



Lesson 3

Prepare

Please Read the Following Passages:

Genesis 2:18-3:24

Ephesians 5:1-33

1 Corinthians 11:1-12

Study Guide

Review from Last Time

God's Goals for Adam

- Adam was created to _____ the nature and character of God.
- God gave Adam _____
 - Tend & Keep the Garden – specific duties
- God gave Adam _____
 - A superabundant _____, and a solitary _____

God prepared Adam to be _____ (Genesis 2:18)

God-relationship first!

- Reflector, Responsible, Restrictions

Now able to be a leader in the first family

- Ideal atmosphere – _____ environment, relationship with God, love, instruction, warnings. How could any family fail in that context?

How God brought Eve into the family (Genesis 2:18-20)

Adam was created, given responsibility and restrictions, now prepared for a _____

- After naming all the animals, Adam realizes there was no partner for him

God created _____ for Adam, out of Adam's rib (Genesis 2:21-22)

“That the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.” - *Matthew Henry's Commentary* (<http://bit.ly/BGLhenry-eve>)

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” (Ephesians 5:25)

How was this relationship supposed to work? (Genesis 2:23-25)

Appears casual, and possibly even cold in English, but very excited in Hebrew
_____ excitement out of Adam, because he saw the woman God gave him.

Four things God gave Adam in this Relationship:

1. _____ – ‘leave his father and his mother,’ and emotionally focus on your wife

Israelite men were given a full year off from work to cheer up the wife he had taken (Deuteronomy 24:5)

2. _____ – ‘cleave,’ layers are inseparable, not intended to break up.

Because of hardness of heart, problems that come up, there are divorces. Deal with it where you are, but that was not God's intention.

At the marriage altar, take seriously the vow “Till death do us part”

You didn't love your spouse when you married him.

You don't slip and fall into love, you grow into love.

You don't know what love will cost until the bills come in, and you decide, ‘Am I going to pay this price to make this relationship work?’

The command to love in the New Testament is not an appeal to the emotion, but a direct command to the will (Ephesians 5:25)

As the fruit of the Spirit grows in you, it will be easier to obey.

Incompatibility – one selfish person telling another selfish person, I will not give in to your selfish ways.

Example: Two year old nursery is full of incompatible toddlers

3. _____ – ‘one flesh’.

Spiritual Unity – One in Spirit – Holy Relationship

Psychological Unity – One in Soul – Happy Relationship

Physical Unity – One in Body – Healthy Relationship

4. _____ - ‘naked and not ashamed’

Total transparency and openness of spirit

_____ is poorly accepted in today’s society

But woman was created _____ man, _____ man, _____ man (1 Timothy 2:13, 1 Corinthians 11:8-9)

Submission is not cultural, it is _____.

Submission for the woman is putting her in a special position of _____.

We’ll see what happened when Eve got out of her place of protection.

What happened to this _____ relationship?

God gave Adam clear instructions what was to happen to this leader’s role as a husband, as a father-to-be.

Three things Perverted in the Garden:

1. _____ was set aside, _____ took over. (Genesis 3:1-5)

Satan put a question mark where God put a period.

Satan invented the subjunctive mood.

Interestingly, the first words after God’s in the Bible were Satan’s.

From Adam’s Rib, listened to Satan’s Fib, and we have Women’s Lib

As Gods – Equality with God, no authority over you

2. _____ changed, _____ took over. (Genesis 3:8-13)

From a perfect relationship, sweetness of fellowship and submission to accusation.

Blame-shifting shares the same birthday with humanism.

Blame-shifting, Accusations killed the sweet attitude with each other.

3. _____ was gone, _____ took over.

Can we have, as a husband and wife, what Adam and Eve had before the fall?

Yes – but it requires being born again (John 3), and being filled with the _____ (Ephesians 5).

Being filled with the Spirit is immediately followed with family living.

The problem is we still walk in the flesh, and conflicts arise.

Thank God for Genesis 3:15 – the plan of redemption was put into place, picturing Calvary, where our sins were not just atoned but removed forever.