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Created Male and Female

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Genesis 2:18-25

Introduction: In this chapter are contained a summary of the works of creation on the six days, and God's **resting** from his works on the **seventh day**, and the sanctification of that, Gen. 2:1-4 and an account of various things relating to several parts of the creation enlarged on and explained, and of various circumstances omitted in the preceding chapter, which could not so well be taken notice of there; as of **a mist arising** out of the earth, which **watered** the herbs and plants **before** there was any rain to fall upon them, or a man to cultivate them, Gen 2:5, 6 and of the matter and manner of man's formation, Gen. 2:7 and of the planting of the garden of Eden, and the trees that were in it, and the rivers that watered it, and sprung from it, and the course they steered, the countries they washed, and what those countries abounded with, Gen. 2:8-14 of man's being put into it to dress it, and keep it, and of the grant he had to eat of the fruit of any of the trees in it, excepting one, which was forbidden under a penalty of death, Gen. 2:15-17 and of all the creatures, beasts and fowls, being brought to him, to give them names, Gen. 2:18-20 and of God's providing an help meet for him, and **forming Eve** out of one of **his ribs**, and of their **marriage** together, and the institution of marriage, Gen. 2:21-24 and the chapter is concluded with observing the present state and circumstances of our first parents before they fell, Gen. 2:25.
(Source: biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/)

Genesis 2:15, And the LORD (Yahweh) God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to DRESS it and to **keep (attend to)** it.

NOTE: "The ideal state of sinless man is not one of indolence (habitual idleness; laziness) without responsibility. Work and duty belong to the perfect state." (Leupold)
(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible classic.studylight.org/com/guz)

Genesis 2:16-17, And the LORD God **commanded** the **MAN**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in **the day** that thou **eatest** thereof thou shalt surely **die**.

NOTE: Why did God make a tree (**the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**) just to tempt Adam? Why was this tree ever necessary? Because for Adam to be a creature of **free will**, there had to be a *choice*, some opportunity to rebel against God. If there is never a command, never something forbidden, then there can never be choice; and God wants our love and obedience to Him to be the love and obedience of choice.
(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible classic.studylight.org/com/guz)

Thought 1. When I asked God why he did this, he said, “Love always gives you a choice.”

Genesis 2:18, *And the LORD God said, It is **not good** that the **man** should **be alone**; I will make him an **help meet (aid [HELPER])** for him.*

NOTE: As man was made a social creature, it was not proper that he should be alone; for to be alone, i.e. without a matrimonial companion, was not good. Hence we find that **celibacy in general** is a thing that is not good, whether it be on the side of the man or of the woman. Men may, in opposition to the declaration of God, call this a state of excellence and a state of perfection; but let them remember that the word of God says the reverse. (Source: *The Adam Clarke Commentary classic.studylight.org/com/acc/*)

Thought 1. Even though God said this about the man, a “helper” (a female [wife]) for him was not an “after-thought.” God is just saying, now, let’s make his helper for him. The female (wife: helper) was in God’s plan all along. Remember, he made THEM on day six.

Genesis 1:26, 27, 31 And God said, Let us make **MAN (human being [the species, mankind])** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion... ..upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male** and **female** created he them. ...And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**.

Genesis 2:19-20, *And out of the **ground** the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever **Adam** **called** every living creature, **that** was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an **help meet** for him.*

NOTE: God gave names to the day and night, to the firmament, to the earth, and to the sea; and he calleth the stars by their names, to show that he is the supreme Lord of these. But he gave Adam leave to name the beasts and fowls, as their subordinate lord; for, having made him in his own image, he thus put some of **his honour** (glory) upon him. (Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible classic.studylight.org/com/mhc*)

NOTE: Adam gave names; but how? From an intimate knowledge of **the nature** and properties of each creature. Here we see the **perfection** of his knowledge; for it is well known that the names affixed to the different animals in Scripture always express some **prominent feature** and **essential characteristic** of the **creatures** to which they are applied. Had he not possessed an intuitive knowledge of the grand and distinguishing properties of those animals, he never could have given them such names. This one circumstance is a strong proof of the original perfection and excellence of man, while in a **state of innocence**; nor need we wonder at the account. Adam was the work of an infinitely wise and perfect Being, and the effect must resemble the cause that produced it. (Source: *The Adam Clarke Commentary classic.studylight.org/com/acc/*)

Genesis 2:21, *And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to **fall** upon Adam, and he **slept**: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof...*

NOTE: Here we have, I. The making of the woman, to be a help-meet for Adam. This was done upon the **sixth day**, as was also the placing of Adam in paradise, though it is here mentioned after an account of the seventh day’s **rest**; but what was said in general (Genesis 1:27), that God made man male and female, is more distinctly related here. Observe, 1. That Adam was first formed, then Eve (1 Timothy 2:13), and she was made of the man, and **for the man** (1 Corinthians 11:8,9)... (Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible classic.studylight.org/com/mhc*)

