

The Creation

Part II

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The Sabbath Principle

- God finished His work
- God rested from all His work
- God blessed the seventh day
- God established a seven-day rhythm
- The Sabbath principle honors God's design

The Two Trees

- The two trees in the Garden of Eden represent two principles of living
 - The principle of knowledge
 - The principle of life
- We must live by the principle of life

“Do you realize that the conduct of many a non-Christian is governed by the principle of right and wrong? Wherein does the Christian differ from the non-Christian if the same principle governs them both?” --Watchman Nee

The Principle of Work

- Work existed before the fall
- Work is not a result of Adam's curse; the curse affects the *difficulty* of work
- Man is made in God's image and God is a worker (John 5:17)
- There will be service (work) in the New Jerusalem (Rev 22:3)

*The ideal world is not one of idleness and frolic
but of serious activity and service.*

David B. Curtis on September 5, 2004. http://www.bereanbiblechurch.org/transcripts/colossians/3_22-4_1.htm

The Purposes of Marriage

- Companionship (Gen 2:18)
- Procreation (Gen 1:28)
- Child-rearing (Dt 5:16; 6:6-9)
- To exemplify Christ and the Church (Eph 5:32)
- To exemplify the father-son relationship (Matt 7:11; Heb 12:10)

The Pictures in Marriage

- “It is not good for man to be alone”
 - In the creation account, the man is Adam
 - In God’s larger purpose, the man is Christ
- “I will make a helper suitable for him”
 - In the creation account, the helper is Eve
 - In God’s larger purpose, the helper is the church

Marriage Insights from Creation

- Jesus opposed divorce by appealing to creation (Matt 19:4-6)
- Paul taught about the church by appealing to creation (Eph 5:31-32)
- Woman is the glory of man (1Co 11:7)
- Woman was created for man (1Co 11:9)
- Man's responsibility for leadership derives from the order of creation (1Ti 2:12-13)

On Unity in Marriage

- Oneness in marriage is a picture of Christ's oneness with His Church
- Marriage's one-flesh relationship is a picture of a deeper unity between husband and wife
- We can expect God to send things into our lives to strengthen our unity
- We can expect Satan to send things into our lives to disrupt our unity