In Genesis 1:1-2:3 we have the account of the full creation week, but as we continue on into chapter 2 we get a more detailed replay of the events that were so briefly outlined in the account of day 6. Now we are up close and personal with the creation of the first man and woman. Included in this account, still within the creation week, is also the establishment - God’s original blueprints - for marriage.

**Personal Application**

1. If you asked people on the street, “why do you think we are here?” what kind of answers do you think you’d get?
   
2. Read v4-7. Compare the creation of the animals in v19 with the creation of Man in v7. What are the similarities and the differences?
   
3. List all of the special things that God does for Man beyond just making him in chapter 2? How do these things further differentiate us from the animals? What does this tell you about God and Mankind?
   
4. Read v15-20. What does v15 tell us about work? What are the parameters that God sets for the man? What is the context and what is the danger?
   
5. Read v21-25. Why does God create woman? What is established here concerning marriage (cf. Matthew 19:4-6)
   
6. In the context of such a good world, where everything is beautiful and abundant, what do you think is the allure of the forbidden tree? How do we see the same allure at work in us today?
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Genesis 3 is certainly one of the most important chapters in the Bible when it comes to understanding why the beautiful and good world that God made is the way that it is now. It is also crucial in helping us to understand why we, human beings (made in the image of God) are the way we are too.

Sermon Summary

Q What are some of the key things that we have learned in Genesis 1 and 2 about God, Creation and Mankind?

Q Read v1-7. What kinds of attacks against God and His word do we see in the dialogue between the Woman and The Snake? What ultimately persuades the Woman to eat the fruit?

Q How is this first sin similar to all sins that come after it?

Q Read v7-13. What are the immediate consequences of their sin? How do they respond to being “found out”?

Q Read v14-19. What are the long term consequences of their sin? How do we see these curses manifested in our world today?

Q Read v20-24. What becomes of Adam and Eve? Why do you think God makes clothes for them? How do v20 and v15 indicate that even amidst the utter disaster of what has happened there is hope?
Genesis is a book that gives us some really important foundations that will help us to understand all that comes after it in the scriptures. So it will be a very helpful exercise to take a look at how the New Testament authors apply what we have seen in the first 3 chapters to a situation in the local church that still applies today.

Q How has the relationship between men and women been affected by the curses described in Genesis 3? Where do we particularly see friction today?

Q Read v8 and v11-12. What are the instructions Paul is giving to men and women? What is the context in which these instructions are applied?

Q How do v1-2 help us understand what Paul means by “silence” / “quietness” in v11-12 (which translate the same word)?

Q Read the qualifications for church elders in chapter 3 v1-7. What are the only 2 skills that an elder needs? How does this connect with 2:12?

Q Read v13-14. What is the basis upon which Paul grounds his instructions? What does v14 NOT imply?

Q Why do you think we find Paul’s instructions in this chapter so controversial?