

GENESIS

FROM THE DUST

SESSION 11

Opening Discussion

✠ Last week we discussed the implications that Man is Nephesh (soul and body); He is in the image of God. Breathed into by God. This makes every person precious. Consider how this truth jives with the sinful world's way of talking about a person's value.

- *What is meant by "Quality of Life"? Who determines what is "quality"?*
- *Does a person dying ever have more value than a person living?*
- *Is suffering, pain, and disability inherently evil?*

✠ The biblical view is "Sanctity of Life." What does this imply?

- *What opportunity does God bring forth for us in the midst of suffering, pain or disability?*

PROVERBS 16:4

The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom the work God has done from beginning to end.

ROMANS 5:3-5

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

JAMES 1:2-4

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

ROMANS 8:28-29

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Review Genesis 2:15-17

- ① Who exactly is God talking to in verses 16 and 17 and what are the implications for family life and church life afterwards?

I TIMOTHY 2:11-15

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

EPHESIANS 5:17-33

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Read Genesis 2:18 - 25

- 2 Is God’s statement in verse 18, “it is not good for man to be alone” a contradiction to what was said of creation in chapter 1 verse 30?
- 3 The fact that Genesis describes Eve as being made from the rib of Adam can sound like a fairytale. It definitely isn’t something that happens every day, yet science can grow human body parts like skin and cartilage and bone in laboratory settings. As fantastic as it sounds, consider how this unique creation of Eve—as the completion of mankind and “helper” explains the relationship that God intended for man and woman.
- 4 Based on Genesis 2, what is a biblical definition of marriage? How does this marriage come about? How is the marriage confirmed and made official (e.g. is there a marriage ceremony or formal saying of vows prescribed by scripture)?
- 5 How do Jesus’ words in Matthew 19:4-6 show that marriage is no casual union or mere tradition?
- 6 What is the implication in the last verse of this chapter which says that Adam and Eve were both naked and felt no shame? Is nakedness good or bad? Is shame a bad thing?