

Genesis 2:1

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Sunday Morning

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¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

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

²³ The man 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 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

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

1. This chapter illustrates the doctrine of recapitulation
2. The book of Deuteronomy is an entire book of recapitulation of the Law
 - a. It is the Law reviewed after 40 years in the wilderness
3. The 4 Gospels are a picture of the doctrine of recapitulation
 - a. Each Gospel account having a different focus of the same story

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1. "He rested on the seventh day...He blessed the 7th day & sanctified it"
 - a. What is the big deal about resting on the 7th day?
 - b. Why the emphasis? – He certainly wasn't tired
 - c. Remember the O.T. is a picture of how God thinks

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

- d. The importance of God's rest is explained in the N.T. **Heb.3:12**

Hebrews 3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

1. "Take care...that there not be in...you...an...unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God" (**V.12**)
 - a. This was written to believers warning against falling away from God
 - b. He states that sin deceitfully causes this "falling away" to happen
 - i. Can you can become so relaxed in your Christian life that you "fall asleep at the wheel"? Yes!

Heb.3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

1. "we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold...our assurance firm"
 - a. What does he mean by that?
 - b. First, he says that we become partakers "if" we hold fast\
 - i. 3rd class condition of assumption – maybe we will maybe not
 - c. "partakers" – companions / partners
 - d. This has nothing to do w/ salvation & everything to do w/ fellowship
 - e. He explains by using an O.T. story **Heb.3:17**

Heb.3:17 And with whom was He^(God) angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

1. "Was it not with those who sinned"
 - a. Israel didn't believe the promise God made to them & an entire generation died in the wilderness

Heb.3:18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

Heb.3:19 So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

1. "they were not able to enter Canaan because of unbelief"
 - a. They didn't believe God would fight for them even though He said He would
 - b. They said the people are too big
 - c. When you don't trust what God says – there is no other source of rest

- d. If you are a believer He will not let you be satisfied w/ life other than thru Him
- e. He makes it clear that there is a rest for believers **Heb.4:1**

Heb.4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

Heb.4:2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

1. "let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it" (**V.1**)
 - a. It is very easy to know the Bible well & not really believe it
2. "we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them" (**V.2**)
 - a. Again, the good news, for the believer, is –

Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
3. "because it was not united by faith"
 - a. We have many promises for this life – not health & wealth – but peace, contentment, joy, etc.
 - b. But if you don't trust God you don't have those things
 - c. In case you think I'm making more out of Genesis than what it says – look at **V.4**

Heb.4:4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

1. "He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY"
 - a. This passage in Genesis is all about resting from one's labor
 - b. Sadly, believers are all about "doing for God"
 - c. God is far more interested in you allowing Him "to do in you" than He is in you doing
 - a. We would never say this but down deep we feel that God needs us – when it is the other way around
 - b. The greatest thing you will ever accomplish in this life is learning to trust Him **V.9**

Heb.4:9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Heb.4:10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

1. "the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His"
 - a. God will spend your entire lifetime trying to teach you that He is worthy of your trust!
 - b. I don't remember ever learning very much while life was easy
 - c. Most of my learning has been during tough times
 - d. Tough times have a purpose – listen to Paul

2 Corinthians 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves **so that** we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

- e. Listen to Peter

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- f. James –

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

⁴ And let endurance have *its* perfect result, **so that** you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Heb.4:11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.

1. "let us be diligent to enter that rest"

- a. "diligent" - to hasten, make haste, to exert one's self, endeavor, give diligence, do your best, take care, hurry on the doing of something
 - i. The verb speaks of intensity of purpose
- b. It is in the subjunctive mood – maybe we will & maybe we won't
- c. So, this rest is all about resting from your own work & allowing God to do that which only He can do
 - i. Can you trust God to do what is best for you? Sure you can!

Gen.2:4 *This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.*

- 1. "This is the account of...heavens &...earth when they were created"
 - a. This isn't another story of another creation – this is the more detailed account of **Gen.1**
- 2. "when they were created in the day that the Lord God made earth & heaven"
 - a. God clearly defines the difference between creating something from scratch & making something from something else
 - b. Scripture is careful not to assign a "day" to creation of the heavens & earth
 - i. But when speaking of making them – it does assign a fixed day

V.5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and *there was no man to cultivate the ground.*

- 1. "there was no man to cultivate the ground"
 - a. The order of creation appears to have changed from chapter 1
 - i. It could easily read – "**when** no shrub...had yet appeared; **when** there was no man to work the ground; **when** streams... watered the... ground; **and** He formed man..."
 - b. But chapter 2 isn't about chronological order
 - c. It is about the creation of man! – the focus is on man!
 - d. The earth is being prepared for him – that is so different from today
 - e. God knew that man's thinking would become so distorted that he would think he was the source of the earth's problems

- f. Just this week it was on the news a politician was on video saying that maybe people should stop having children b/c people are causing global warming
- g. Today the earth is considered more important than people
 - i. After all this is "mother earth"
- h. Scripture speaks of this very thing

Romans 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

- i. This happens when man refuses to recognize God's hand in creation

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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 - a. It is believed this continued until the flood

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

- 1. "God formed man of dust from the ground"
 - a. Have you thought about how frail mankind is?
 - b. We're made out of dirt

Isaiah 2:22 (NIV) Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?

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1. "the LORD God took the man...put him into the garden...to cultivate it and keep it"
 - a. How do you picture heaven?
 - b. Can you snap your fingers & have whatever you want?
 - c. We have a pretty good picture of what heaven will be like
 - d. This is before the fall
 - e. You will be working thru all eternity
 - f. We weren't given work b/c of the fall of man – work became wearisome b/c of the fall

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1. "but from the tree...knowledge of good & evil you shall not eat...die"
 - a. Why would God put that tree there? – 4 options
 - b. Make no world at all
 - c. Make a world w/ no right or wrong
 - d. Make a world w/ only right
 - e. Make a world w/ choice – only one that expresses love
 - f. God gives man a choice!
 - g. What is your decision? Will you live for Him or yourself?