

ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 2 GENESIS 2:4-25

1. What was your takeaway from last week's study on **Genesis 1 – 2:3**, and how has it been significant for you this week?

2. As you read **Genesis 2:4- 25**, pray and ask God to reveal new insights to you through this more detailed account of creation. Pray also that He gives you "Gospel Glimpses," which are previews of Jesus or a foreshadowing of the Gospel.

3. In **V4-6**, before man was formed, the earth was described as having no vegetation, and no one to care for it. How was man formed according to **V7**?

4. a) Where or what home did God provide for the man (**V8**)?

b) What images come to mind as you read **V9-14**? What appeals to you about this setting?

5. a) Name the responsibilities God gave to mankind (**V15 & V19**) for His creation.

b) What does that tell you about God's thoughts and expectations on the stewardship of His creation?

6. What insights about God's values regarding His creation are embedded in these verses?

- **Exodus 23:10-11**

- **Deuteronomy 5:13-14**

- **Deuteronomy 20:19**

7. God gives clear instructions in **V16-17**. What strikes you about the blessing and the command from Him in these verses?

8. a) In **V18 and 20b** God knew Adam needed a helper. In your own words, describe how God formed this helper and Adam's response from **V21-23**.

b) What do you think God intended this helper to be to Adam? How does this compare to what the world thinks?

9. In **V23-24**, we find the creation and foundation of marriage.

a) Aside from the physical sense, what do you think it means to become one flesh?

b) Describe what it means for a man to leave his father and mother.

c) In the context of marriage, name some pros and cons if a man or woman does not leave his father and mother, and why do you think God gave this command?

10. In **V25**, how is it possible that Adam and Eve felt no shame in their nakedness?

11. In this Lesson, God gave Adam his home, his work, and his mate. In today's culture, these areas might be very transitory and unsettling. Which of these would you like to see God **ROOT** in you more permanently and purposefully?

"GOSPEL GLIMPSES": Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story). Each week we will hunt for these Gospel Glimpses.

1. In **Genesis 2:24**, as God provided a bride for Adam, who is that bride for Jesus? (Give verses if possible.)

2. a) Compare and contrast the Garden of Eden in **Genesis 2:8-17** with these two other gardens in:

- **Matthew 26:36-46** and **John 18:1-6**

- **Revelations 22:1-5**

b) Comment on any aspects of how God uses these gardens to fulfill His purposes.

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 2:7**

b) Worship our Provider God as you think of the home, job, or spouse God has given you, *or*, pray your responses to Question 11.

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PRAYER REQUEST