

7. THE MATCHMAKER

Moses was determined to state the basic facts of creation first. In chapter two he zeroes in on the two human creatures, providing more details about their creation.

The story of how God created Adam is different from the story of how God created Eve. They were literally made for each other. And the fact that God bothered to create the first humans in a special way tells us that this part of his work was very important. (Do you see yourself as an important part of God's creation?)

The whole world remembers how God introduced Eve to Adam, though it is an unusual way for a budding young romance to begin. In chapter two we learn that Adam was alone; there were no other humans. Jesus once told his followers, "...Truly I tell you, Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (*Matthew 18:19-20*). But Adam was the only human being on earth. He couldn't gather together with others. Adam needed a **soulmate**, a partner—someone to fill the part of himself that was still empty, someone to join with him in worshipping their Creator.

God is **omniscient**. He knew Adam's need. And he had a plan to help Adam understand what he was missing. To learn about God's plan, read *Genesis 2:15-25*.

God knew Adam would be unhappy if he remained alone. The Trinity agrees: if this condition were to continue, it would not be good (*Genesis 2:18*). God designed a special task to show Adam what he was missing. The task was to study the animals and birds and give them names according to their physical attributes. The mission would help Adam appreciate God's plan even more. So, Adam became the first scientist. When he was done reviewing all the species, he knew that "no suitable helper was found" (*Genesis 2:20*).

When Adam understood what he was missing, God created a woman *for* him, ... and *from* him. God responded to Adam's need by putting him to sleep and performing divine surgery. He took a rib from Adam's side and miraculously formed another human being from it—a *woman*. Together, the two of them would be the first human relationship, the first society, the first **culture**, the first marriage, the first family, and the first church.

Are you hearing wedding bells? This is the right time to start planning a wedding. (Get your camera ready.) But this wedding was a very private affair. Still, even without any human guests to share the happiness of Adam and his bride, Adam bursts into song. The style of writing that Moses used in verse 23 indicates that Adam celebrated his marriage to Eve by composing a song. It was the first song-poem in human history. (Altogether now. *How romantic!*)

This all happened before sin entered the world, which explains why Moses observed that both Adam and his bride were naked during the ceremony. No tuxedo. No wedding gown. No underwear. Yet, they felt no **shame** (*Genesis 2:25*) or embarrassment. The two—one man and one woman—had become like one person. Their thoughts were on the same page. Their words to one another were always uplifting, encouraging, positive, complementary. It was the perfect marriage. Adam and Eve were the happiest couple that ever lived. One might say it was heaven on earth—better than anyone's fondest dreams. They walked and talked with God every day in the cool of the afternoon shade. Their conversations were instructive, heart-felt, and deeply spiritual. This is how our first ancestors went to church to worship their loving Creator.

END VIDEO. BEGIN CONVERSATIONS.

REMEMBER WHEN ...

How did the Covid pandemic change your worship life? What did not change?

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FROM THE TOUR

What do you think your life would be like if you were the only human being on earth?

Explain why the nakedness of Adam and Eve was not a cause for embarrassment or shame.

How do God's people walk and talk with him today? How does sin sometimes make our communication with God imperfect?

LEARN MORE

Read *Matthew 18:19-20*. How does Jesus bless us when we come together in his name?

Read *Ecclesiastes 12:13*. Did Adam and Eve discuss the Ten Commandments with God in Eden? Why should the conversations in our homes include the Commandments?

How was the wedding in the Garden of Eden similar to the wedding described in *Revelation 19:7-8*?

TAKE-AWAYS

Thank God for the blessings of marriage. If you know someone who is getting married, ask God to bless their marriage.

During the next few days, consider what a loving relationship in a marriage should look like.



As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:5