

<sup>5</sup> When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

<sup>6</sup> and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

### Genesis 2

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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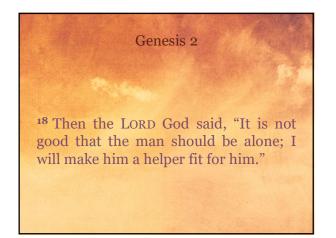
<sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

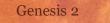
<sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Genesis 2 <sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,

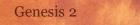


<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."



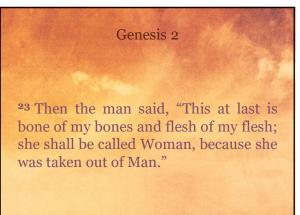


<sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.



<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.



### Genesis 2

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. What are the Good Things God Intended for Us in Creation?

> Four Gifts from Our Creator.

### <u>God Shares Loving</u> <u>Fellowship.</u>

V.7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

God Created Us to Live Lives Moved by His Spirit Within Us.

# God Supplies Abundant <u>Gifts.</u>

V.9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.
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God Created Us to Flourish under the Abundant Care of His Goodness and Wisdom.

That's Still Where Blessing Comes from.

## <u>God Provides Fruitful</u> <u>Labor.</u>

V.15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. God Created Us to Care for, Protect, and to Increase What He Provided to Us.

We Were Never Intended to Live for Ourselves. We Were Created to Serve.

# God Designs a Blessed Union.

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### God's Goodness in Marriage

- A Created Deficiency
- A Corresponding Partner
- A Lifelong Loyalty
- An Unblushing Intimacy

### A Rejection of Godly Marriage

- Reverse, Abandon, or Reject our Roles
- Withhold or Transgress our Loyalty
- Corrupt our Sexuality

God Created Us and Our Generations to be Fulfilled and Protected within the Marriage Union as He Designed It.

Is Your Life Growing More toward God's Design or a Sinful World?

Are You Living a Redeemed Life?

