

Genesis 2

Follow up from last week: Genesis 2:24

Creation Ordinances

1. Procreation
2. Subduing and replenishing the earth
3. Dominion over creatures
4. Labor
5. Weekly Sabbath
6. Marriage

Sabbath

Gen 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. (3) So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

It is important to understand that God has not ceased working altogether. He has ceased his creative activity:

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

Man (Adam) came from the ground (Adamah) – not apes

Gen 2:7 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.

Labor

Gen 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Covenant

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, (17) 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."

Dominion

Recall from chapter 1

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 2:19-20 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. (20) 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.

Marriage and Complementarianism

Gen 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

"The word 'helper' entails his (man's) inadequacy, not her inferiority, for elsewhere it is often used of God."
R.C. Sproul

Gen 2:24 **Therefore** a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

What's the "Therefore" there for?

1. Adam needed a helper: "It is not good that man should be alone."
2. Prior to the creation of woman, no helper was fit for him.
3. God created woman out of man and brought him to the man.
4. Adam named her "woman", because she was taken out of man.

Therefore....

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Mar 10:6-9 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' (7) 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, (8) and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. (9) What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

"Marriage is the institution established by God for the fulfillment of the procreative mandate." John Murray

Order of Creation and Headship in Marriage

Gen 2:23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

"The authority to name implied authority to govern" R.C. Sproul

1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

1Ti 2:12-14 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. (13) For Adam was formed first, then Eve; (14) and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

Psalm 8:5-8 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. (6) You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, (7) all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, (8) the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Next Week:

Read Genesis 3

Memory Verse: Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

‘Growing Pains’ Star Kirk Cameron Criticized for Controversial Hurricane Irma Comments

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Former Growing Pains star Kirk Cameron is being criticized on social media after making controversial comments about Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

In a video posted on his Facebook page on Friday, September 8, the evangelical Christian spoke out about the disasters.

“How should we look at two giant hurricanes coming back-to-back like this?” the 46-year-old said in the clip recorded at the airport in Orlando, Florida. “Do we write them off as coincidence? Do we write it off as a statistical anomaly? Wow! Who would’ve thought? Is it just Mother Nature in a bad mood? I don’t know how you think about it but I think it could be something much more than all of that.”

He then quoted a section from the Bible and said that hurricanes are “a spectacular display of God’s immense power.”

“When he puts his power on display, it’s never without reason,” he continued. “There’s a purpose. And we may not always understand what that purpose is, but we know it’s not random and we know that weather is sent to cause us to respond to God in humility, awe and repentance.”

The video has been shared more than 5,000 times and has attracted more than 3,000 comments, some agreeing with his opinion, others dissenting strongly.

“Amazing. He actually thinks a god murders people with weather events, in order to teach them humility. Kirk has an impressively twisted mind,” one wrote.

“Tape your mouth shut idiot,” another commented.

“God doesn’t cause hurricanes Dave,” another wrote. “Heat, wind and water do.”

“So let me get this straight, your magical sky wizard sent the hurricanes that HAVE ALREADY KILLED PEOPLE as a display of his love? #notmygod,” another commenter wrote.

Additional Quotes on the topic – not from usmagazine.com

Job 37:10-13 By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. (11) He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. (12) They turn around and around by his guidance, to accomplish all that he commands them on the face of the habitable world. (13) Whether for correction or for his land or for love, he causes it to happen.

Isa 45:7 I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Jas 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Modern family! Married lesbian couple welcomes a son and a daughter within a month of one another after they both fell pregnant using sperm donations from their gay friends

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A married lesbian couple has welcomed two children after each of the women became pregnant, thanks to two different sperm donations by their gay friends.

Carla Melendez, 32, and her wife Mariely Martinez, 34, of Sanford, Florida, respectively gave birth to a daughter and a son over the summer.

At first, the two women thought about finding a donor online, but thought their children would one day want to know their father's identity—so they turned to their married friends Alex Torres, 30, and Juny Roman, 33.

'We wanted to have the dads to be part of the babies' lives,' Melendez told ABC News. 'We knew at that at some point the babies were going to ask us, "Who's my dad? What does he look like?" With a sperm bank, you don't have that.'

Initially, Melendez added, Torres was going to be the only donor. But after meeting Roman, she and her wife loved his personality and decided to ask him as well.

Both women met Torres about 10 years ago, and later rekindled their friendship with him and his husband in Sanford.

Martinez gave birth to a son, Matteo, in July. One month later, her wife gave birth to their daughter, Marla. Torres is Marla's father, while Roman is Matteo's dad.

Melendez and Martinez have full custody of the children, but the two men will be involved in raising the children, and will be able to surround them with love, the couples told the TV station.

'I think it's good to let the world know that love is the more important thing in this world and it doesn't matter where it comes from,' Melendez said of her family.

Roman, meanwhile, always thought he would one day be a father but wasn't sure how it would come to be, until the chance to become a donor came along.

'I was at a point in my life where I said, "There's no opportunity," ' he said. '[Melendez and Martinez] have given us the opportunity to be part of this journey. We are a new, modern family.'