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"WHEN GOD SPEAKS"

Genesis 2:10-17

STUDY OUTLINE

Passage: Genesis 2:10-17

Author: Moses.

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When God speaks, things happen! "God said" repeats nine times in chapter 1.

Introduction and Theme: *In Genesis 1:1 the Bible gets right to the point and proclaims what God did, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God created the Heavens and the Earth in six days (Gen. 2:1, Exodus 20:11). Chapter 1-2:4a presents a wide angle view of all seven days of creation. Then in Chapter 2:4b-24 the author zooms in on the sixth day giving details that were not possible in an overview like Chapter 1.*

Words to define:

Keep(8104), shaman: *a verb meaning to watch, to keep, to preserve, to guard, to be careful, to watch carefully over, to be on one's guard.*

Cultivate(5647), abad: *a verb meaning to work, to serve. This labor may be focused on things, other people, or God. Here the word does not have connotations of toilsome labor but instead a joyful experience of liberation.*

Knowledge(1847): *a noun meaning knowledge, knowing, learning, discernment, insight. Also used in the sense of knowing by experience, relationship, or encounter.*

Good(2896), towb: *morally correct, proper, beautiful, best, bountiful.*

Evil(7451), ra": *distress, misery, calamity, adversity, opposite of good. Something that is of poor quality or even ugly in appearance.*

I. The Rivers of Eden. Genesis 2:10-14.

- a. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden and from there it divided and became four rivers (v.10).
- b. The name of the first river is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah where there is gold (v.11).
- c. Precious stones were around the Pishon; gold, bdellium and onyx (v.12).
- d. The name of the second river is Gihon. It flows around the whole land of Cush (v.13).
- e. The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria (v.14a).
- f. The name of the fourth river is Euphrates (v.14b).

Genesis 2:10-14 is a parenthetical portion: the narration from Genesis 2:9 is interrupted with some geographical bearings for the pre-flood reader (*recall that Adam lived to see seven generations of descendants*), then resumes in Genesis 2:15 with day six of the creation narrative, specifically Adam placed in Eden by God.

Moses wrote the description of Eden and the surrounding geography from the present-tense perspective of a pre-flood observer. It is possible this is because he was working from a pre-flood written record, maybe even preserving Adam's own recollection of the landscape (Gen.5:1). Therefore, Genesis 2:10-14 is most likely a post-fall but pre-flood geographical description, which was dutifully recorded by Moses without changing the verb tense.

II. Enter the Man. Genesis 2:15-17.

- a. Then Yahweh Elohim took the man and caused him to rest into the garden of Eden to serve it and to guard it (Gen. 2:15 L.T.).

III. The First Command. Genesis 2:16.

- a. And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying, "From every tree of the garden eating you shall eat (Gen. 2:16 L.T.).

IV. The Second Command. Genesis 2:17.

a. but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat from it, for in the day that you may eat from it dying, you shall die (Gen. 2:17 L.T.).

Conclusion and Application:



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