

Genesis

Chapter 2:1-25

Note: All scripture is from the New King James Version (NKJV) unless otherwise noted.

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

The phrase *host of heaven* means stars as seen in:

✠ **Jer 33:22** *'As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'*

✠ **Jer 33:22 (NLT)** *And as the stars cannot be counted and the sand on the seashores cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David, my servant, and the Levites who minister before me."*

There are numerous arguments that God did not create the heavens and the earth. In the following verses God says He truly did create all things.

✠ **Psalms 33:6** *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

✠ **Isaiah 40:26** *Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.*

✠ **Isaiah 45:12** *I have made the earth, And created man on it. I--My hands--stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded.*

But we must remember to worship the creator and not the creation.

✠ **Deut 4:19** *"And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.*

On the seventh day God rested.

Seven, what a wonderful number.

- The bible begins with seven days of creation and ends with a book of sevens, seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpets, etc... (The book of Revelation).
- There are seven days in a week.

- Seven notes in music.
- Seven colors in a rainbow.
- Every 7th year was a sabbatic year
- Every 7th month was holy having 3 feasts
- Passover feast lasted 7 days.
- Tabernacle feast lasted 7 days.
- At Pentecost 7 lambs were offered.
- There were 7 weeks between Passover and Pentecost. Basically from when Jesus was crucified to when the Holy Spirit fell on the believers

On the seventh day God rested. What do you think God did on the seventh day? Did He go play golf? Or maybe He went to an amusement park? What about sitting around watching football all day?
What is meant by the word rested?

† **Ex 20:8-11** *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

† **Ex 31:16-17** *"Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "*

The Sabbath was a covenant between God and the children of Israel.

† **Isaiah 58:13-14** *"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

Not doing your own ways. How Un-Sunday (yes I made this word up) does that sound. We go to church on Sunday for an hour or hour and a half and feel like we have done our duty to the Lord. Then we go out and play, needing a day off to recover from our day off. Seeing this verse in Isaiah, it seems to truly celebrate the Sabbath is to, rest and spend the day with the Lord, not doing things to please ourselves but to please the Lord.
What are some ways you could spend pleasing the Lord?

† **Matt 12:9-14** *Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.*

† **Mark 2:27-28** *And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."*

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, meaning not to allow the world to say how your Sabbath should be spent, but following the example of Jesus. As we saw in Matthew, Jesus used the Sabbath to teach and to heal, removing His eyes from Himself and focusing on others.

† **Matt 25:35-40** *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

We have read through this scripture before, but I wanted to remind you of how we minister to the Lord.

Jesus rose on the first day of the week (Sunday), so that is when we celebrate the sabbath.

† **Mark 16:9** *Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.*

✠ **Gen 2:4-6** *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, 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; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.*

So here we have an account of how the Heavens and the Earth were created by God. There were no farms or vegetable stands or stores to buy your food. Man was not even to till the ground and work for his food. We will look at this more in chapter 3.

Also notice that in verse six there was not even rain yet. We will look at this more when we get into the flood account.

✠ **Gen 2:7** *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.*

We are formed from the dust of the earth. The human body is made up almost entirely of 13 elements. Oxygen, carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen make up 96% of our body's mass. The other 4% of body weight is composed almost entirely of sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, iron, phosphorus, sulfur, chlorine, and iodine.

You can go to <https://answersingenesis.org/human-body/from-dust-to-dust/> which will give you a detailed account of the elements in man and in dirt (the earth)

God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

As we will see in chapter 3 when Adam sinned, man no longer had life. We are considered dead in our trespasses, or in today's terms, we truly are walking dead, until Jesus comes into our lives and breathes new life into us.

✠ **Col 2:13** *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

But the good news is that through Jesus we have life again!

There is another account of when God breathed on man. Do you know where this is?

✠ **John 20:22** *And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Here Jesus is breathing on the disciples to give them a new life just as God breathed on Adam and gave him life.

✠ **Gen 2:8-14** *Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had created. And the LORD God planted all sorts of trees in the garden--beautiful trees that produced delicious fruit. At the center of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed from the land of Eden, watering the garden and then dividing into four branches. One of these branches is the Pishon, which flows around the entire land of Havilah, where gold is found. The gold of that land is exceptionally pure; aromatic resin and onyx stone are also found there. The second branch is the Gihon, which flows around the entire land of Cush. The third branch is the Tigris, which flows to the east of Asshur. The fourth branch is the Euphrates.*

God created a beautiful earth, but He also created an even more beautiful garden for the man (Adam) to live in, and in the mist of this beautiful garden, God also created a choice for man to love Him or deny Him.

