Set 4 Life

Genesis 2:15-18

Sermon Outline

A. The Design (vs. 15):

1. **Lord** - Christ had set up everything in the Garden the way He wanted. He is the one who has all authority and rewards obedience and punishes disobedience and has a relationship with Adam (Colossians 1:15-18).

2. **God** – God is over all divine activity including creation, salvation and is ‘sovereign over all the earth.’ He and Christ worked together to organize how marriage is structured. Marriage representing Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:32).

3. **The Lord God** – He is mention in this manner because God is sovereign over everything.

4. **Took** - God who is over all things actively summon Adam putting him into a state of being. God’s intention was for Adam to permanently reside in the Garden.

5. **Put** - God gathered up Adam, without his permission, and left him in the Garden of Eden. Adam did not resist and was very open to God’s direction.

6. **Garden of Eden** - Put the man into the garden of Eden to dress it—not only to give him a pleasant employment, but to place him on his probation, and as the title of this garden, the garden of the Lord (Ge 13:10; Ez 28:13), indicates, it was in fact a temple in which he worshipped God, and was daily employed in offering the sacrifices of thanksgiving and praise.\(^1\[1\]

7. **To cultivate** - Adam was put to work to labor like a slave as a service to God who is his master. Adam was compelled to labor in response to God’s commands.

8. **Keep** - Adam was given purpose when he was told that his obligation was to guard with careful attention the Garden of Eden. This word shows up Psalm 119:9-11 when David said he would preserve God’s Word in his heart.

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B. The Security Blanket (vs. 16-17):

1. **Lord** - The one who has all authority and rewards obedience and punishes disobedience and has a covenant relationship with Adam. “It is a name which relates specifically to His chosen people and it identifies His nature.’

2. **God** – Again Christ and God formulated the directions that Adam is to follow.

3. **Command** - God as Adam’s master demanded Adam to submit to His direction with an inner commitment to carry it out. This also means that Adam now has the authority to execute what God said to him. Adam’s response means he understood that God is in control.

4. **Command** – A man proves his Biblical manhood when God leads him (Genesis 2:7-8; 1 Corinthians 11:2-3).

5. **Saying** - God communicated this spoken word (it is not a vision or dream) assigning or appointing Adam to this task. Adam verbally heard God say this to him.

6. **Eat freely** – God told Adam that from any tree Adam can consume whatever he desired to eat. Because God made it and directed him to eat it the fruit is good for Adam.

7. **Eat freely** - Adam was given the instruction to eat after he obeyed God’s instruction to work.

8. **Eat freely** – Adam had more freedom than restrictions (John 8:32-33).

9. **Knowledge** - This tree provides them the ‘know how’ and the ability to discernment what is good and evil.

10. **Good** – Adam and Eve will experience God’ work making their lives pleasant because of the practical benefits that can come from the Garden. This is when marriage has the potential to be good. It is when the man is in a good place.

11. **Evil** - Inability to come up to good standards which are beneficial-depicts a very narrow inner attitude towards God.

12. **Tree of the knowledge of good and evil** – It is obvious how the reality of man knowing good and evil even continues when a person is a believer as the wrestling between the flesh and the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-17).
13. **Tree of the knowledge of good and evil** – Submitting to God is a choice in full knowledge.

14. **You shall not eat** – Adam was given the opportunity to exercise his free will.

15. **You shall not eat** – God taught Adam this lesson before he made Eve (Ephesians 5:26; 1 Timothy 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:35-37). Man is supposed to be the spiritual leader (Ephesians 5:25-26).

16. **Surely die** – Adam and Eve and all mankind are now exposed to experiencing natural deaths and untimely deaths (Abel) because dying would be a result of sin. So as a result of this their deaths can be dying before one’s time which includes executions (1 John 5:16-17).

17. **Surely die** – Disobedience is to willfully turn against God.

18. **Surely die** – Disobedience to God is sin and sin is death (Romans 6:23).

19. **Surely die** – The man brought death into the world (Genesis 3:6-7). Notice it is when the man ate the fruit ‘then’ their eyes were open (Romans 5:12-15). God thought Adam about the tree before he gave him Eve.

20. **Surely die** – God is life, everything outside of God is therefore death (Romans 6:23; 1 John 5:16-17).

**C. Never Alone (vs. 18):**

1. **Lord** - God had set up everything in the Garden the way He wanted. He is the one who has all authority and rewards obedience and punishes disobedience and desires a relationship with Adam.

2. **God** – God is over all divine activity including creation, salvation and is ‘sovereign over all the earth.’

3. **The Lord God said** – Again success depends on submitting to God’s plan.

4. **The Lord God said** – Marriage must come under God’s authority. It is an a non-bias plan that blesses both individuals.

5. **Saying** - God communicated the spoken word (not a vision or dream) assigning or appointing Adam to a new structure with specific task.

6. **Good** – In order for Adam to experience all the practical benefits God has put in place for him and to fulfill God’s plan for mankind God provided to Adam a helper.
7. **Good** – A woman makes a man stronger and more productive for God (Proverbs 18:22). By finding a wife a man obtains favor from God and to mistreat a wife a man prayer is blocked (1 Peter 3:7) and he can suffer financial consequences.

8. **Good** – This is the first time God said good relevant to mankind. Every time God made everything else, He said 'it is good', but with mankind man alone was not in a good place until he had a helper to fulfill all that God plan for mankind (1:26-31).

9. **To be** - To continuously and endlessly be alone.

10. **Alone** – This is for a person to be by themselves as a single unit separated and isolated from everyone.

11. **To be alone** – The man would endlessly be alone because he cannot make kids (1 Corinthians 11:11-12).

12. **To be alone** – The man would not be as productive based on God’s original intent (Genesis 1:26-28).

13. **To be alone** – The man cannot relate to the animals so he would lack companionship.

14. **Make** - God decided without any input from man that he would commit to work to create the fashioning of Eve (1 Corinthians 11:8-12). This is all dependent and directed by God. God does this with a sense of obligation.

15. **Make** – God is sovereign and decides the woman man needs.

16. **Make** – The fashioning of the woman is all based on God’s creative order (1 Corinthians 11:8-10).

17. **Make** – Decision on how to marry is best decided by God – Helper suitable.

18. **Make** – When God shapes our purposes we are set for life.

19. **Make** – Adam lived for 930 years and had other children and never saw a divorce court (Genesis 5:3-5).

20. **Suitable** – Eve is suitable because she corresponds to Adam and will be in his presence to assist in carrying out God’s plans. Their relationship will be one where they will continually be in each other’s presence.

21. **Helper** - Designated assistant who will be a source of help providing divine aid both physically and spiritually.
22. **Helper** - A helper has to be as strong as the one being helped (Genesis 1:26-28; HS to Christ – John 14:16).

23. **Helper** – God’s design for the helper is to carry out His purposes.

24. **For him** – Even though equal she is led by her husband (Genesis 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:2-3).

25. **For him** – Her marriage role is only for her husband.