3. God made us relational to display the Gospel.

Genesis 2:4 NKJV

4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

The Lord - YHWH - Yahweh (tetragrammaton)

1. New word, a relational title, what is your identity?

Genesis 2:5-6 NKJV

5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

Genesis 2:5-6 NKJV

Set up for success

1. God centered, self sustaining, environment conducive for growth and obedience.

Genesis 2:7 NKJV

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

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1. Formed and Breathed Life
 1. Exist but need Spirit filled

John 20:22 NKJV

And when He had said this,
He breathed on them,
and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 2:8-9 NKJV

8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:8-9 NKJV

1. Adventure together

1. Waited to create for His relationship with man

2. Two trees...

1. Tree of Life ([Revelation 2:7, 22:2](#))

2. They already knew good...

3. Evil = harm and hurt

Genesis 2:15 NKJV

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Genesis 2:15 NKJV

Command and Responsibility

Eden = pleasure (paradise)

Tend = work or serve

Keep = guard or observe

(know / explore /protect)

Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV

1. Love is and requires choice
2. One way to sin - every way to obey -
 1. easy as possible
3. In the day you eat Dying you will Die
 1. Separated from Him
 2. Death entered from sin

Genesis 2:18 NKJV

18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

1. First time something is "not good"
2. God will make (bring)...
3. Helper (and) Comparable
 1. Equal in worth, different in roles

Genesis 2:19 NKJV

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast 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 each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:20 NKJV

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

1. Dating scene

1. You and God looking for the same thing... Warthogs wont work!

Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23-24 NKJV

23 And Adam said: "This is now 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 mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:21-24 NKJV

More than a metaphor...

Groom sacrifices for His bride

Belongs at His side, close to the heart

She's the b.o.m.b. = One flesh

... Its always been about Jesus

(Matt 19:5, Eph 5:28-29, 1 Peter 3:7)

Ephesians 5:28-32 NKJV

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Ephesians 5:28-32 NKJV

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Genesis 2:24-25 NKJV

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24-25 NKJV

1. Leave and cleave
2. Nothing hidden or shameful
3. Oneness and together-ness in everything

Conclusion

1. God formed and Spirit filled
2. Tend and Keep
 1. Know / explore / protect
3. Love is a choice
4. God brings... same page with God
5. Sacrifice and nearness
6. Leave and cleave/together-ness

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

