

A Word from Kathy

Genesis chapter 2 is an expansion on many of the details of Genesis 1. Often when God wants us to have a greater understanding He will state briefly and then go back and expand on what He has said in His Word. In the book of Deuteronomy God gives the Law then goes back over it in detail so that those who study His Word will have a better understanding. The four gospels are another example. Let's quickly look at Genesis 2 and see what new facts we can glean.

Observation

It will be helpful to have the scripture printed out this week. We have posted it on the website along with the study guide for your convenience.

1. Place a bracket in the left margin of the verses that have to do with Day 7 of creation and briefly state what happened on this day. In a box in the right column simply write **God rested-Blessed -declared this day Holy.**
2. The remaining portion of this chapter is a more detailed look back at God's creation. God has been preparing a place for His ultimate creation, man, to live. Make some notes in the left margin of any new facts you see here that had not previously been revealed.
3. Be specific, what facts did you discover in Gen. 1:27, Gen. 2: 7 about God's creation of man?
4. What did God prepare for the man in verses 8, 15?
5. What two jobs was the man given?
6. What command was given in verse 16-17 and specifically to whom was the command given?
7. What does God say about Adam in verse 18 that stands in jarring contrast to all we saw in Gen.1? (everything that God had created in Gen.1 was followed by the statement, "God saw that it was good")

8. What did God provide for Adam?
9. What did God allow Adam to do that showed Adam's creativity? Where did Adam get this quality?
10. Remember this chapter is a further insight into the happenings of day 6. What does God do about Adam's need? Be specific, look at the care and the love God shows.
11. Notice the oneness that God created between Adam and Eve. What does Adam say about her in verse 23?

Interpretation

12. We have seen that God is all-powerful. If God cannot become physically tired, what do you believe is meant by "He rested from all His work"?
13. God has given us very clear details of creation. Why do you suppose He wants us to know these details? How far off track might we get if we do not study His word?
14. In what way does knowing how everything began impact how you view your own life?
15. Are you treating the Sabbath as a day of rest in order to have a day to focus on God? To set this day apart as holy?
16. God had prepared a wonderful place for Adam to live. He was to be the gardener and the guardian, according to God's plan. He was instructed not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil "for when you eat of it you will surely die." What type of death do you believe it is referring to here, physical or spiritual or a combination of the two?

Application

17. Think of a word that describes how you feel knowing

- all God needs to do is speak and His will happens?
- all God does is good?

18. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. How would knowing this be a great comfort to each of us?

19. Since God can speak and by His word everything comes into being, **then what are my problems? Are they too hard for God to handle?**

Why not stop for a moment and think of something that you are struggling with right now and ask God to help you with it? God delights in helping us, leading us, and sharing our life adventure with us. If you have placed your trust in Jesus then He will always be with you.