

Genesis 2 B

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Sunday Morning

Genesis 2:15-25 (NASB) <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

<sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

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

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

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

<sup>23</sup> 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."

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1. Last time we saw why God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day
  - a. It is a picture of man resting in Him

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

<sup>10</sup> For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, **as** God did from His.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.

2. We studied how God put together an environment custom designed for man
  - a. Man is the central focus of the earth
  - b. The earth was designed for man – not man made for the earth

- c. Man will still be around long after this earth is gone
- 3. The focus today is placed on the earth instead of man
  - a. That focus says, "man is what is wrong w/ the earth."
  - b. The narrative is – "Global warming" – now called "climate change" is caused by man & only we can stop it:
    - i. By not having children
    - ii. Stop eating meat
    - iii. Stop driving cars
    - iv. Taxing carbon emissions – (who gets the money?)
    - v. Stopping much modern technology
    - vi. Focusing on renewable energy (the only sensible thing said)
    - vii. Getting rid of cows, etc.
  - c. Climate change is a hoax as it is presented today – we will look at that, scientifically, when we get to the flood
  - d. Climate change has 2 purposes

#1. It leads to **globalization**

- i. Globalization has to occur for the antichrist to take power

#2. It takes the place of God

- ii. It is the "new religion" in that the earth becomes the focus instead of God
- iii. While it is a new thought for us it isn't new at all
- iv. Man has gone thru this before

**Romans 1:19** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

<sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,

**V.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.

- e. Man's physical being is made of dirt –
  - i. He goes back to dirt when his time is finished here

- ii. Everything man does goes back to the earth when he is thru w/ his activities
- iii. We see the remains of great civilizations of antiquity – there is little left for us to study b/c earth reclaims what man does in the end
- f. When a lie is repeated often enough – from different sources – it becomes the truth to most people
  - i. Very few people are wise enough to recognize that it is still a lie!!
  - ii. You be smarter than that
- g. We will look at climate change when we get to the flood
  - i. Something is going on with the climate – but not what you are told

4. We also saw last week that man was given a choice to obey God or not obey

**Genesis 2:16** The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;  
<sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

- i. Choice – to do right or wrong is the only option that exist where love can be expressed
5. The earth was a beautiful place for man but he didn't have anyone to share it w/ – he couldn't express his feelings to anyone b/c there wasn't anybody like him
- a. God is above man so even though God understood how man felt – man couldn't receive back that kind of feeling from God
  - b. Animals were below man
  - c. Plants weren't an option either

2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; *I will make him a helper suitable for him.*"

- 1. "I will make him a helper suitable for him"
  - a. The word "helper" does not mean a servant!
  - b. The same word is used to describe God

**Psalm 70:5** But I am afflicted and needy; Hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

**Psalm 33:20** Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

- i. God is not your servant
- c. The woman was a complement to man – completing him / she finished the creation of man
  - i. She is a corresponding part of him
  - ii. She was someone he could relate to
- d. But he had to see the need for someone else V.19

V.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.

V.20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, <sup>(high IQ)</sup> but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

V.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.

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

1. "He took one of his ribs" (V.21)
  - a. "rib" literally – side, chamber, boards, corners, ribs, beams, halting, leaves, planks
2. "The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib"
  - a. Man was a direct creation
  - b. Woman is an indirect creation – she was made from the man
  - c. This is why she is the completion of man – she comes from him

V.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."

1. "The man said, "This is now bone of my bones" (V.23)
  - a. ESV translates it better

**Genesis 2:23 (ESV)** Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

**Genesis 2:23 (NLT2)** "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"

2. "She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man"
  - a. This is possibly a song – the first song sung by man

- i. "she shall be called Ishaw b/c she was taken out of Ish

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V.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.

- 1. "they shall become one flesh"

- a. If this was all we had on the subject then this would end the topic
- b. But the NT explains what all this means
- c. This is a typology (picture of deeper truth)

**Ephesians 5:28** So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

<sup>Eph.5:29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

<sup>Eph.5:30</sup> because we are members of His body.

- 1. "because we are members of His body"

- a. There is more to this in **V.30**
  - i. Eve came from Adam's body
  - ii. The Church is said to be Christ's "body"
  - iii. Then Ephesians quotes from – **Genesis 2:24**

<sup>Eph.5:31</sup> FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

<sup>Eph.5:32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

- 1. "This mystery is great...Christ and the Church"

- a. This scene w/ Adam & Eve is a picture of Christ & the Church
- b. Where Adam went into a deep sleep –
  - i. Christ's body slept in the heart of the earth for 3 days
- c. Where Eve came out of the body of Adam –
  - i. The Church came from the sacrificial death of Christ
- d. Where Eve became the bride of Adam –
  - i. The Church became the bride of Christ

- e. **First** – there is the **proposal** of marriage

**John 14:1** "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup> "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if

it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

f. **Secondly** – the **engagement**

**2 Corinthians 11:2** For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as a pure virgin.*

<sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity *of devotion* to Christ.

g. **Thirdly** – the **wedding**

**Revelation 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

h. **Fourthly** – There is a **closeness** between Christ & the Church that is hinted at in the last chapter of Scripture

**Revelation 22:17** The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. *(the Spirit & the Bride, together, invite others)*

i. That is why marriage is taken so seriously by God – it is a physical representation of a greater truth

**Malachi 2:13** "This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.

<sup>14</sup> "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously,

though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

**V.15 (NIV)** Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

<sup>v.16</sup> "For I hate divorce," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong, "(covers himself w/ wrong as though it were a garment)" says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

- j. A man mistreating his wife is a serious offense to God
  - i. Because it is a picture of something much bigger

**1 Peter 3:7** You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, **so that** your prayers will not be hindered.

k. How a woman respects & treats her husband is serious to God  
**Colossians 3:18** Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

**Eph.5:33** Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

- 1. "the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband"
  - a. When a wife disrespects her husband & doesn't allow him to lead the family – it ruins the children

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

- 1. "the man and his wife"
  - a. They are husband & wife
  - b. Marriage was created by God & is His gift to man
    - i. That is why man is trying to shake it off in rebellion
    - ii. See how God views this rebellion

**Psalm 2:1** Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup> "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"

<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

<sup>5</sup> Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup> "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

<sup>8</sup> 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.

<sup>9</sup> 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'"

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Worship the LORD with reverence And rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Believers are to revel in God's goodness to us & look forward to what He has for us in the future!