



BEGINNING
OF VICTORY
A STUDY OF GENESIS
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1. What two “substances” did God bring together to form man in Genesis 2:7?
 - “The LORD God formed man of dust from the ground...”
 - “And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

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2. What does this say about man's relationship with God?

- Intimate and close
- It is special

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3. What responsibility did God give man in Genesis 2:15?

- “Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”

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4. Notice this responsibility is given before the fall. What does this tell us about work?

- Work is from God. Work is a good thing.
- God has always expected man to work.
- See Proverbs 6:6-11
- God expects man to play a role in the blessings he receives.

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5. What is the first thing God said was not good about His creation?

- It was not good for man to be alone.

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6. What was God's "first attempt" for finding a companion for Adam?

- Verse 18-20: The naming of the animals
- "but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him."

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7. Was Adam successful in finding a companion through this "first attempt"? Why or why not?

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8. Since we can be assured God knew this “attempt” would fail, what important lesson or lessons did Adam and can we learn from this?

- The importance of the woman
- Eve was set apart compared to all of the animals

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9. How did God provide a companion for Adam?

- God caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam
- God took one of his ribs to make woman
- “The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man...”

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10. What do we learn from this companionship?

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11. What was the great conclusion of this story of the first man and woman as explained in Genesis 2:24?

- “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

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12. According to this creation account in Genesis 2:5, what were the two reasons no bush or small plant had sprung up in the earth yet?"

- The LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth
- There was no man to cultivate the ground

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13. How does this show a partnership between God's work and man's?

- God is the creator. He expects man to work.
- Man is to have a major role in caring for the creation

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14. Considering Deuteronomy 11:8-17, why did the Jews need to be reminded of this partnership?

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15. Why do we need to be reminded of this partnership?