

The Creation of Man and Marriage

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Ingrid Newkirk: “A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. They’re all mammals.”

“The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.”
Charles Darwin

“Animals, whom we have made our slaves, we do not like to consider our equal.”
Charles Darwin

THE CREATION OF MAN: We teach that Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were directly created by God in His image and likeness and did not evolve from anything. They were created free of sin with a rational nature, intelligence, will and moral responsibility to God (Genesis 1:26; 2:7, 15-25; James 3:9). God created man to glorify Him and enjoy His fellowship forever (Isaiah 43:7; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11).

What did we leave out?

John Sailhamer in Exp’s notes 4 contrasts between man and creation:

1. “Let there be” to “Let Us make”
2. “After their kind” to “in Our image according to Our likeness”
3. No mention of gender w/ animals to “male and female He created them”
4. No mention of dominion to dominion over

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How do we know?

Sailhamer: In English Versions man is put into the garden “to work it and take care of it.” Goes back to LXX but serious objections to this translation.

#1 “It” and “garden” don’t agree grammatically. “It” is feminine and “garden” is masc. LXX changed “it” to a masc. singular

#2 the change of verb for put from 2:8 to 2:15

#3 3:23 to cultivate the ground was result of the Fall – ironic reversal of man’s original purpose

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So like Abraham and Jacob after him, Adam, as the recipient of God's necessary provision of a wife, sleeps while God acts on his behalf. Pictures his passivity in receiving this gift and acceptance of God's evaluation and provision.

Note: Her flesh from his flesh. Her bone from his bone. same substance. More alike than not. "The man recognized his own likeness in the woman."

Sailhamer: "the likeness that the man and woman share with God in chapter 1 finds an analogy in the likeness between the man and his wife in chapter 2."

MARRIAGE: We teach that marriage is the fundamental human relationship in the created order. It is defined as a committed one-flesh union between one biological male and one biological female for life (Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:3-6).

We teach that marriage was given by God as part of His common grace, and that it has no meaning other than what He has revealed (Genesis 2:18-25). We teach that God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. Marriage is subject to the curse of the Fall (Genesis 3:16) but believers, living in obedience to the Scripture and under the control of the Holy Spirit, can experience peaceful, productive and fulfilled marriages as God intended (Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7).

We teach that the marriages of believers are to illustrate the loving relationship of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, with the husband loving his wife as Christ loves the Church and the wife submitting to her husband's loving leadership as the Church submits to Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33). Believers should marry only those who share their regenerate life and faith in Christ (2 Corinthians 6:14).

We teach that marriage is a public, formal, and State-recognized covenant between a male and a female. Without such a covenant, conjugal cohabitation does not establish, and is not equivalent to, marriage (John 4:18; Hebrews 13:4). We teach that where a valid marriage has been established prior to coming to faith in Christ, the couple should remain married (1 Corinthians 7:24).

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