Questions come up as to why God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden for Adam to eat of in the first place. Why didn't He just have everything perfect so man couldn't sin?

It's because God wanted man to have a free choice to love Him.

If I put two white cakes in front of you and asked you to choose, there wouldn't be much of a choice. Now if I put a white cake and a chocolate cake in front of you, you now have a choice. Even though the white cake may be more beautiful, and was a better choice, you still had the option to choose the chocolate. Even if I said that the chocolate cake had arsenic in it and would kill you, you still have that choice to choose it or not.

I want you to choose the white cake because I know that it's a better choice, so I warn you about the chocolate cake with arsenic in it, yet still leave the final decision up to you.

So it is with God. He gives you a choice. He knows what the better choice is, and even warns you about the wrong choice, but still many make the wrong choice.

✚ **Gen 2:15-17** *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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."*

Notice what God doesn't say here? He doesn't say that if you eat of the tree I will kill you, but instead that you shall surely die.

As a parent you can probably relate to this, but then we have all been kids and can relate to this. If you parents say, "don't run across the street without looking, because you may get hit by a car." they don't say, "don't run across the street or I'll destroy you."

So it is with God. We are always saying or thinking that God is right there to punish us if we do something wrong. But the truth is that God warns us, and if we disobey then we pay the consequence of that wrong.

God says not to be drunk with wine. The consequence is, hangover, possible accident, even to the point of killing someone, possible jail, losing your license, breaking up your home to name a few.

So it's not God who punishes us for our wrong, but the consequence of the wrong that we choose to do.

✚ **Gen 2:18-20** *And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 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. 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.

God knew that Adam was alone without a companion, but until Adam saw through the naming of the animals that they each had a mate, he did not realize he was alone. Also notice that Adam was not dumb. Would someone dumb be able to give names to all the animals? The fear of Adam eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil was not that Adam would become smart, but that he would die and reject God.

We all hope that our children will obey us, if they don't then you don't hate them, but it still hurts.

✠ **Gen 2:21-25** *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. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 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."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

God opened Adams flesh and removed the rib from inside of his body. At this point Adam was no longer a complete man. You could say, "he wasn't all there." But even before woman was created Adam was not complete. Notice verse 18 again **And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."** God knew even then that Adam was not complete.

So what part of Adam was taken away, a rib? I think it was more then just a rib.

For the last 6000 years, women have wanted man to have the same emotions that they do. We go to marriage seminars, weekend retreats and even counseling to grow closer emotionally. And to somewhat of an extent they work. But you know what? Man will never have the same emotions like a woman. A woman wants to talk about life, but man wants to watch football. A woman wants to think of your son's future in school. Man wants to think about him playing football in school.

It's not that we as men are not emotional, it's just a different kind of emotion.

God tells us to love our wives as Jesus loves the church. And we do, we would die for our wives. But though women love to get flowers, it's not the same with men, flowers are nice, but give us a cool video game (or a football) and we are happy like women are when they get flowers.

You see; God made woman from man, but He made them different. We are incomplete without each other. Women tell us when to slow down and rest, men like to work hard and go, go, go.

Women get emotional and sometimes go by feelings and not faith. Men have to show women the right path in God's word.

So simply, I think that God gave a woman man's deep emotions, and without women we are just a bunch of football players walking around grunting. Women give us a vocabulary by wanting us to express our feelings.

We give women physical things to show are protection and care for them.

God knows that we need each other! And you all probably know this, but remember that woman was taken from man's side to walk beside him. Not from his head to be over him, or from his feet to be walked on.

God + man + woman = **Eccl 4:12** *Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

Jesus even says that marriage is good and is ordained by God.

† **Mark 10:6-9** *"But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

One more note, notice God did not make man from man nor for man. Homosexuality is not from God and is sin, just like murder, adultery and living with someone of the opposite sex, outside of marriage is sin. Period!

God knows that a man + a man does not complete a man; and a woman + a woman does not complete a woman. When you say those types of relationships are right, you are telling God that when He created man and woman, He did it wrong and that your way is right.

Finally they were not ashamed. Adam and Eve not only talked about God, but they talked with God, together. They were not ashamed to say that He is their God. And when they had kids there was never any shame or trying to hide God from them, or telling them to go find their own god their own way. No, the only way Moses knew about God 1500 years later is that God was evident in his family's life for 1500 because they were never ashamed that He is their God!

† **Matt 10:32-33** *Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*

† **Mark 8:38** *"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

Are you ashamed of Jesus? He is the Bridegroom and we are the Bride. He is the second Adam, and we are His Eve. NO SHAME!