

As Genesis opens, God creates all things and they are good, even very good. Chapter 2 zooms in to a key part of creation, specifically Adam and Eve who are created out of the dust of the ground and the breath of God. They are then given a garden to provide and sustain for them. However, the stage is set for Adam and Eve to also seek out “the good” for themselves...

Genesis 2:4-25

The Creation of Man

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

Much is debated about the nature of men, women, marriage, and sex in our culture today. As Christian, when we consider these things, we find our ultimate answers in God’s Word. Genesis chapter 2 has much to say about these particular topics, laying a foundation for our worldview from the beginning of Scripture’s first book.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT questions or confusion do you have when it comes to God’s creation of man and woman in the Creation Account?

WHAT comes to mind when you consider the first “marriage” in Genesis 2?

DESCRIBE the aspects of the garden that intrigue you most.

DO you think it’s possible to be fully at peace with the way you are, or do you think insecurities are simply a reality of everyone’s life?

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OBSERVATION

What observations can you make regarding the opening verse of this section (vs. 4)?

According to vs. 6, how was the earth being watered?

What two elements did God use to create man (vs. 7)?

What two trees were in the garden (vs. 9)?

Describe man's purpose in the garden (vs. 15). What command from the LORD follows (vs. 17)?

Why did God create Eve, according to vs. 18?

In vs. 24, what does God mandate, and what is the reality of the man and his wife in vs. 25?

INTERPRETATION

What is the function of vs. 4?

Why does there appear to be another creation account in chapter 2, separate from that recorded in ch. 1?

What is different about the creation of man compared to that of all other things God made?

Looking at the description of the Garden of Eden in vs. 9-14, what can you conclude about all God has given Adam and Eve in this place?

Explain what it means, practically, by "work" and "keep" in verse 15.

For what purpose would God create a tree, like that of vs. 17, then forbid man to eat of it?

What does vs. 20 mean by the word "helper"? Consider John 15:26.

Explain what the commandment to "leave" and "hold fast" means. Why is this significant for our understanding of this passage today?

Why do you think Adam and Eve were not ashamed in their nakedness?

APPLICATION

What specific foundational truths are we able to take from Genesis 2?