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THE CREATION STAGE – part two

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"The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born" (Psalm 33:6 NLT).

I. The _____ of creation.

A. God ______ after creating everything. Genesis 2:1-4a — "Thus the heavens and the earth were <u>completed</u> in <u>all</u> their vast array. By the seventh day God had <u>finished</u> the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from <u>all</u> His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from <u>all</u> the work of creating that He <u>had done</u>. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created."

B. Now the work of ______ begins. John 4:34; John 17:4

II. The _____ of Eden and soul of man.

- A. God created an earth that is _______ from today. Genesis 2:4b-6 — "When the Lord God [Jehovah (YHWH) Elohim] made the earth and the heavens and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground."
- B. God creates from dust, then breathes "_____" into man. Genesis 2:7 — "The Lord God formed the man from the <u>dust of the ground</u> and breathed into his nostrils the <u>breath of life</u> [Heb=nephesh; KJV=soul], and the man became a living being."
- C. God creates Eden: a ______ for man to live. Genesis 2:8-9 — "Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in <u>Eden</u>; and there He put the man He had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the <u>tree of life</u> and the <u>tree of the knowledge of good</u> <u>and evil</u>."
- D. God provides (water) for the garden. Genesis 2:10-14 — "A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates."

- III. Man's _____ choice. Genesis 2:15 — "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."
 - A. God created man for a ______.
 - B. Man was given a ______. Genesis 2:16-17 — "And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from <u>any</u> tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.'"
 - C. God warns: When you sin, you will _____. Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23

IV. The creation of _____ — the perfect fit!

- A. The creation / man was ______ without woman. Genesis 2:18 — "The Lord God said, 'It is <u>not good</u> for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
- B. But first, Adam's ______ is exposed. Genesis 2:19-20 — "Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would <u>name them</u>; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam <u>no suitable helper was found</u>."

C. Bone of my ______and flesh of my _____. Genesis 2:21-22 — "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man."

Genesis 2:23 — "The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.""

D. Divine marriage: No _____ no ____. Genesis 2:24-25 — "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."