

Genesis 2:1–25

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. **2** And on the seventh day **God** ended His work which He had done, and He **rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and **sanctified** it, because in it He **rested** from all His work which God had created and made.

* God – Heb/Elohim = Plural in singular sentence context = Trinity

* **Rested** – Heb/*shabath* = cease/desist/stopped – from the work which He had done

* Sanctified – Heb/*qadash* = Consecrate/Dedicate...as Holy, set apart

* Retelling of events from within the Creation Account of Gen 1.

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, **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.

* 1st - LORD God = Heb/Yahovah Elohiym

* Before plants/herbs – No “rain” on the earth

* But mist went up from whole earth (Gen 1:7) - (Day 1) before/earth/sea/grass herbs (Day 2)

* And there was no man to till the ground – Doesn’t happen till Gen 1:27, (Day 6)

* Jump to Day 6 (Gen 1:27)

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.

* Formed - Heb/*yatsar* = form/fashion as potter forms something from something (Lord/God)

* Of Dust – dry earth/dust/powder/ashes (Not clay) Need/form something out of dust?

* Water! (Jesus – Living Water)

* Breathed in his nostrils the breath of life – Same word in VXX (John 20:22)=(Holy Spirit)

Respond – See the reality of Gen 1:27 in our creation – See the trinity in our creation

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. **10** Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. **11** The name of the first is **Pishon**; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. **12** And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. **13** The name of the second river is **Gihon**; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. **14** The name of the third river is **Hiddekel**; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the **Euphrates**.

* 1st - Tree of Life – in the midst of the garden

* 1st - Tree of the knowledge of good and evil – in the midst of the garden

* Hiddekel = Tigris River (Dan 10:4 translates to Tigris & LXX uses Tigris here)

* Euphrates

* Map

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

* Love & Respect – Isn't interesting that most men have a drive/need to work, bread winner!

* Here it is – God created him that way!

Respond – Understand that is part of a man's DNA

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.**”

* Up to that point all man knew was good – Gen 1:9-31 – Good X 5 and Very Good X 1

* God said to man – on the day you know/consume/assimilate **evil**, you shall surely **die**

Respond – God says evil brings death

Job 28:28 - And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.’ ”

Proverbs 3:7 - Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Proverbs 14:16 - A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

Psalms 37:27 & 1 Thessalonians 5:22

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that **man** should be alone; I will make him a **helper comparable to him.**” **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. **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.** **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.** **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. **25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

1) It's not good that man should be alone – Truism!!!

* I will make him a helper – means he needed...help!

* Helper would be comparable/him – means just like him – means not good/alone, need/help!

Respond

* God gave us one another not to enjoy all the blessing of the other...

* Because both need help!!! Very things that bug us, frustrate us, possibly diminish love

2) Man/Adam = Heb/Adam through V22

* V23 – Woman = Ishshah; Man = ish – woman ishshah literally comes from ish

* V24 – Therefore a man (ish) shall leave...be joined(stick/cling/cleave) to his wife (ishshah)

Respond

* 1st Marriage Man (ish) shall be joined/Wife (ishshah) – not (ish) & (not ishshah to ishshah)

3. Both naked, not ashamed, Vs. Gen 3:7 – Before disobedience, evil, sin entered

Respond – Intimacy is a gift from God to a man (ish) and a wife (ishshah) to be enjoyed

* Man has perverted this gift through knowledge of evil, sin

* God can redeem and cleanse – **1 John 1:9**