

The Perfect Life

Genesis 2:4-25

Introduction

I The Perfect Man

- A. God formed man from the _____ of the ground - Ps 103:14
 - 1. Man was made in the _____ of God - Rom 8:29; 1 Jn 3:2
- B. God breathed into man the breath of _____ - James 2:26
 - 1. Man became a living being

II The Perfect Environment

- A. God planted a garden in Eden
 - 1. It became man's dwelling place
 - 2. It had all kinds of trees that were:
 - a. _____ to the eye
 - b. Good for _____ - James 1:17
- B. God provided two special trees in the middle of the garden
 - 1. The tree of _____ - Rev 2:7; 22:2, 14
 - 2. The tree of the _____ of good and evil - Gen 3:5
- C. God provided a river to water the Garden
 - 1. It flowed from Eden - Rev 22:1-2
 - 2. It separated into four headwaters

III The Perfect Job

- A. God appointed man to:
 - 1. _____ in the Garden of Eden - Jn 5:17; Col 3:23-24
 - 2. Take _____ of the Garden of Eden - Matt 25:14-23
- B. God commanded man to:
 - 1. _____ of any tree in Garden
 - 2. _____ to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 - a. When you eat of it you will _____ - Rom 6:23
- C. God gave man responsibility in His creative work
 - 1. He brought the animals to Adam for him to _____

IV The Perfect Woman

- A. God recognized man's need for a helper
 - 1. It was not good for man to be _____ - Eccl 4:9-12

- 2. There was no suitable _____ for man - Ex 18:4
- B. God created woman
 - 1. He caused man to fall into a deep sleep
 - 2. He took one of Adam's _____ and made woman
 - 3. He presented her to Adam
 - a. Adam declared her to be:
 - 1. "Bone of my bone" - Gen 29:14
 - 2. "Flesh of my flesh" - Eph 5:28; 1 Pet 3:7
 - b. Adam named her, "_____"
 - 4. He established the covenant of marriage
 - a. Man is to _____ his father and mother - Matt 19:4-5
 - b. Man is to be _____ to his wife - Matt 19:6
 - c. Man and woman will become one flesh - 1 Cor 6:15ff
- C. God created Adam and Eve with moral _____
 - 1. They were naked and unashamed - 2 Cor 5:17; Is 1:18

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. How would you describe the "perfect life?"
2. Why do you think God chose to make us from the dust of the ground? Why not gold, silver or precious stones?
3. The work you do, whatever it is, is meant to be an expression of God's divine nature. Read Col 3:23-24. Does this verse reflect your attitude toward work? Why or why not?
4. Woman is described as man's helper. Read Hosea 13:9 and Ps 115:9-11. How do these passages [same Hebrew word for "helper"] change your perspective on the significance of the wife's role in the marriage relationship. If you are married, why not take time today to share with your spouse how he/she is being used by God to help you accomplish His purposes.
5. Are you struggling with any unrepentant sin in your life? Read 1 John 1:9. Why not confess it to God right now, repent of it and enjoy His wonderful forgiveness.

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