

The Word of God – 6

We had seen last time that God had worked for a consecutive 6 days to restore the ruined material creation. And in this we can plainly see that God's work was not finished on Day 1 - *Ge 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.....19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day..... 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day..... 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

Although God never went back to deal with anything from Day 1 again, the work done on that day continued in its completed form throughout the next 5 days. But that which God had determined to do, restore the ruined earth to be ruled over by Man, was not completed until the end of Day 6. This is a detail of paramount importance, which we will come back to at a later point.

We had also seen that God had created Adam to rule and that it was not good for Adam to be alone, he needed a helper comparable to him. So, a helper to do what? Quite simply to help him to rule. God has established from the beginning that there must be a man and a woman in a marriage relationship to rule in the 7th day - *Ge 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Again, we will take note of the detail here as it will be so important for us to remember later. Firstly, Adam is put in a deep sleep. Once in this deep sleep his side is opened, God takes one of his ribs and literally builds a

Woman from the rib. The Woman is a part of Adam's body but not all of his body and there is a separate work of God to build the Woman.

With this in mind, look at these verses from – Eph 5:30 *For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

V31 in Ephesians Chapter 5 quotes directly from Genesis 2:24 showing the connection between the two. Then Ephesians 5:32 says that what is being dealt with here is 'a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church'. In Adam and the Woman, we find a picture of Christ and the church. We will come back to this later but take time to think this through on your own. Go back to what we have just looked at from Genesis and see what this teaches us about Christ and the church.

Adam and the Woman then are created to rule in the 7th Day, but while still in the 6th Day there is an encounter with Satan, described as a serpent, the earth's original ruler, in the Garden. And as we had seen last time, this encounter takes place between the serpent and the Woman. Why is that? And why does Adam knowingly and intentionally eat the fruit when his wife gives it to him?

Well, we had seen last time, that because of the way God has established things with regards to rulership, 'it's not good for man to be alone', the Man could not rule on his own apart from his wife and she was now disqualified from ruling because of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That being the case, how could that disconnect between Adam and his wife ever be rectified so that they could rule?

First things first, Satan is in the Garden for one reason only, to bring deception and disqualification so that he could continue to rule. Which he has done ever since.

To understand why Adam knowingly ate the fruit and how the situation between him and his wife was reconciled we go to the Scriptures –
Ro 5: 14*Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.....*

Adam is a type of Christ. When Christ came to the earth at His first advent, He found those who could be His wife, us, dead in trespasses and sin and to rectify this situation – 2 Co 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Christ took our sin upon Himself just as Adam took the Woman's sin upon himself. Christ did this for the purpose of redemption and so did Adam – Ge 3:21 *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

Adam could not rule apart from his wife and his wife could not be redeemed apart from Adam, as they were one flesh. Because of the way God has established rulership for Man from the beginning, Christ cannot rule apart from having a wife and those who will make up His wife could not be redeemed apart from Him - Eph 5:30 *For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

If the Lord is willing, we will come back to this next time.