NOTE: This was not a common and natural **sleep** that Adam fell into, occasioned by

any weariness of the animal spirits, in viewing the creatures as they passed by him, and in examining them, and giving them suitable and proper names; but it was **supernatural**, and from the Lord, his power and providence, who caused it to fall upon him: it was not a drowsiness, nor a slumber, but a **sound sleep**: his senses were so locked up by it, that he perceived not anything that was done to him; and it seems to have been on purpose, that he might feel no pain, while the operation was made upon him, as well as that it might appear that he had no hand in the formation of the woman; and that he might be the more surprised at the sight of her, just awaking out of sleep, to see so lovely an object, so much like himself, and made out of himself, and in so short a time as while he was taking a comfortable nap: **and he took one of his ribs**;

with the flesh along with it: men have commonly, as anatomists observe, **twelve ribs** on a side; it seems by this, that Adam had **thirteen**. The Targum of Jonathan is, "and he took one of his ribs; that is, the thirteenth rib of his right side:" but our English poet takes it to be one of the left side, and also a supernumerary one. God made an opening in him, and took it out, without putting him to any pain, and without any sensation of it: in what manner this was done we need not inquire; the power of God was sufficient to perform it; Adam was asleep when it was done, and saw it not, and the manner of the operation is not declared: **and closed up the flesh instead thereof**: so that there was no opening left, nor any wound made, or a scar appeared, or any loss sustained, but what was made up by an increase of flesh, or by closing up the flesh; and that being hardened like another rib, and so answered the same purpose.

(Adam probably had the same number of ribs as we do today. Otherwise the genetic code for creation of an **extra rib** would cause at least some people today to have **thirteen ribs**. I know of no such case. Also, we know that acquired characteristics cannot be passed on to the next generation. A man who loses both legs in an accident, usually has children who have two legs. Ed.) (Source: biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/)

NOTE: Modern research into **cloning** and **genetic replication** shows every cell in our body contains the body's entire **genetic blueprint**. God took some of Adam's cells and changed their genetic blueprint in the creation of Eve.

(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible classic.studylight.org/com/guz/)

Genesis 2:22-23, And the **rib**, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and **flesh of my flesh**: she shall be called **Woman (female, wife)**, because she was taken out of Man.

NOTE: Here was the **first MARRIAGE**, God himself officiating in it, thus making God a partner and participant in every wedding. Any sin against either of the partners in a marriage is also a sin against God.

Marriage, the act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life.

Thought 1. From the scriptures that reveal TRUTH and from this definition, we know what a marriage IS and we also know what a marriage IS not. That means the acts being committed by people of the same sex called "marriages" are in reality "unions" formed by people that are displeasing God, their Creator.

A number of things were established in this record of woman's creation: "The absolute **unity** of the race in its descent from **one ancestor** is established. The true **dignity** of woman is guaranteed. The significance and sanctity of marriage are revealed."

Is this account historical? Yes! The history of the whole race of mankind begins right here in this chapter; and concerning the first chapter in that history, this is the only record that man has. "Paul understood this record as straightforward history, observing that man was not made from woman, but woman from man (1 Corinthians 11:8)."

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)

1 Corinthians 11:7-9, For a **man (husband)** indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the **woman (wife)** is the **glory** of the **man (husband)**. For the man is not of (from) the woman; but the woman of (from) the man. Neither was the man created **for** the woman; but the woman **for** the man.

Thought 2. There're two things about the wife/female that God created I'd like to point out. First, the woman is the **ONLY** creature who is of the SPIRIT realm in existence that is FEMALE in gender! God and Jesus are male, and ALL of the angels are male in gender. And then there is "mankind", who is made a little lower than the angels, which as we know is made up of MALE and FEMALE. If more women would look at their "uniqueness" in creation and rejoice in how God has made them, they'd be more happy about being women.

And last of all, I'd like to point out that no matter how **beautiful** the women are that have been born, NONE can hold a candle to the "original woman": Eve, Adam's wife.

Genesis 2:24, Therefore shall a man **leave** his father and his mother, and shall **CLEAVE** unto his wife: and they shall be ONE flesh.

Cleave defined 1692, cling (stick to) **or adhere** (be joined); **fig. be JOINED together.**

Matthew 19:3-12, The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to **put away (divorce)** his **wife** for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which **made them** at the **beginning** made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man LEAVE father and mother, and shall CLEAVE to his wife: and they twain shall be **one** flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath **joined together, let not man put asunder.**

They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of **divorcement**, And to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to **put away** your **wives**: but from the **beginning** it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for **fornication (harlotry (including adultery and incest))**, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with **his wife**, it is not good to **marry**. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some **EUNUCHS**, which were so BORN from their mother's womb: and there are some **eunuchs**, which were made **eunuchs** of men: and there be **eunuchs**, which have made themselves **eunuchs** for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is **ABLE** to receive it, let him receive it.

Divorce, 1. To dissolve the marriage contract, and thus to separate husband and wife. 2. To separate, as a married woman from the bed and board of her husband.

Thought 1. What this means is even though a husband or wife may not have obtained the papers that make a divorce official, when one "separates" the other from the "bed" and "board" that are their rights in marriage, they have "in essence", and in God's eyesight, divorced their wife or husband.

Eunuch defined 2135, a castrated person, by extension an impotent (wanting the power of procreation; unable to copulate [unite in sexual intercourse]; also, sometimes, sterile; barren. *1913 Webs. Dict.*) **or unmarried man.**

Genesis 2:25, And they were both **naked**, the **man** and his **wife**, and were not ashamed.

NOTE: This is a glimpse of the primeval (original) **innocence** that belonged to man **before** the entrance of sin into His Paradise.

(Source: *Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/*)