

STUDY TWO

God Makes People Special

Genesis 2:4-25

Introduction

In this section we have another account of the creation. The phrase “this is the account of” occurs ten times throughout the book of Genesis. Although some scholars would say that the phrase concludes the preceding section most would say that it introduces a new section. So the next three studies are about the section that begins here. In this passage we will learn more of what it means to be human.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) What was the high point of God’s creation?

b) How did God make man (v.7)?

2.a) In what way is man like the animals (v.7)? (See also Gen. 1:30)

b) In what way is man different from the animals? (See Gen. 1:27)

c) What do vv.19-20 have to teach us about the relationship between man and the animals?

3. What can we learn about work from this story (v.15)?

4.a) Why did God put the two special trees in the garden (vv.9, 16 & 17)? (Note: God wanted man to chose to follow Him. For God to give a real choice he had to give an alternative—the choice of rebelling against Him.)

b) What would be the result of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

c) In what way is the “knowledge of good and evil” bad? (Note: the Hebrew word for knowledge here includes the idea of experience.)

5.a) How did God create the woman (vv.21-24)?

b) Why?

c) What does this teach us about marriage?

d) What does this teach us about sex in marriage?

e) What does this teach us about divorce?

6.a) Why did Adam and Eve feel no shame (v.25)?

b) Why do people feel shame today?

For Further Thought And Action

In what ways do you show that you are made in God's image?

Memory Verse

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:5