

Genesis 2:19-20

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.

Usually when we read today's verses in Genesis, we focus on one part, which is, "***But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.***" And we read this, ponder it, then move onto verses 21 & 22 where God formed woman out of man's rib or side.

But today, I want to focus on something different. and that is the fact that God gave Adam a job to do, even though God could had done it Himself. And what was that job? "***Adam called each living creature, that was its name***" Yep Adam named the animals. Now the bible does not say how long it took Adam to do this, but it wasn't a quick five minute task, I suppose that it could had taken several days or even weeks for God to bring all the animals to Adam to name.

But this task or job did not start here in chapter two, but was first mentioned in chapter one.

✠ ***Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."***

So we see that God gave man dominion over the animals in chapter one, when God first created man, and his first job was to name them. This shows us that God does not give us things to do so that we can sit back and watch God do all the work. Once again, God could had named the animals Himself, but I believe that God wanted Adam to be a part of what He (GOD) was doing. Just like God does not need us to do anything, Yet He wants us to be a part of what He is doing.

Think of your kids when they were/are little or even teenagers. Maybe for you dads when you are working on the car, or moms you are cooking dinner and you have your child help out. Now you know if you did it yourself without them helping, you would get it done a lot fast, but you still have them there so that they can learn. Teaching your son how to work on a car, or your daughter how to cook a meal for her family when she gets older and is married.

So, what was God teaching Adam, and us? I think God was teach responsibility, because God gave Adam dominion over the animals, but Adam needed to learn how to do that, and what better way then to start off introducing yourself to those you have dominion over.

"Hi, my name is Adam, and you are a Dog. Hi my name is Adam and you are an Elephant."

What this does is that it gives a more personal responsibility in the tasks we are given by God, and we come to find that they are not a task or a job, but actually a pleasure to serve along side of the Lord.

God has given you a family and friends and a job and service in the church, and you find the more you get to know them, the more you want to do for them. So once again, it no longer becomes a task, but a privilege to do for them and be a part of their lives.

I know this may sound weird, but after Adam named the animals, and God created Eve from Adam, Adam also named her as well.

† **Genesis 2:23** *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."*

† **Genesis 3:20** *And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.*

Woman is a gender (btw there are only two genders, Man and Woman), but Eve was a name to identify her out of all the other women who would be born as a separate, special, and more intimate relationship between Adam and Eve. Adam learned this from God, who created man, and then named him Adam, because we don't read in the creation account that God created Adam, but rather a race of "Men" and "Women"

† **Genesis 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.*

So when God called him Adam, that showed Adam that this was a special relationship between God and himself, because God named Adam from the race of men who would be born, but God did not name the animals, that was Adam's job. Once again making his relationship with God that much more special, above all animals, fish of the sea and birds of the air.

God calls you by name to help Him out with the things He has specifically for you. That should cause you to want to do them more, and to treat whatever that task is with the heart of God as if He was doing it Himself, because if you think about it, God and Adam worked together as a team to name the animals.

God "*brought them to Adam*" and Adam named them "*to see what he would call them.*". So, whatever you are doing for the Lord, He is right there with you, with you doing it along side of God.

† **Isaiah 41:10** *Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

† **John 5:17** *But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*