

I. God's Original Plan for People

Status

Role

Galatians 3:26-27

- spiritually equal

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7, 21-22

Moral Law - God's will for all people for all time

Order of Creation - The timeline/arrangement in which God created people and their responsibilities respective to it

1. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10)

Verse 27

2. About whom is God talking when he says the word *man* (*Let us make man...*)?

man:

male and female:

The man—

1. To whom is God talking about when he says the word *man* (*Let us make man*)?

^{2:18}The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

^{2:24}For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

2. How does the context of this passage further the understanding of *the man* in verse 18?

3. Why was it "*not good*" until the woman was created?

1Corinthians 11:11-12

¹¹In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. ¹²For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman.

- *man cannot reproduce, he cannot have companionship*

- *mutual dependence unites the sexes, each sex is incomplete without the other, woman would not have come into existence if the man had not been created first, and ever since man comes into being from a woman, so with Christ; unity and equality of man and woman in Christ safeguards woman's status and preserves her dignity - "...everything comes from God."*

4. What is God's will for the woman? (what is her role?)
- *helper suitable for him*
5. What does it mean to be a "helper suitable for him"? (1Corinthians 11:8-9)
- *corresponding to him, complementing the man, made from him and for him*
6. What principles concerning marriage and the relationship of man and woman were established at creation? And to whom does God apply these principles?
- *one man, one woman, for life, (remain united), one emotionally, psychologically, physically, they will be one unit (monogamy), man as head, woman as helper, establish a new family unit, all people (Gen 1:31)*
7. What regulated the relationship between the sexes before the fall?
- *God's command*
8. What are some parts of the text which point to the leadership responsibility of the man?
[also read 1Cor 11:8; 1Tim 2:13]

- *made for the man and from the man, God brought her to the man, the man named the woman, a man will leave his father..., he will be united, Adam was formed first, then Eve*

Read Genesis 2:15-25 [See also Genesis 9:1]

9. What responsibilities are given to the man and/or woman?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Man - <i>garden, work it, take care of it, spiritual, names animals, Noah and his sons, be fruitful</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Woman -
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Read Genesis 3:8-21 [See also Genesis 5:1-4]

10. What was destroyed after sin entered the world? What wasn't destroyed? (Gen 1:31)
- *image of God*
- *roles of men and women, God's design for marriage*
11. What was the role of woman in the fall? of man? How did this correspond to the roles God gave them at creation? [1Tim 2:14 NOTE: Paul certainly is not degrading Eve with this passage. What is he doing?]
- *leader and follower; not good;*
12. How does verse 17 lay the responsibility at the feet of Adam? What was Adam's sin—listening to his wife or eating the forbidden fruit and disobeying God?
- *yes and yes and yes*
13. What burdens does woman receive after the fall? (What area of life is the focus of God's admonition and is there any significance?)
- *childbearing and childrearing*
14. What burdens does man receive after the fall? (What area of life is the focus of God's admonition and is there any significance?)

- *at work*

15. What indications are there in the text of the leadership responsibility of the man? [Rom 5:12]
- *the LORD takes him to task for failing spiritually*
16. What is the difference in the relationship between man and woman before and after the fall?
- *before the fall, they understood their roles and were completely happy and satisfied, now after the fall man and woman will struggle with their roles*
17. Let's end on a positive note.... despite their judgment, what does the LORD, the God of free and faithful love, promise to man and woman? [Gen 3:15]
- I, _____, will put enmity between you, _____, and the woman, and between your _____ offspring and hers _____; he _____ will crush your _____ head and you _____ will strike his _____ heel.

**The rest of the Scripture hangs on understanding this correctly.