

Lesson 3
Study of Genesis
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My Notes:

Your Notes:

Genesis 2:7 - And YAHWEH Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground, and blew into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul.

-God formed man

-adam / adamah

-man is not divine; he is tied to the earth

-Man only becomes a living soul after God breathed into him

-Man is the bridge between heaven and earth

-nishmat chayim (breath of life)

5397 נְשָׁמָה [*nāshamah* /nesh-aw·maw/] n f. From 5395; TWOT 1433a; GK 5972; 24 occurrences; AV translates as “breath” 17 times, “blast” three times, “spirit” twice, “inspiration” once, and “souls” once. **1** breath, spirit. **1A** breath (of God). **1B** breath (of man). **1C** every breathing thing. **1D** spirit (of man).

2416 חַי, חַי, חַי, חַיָּה, חַיָּה, חַיָּה [*chay/khah·ee*] adj n m f. From 2421; TWOT 644a; GK 2644 and 2645 and 2646 and 2646 and 2651 and 2652 and 2653; 501 occurrences; AV translates as “live” 197 times, “life” 144 times, “beast” 76 times, “alive” 31 times, “creature” 15 times, “running” seven times, “living thing” six times, “raw” six times, and translated miscellaneously 19 times. **1** living, alive. **1A** green (of vegetation). **1B** flowing, fresh (of water). **1C** lively, active (of man). **1D** reviving (of the springtime). **2** relatives. **3** life (abstract emphatic). **3A** life. **3B** sustenance, maintenance. **4** living thing, animal. **4A** animal. **4B** life. **4C** appetite. **4D** revival, renewal. **5** community.

-nephesh chaya (living soul)

5315 נֶפֶשׁ [*nephesh* /neh·fesh/] n f. From 5314; TWOT 1395a; GK 5883; 753 occurrences; AV translates as “soul” 475 times, “life” 117 times, “person” 29 times, “mind” 15 times, “heart” 15 times, “creature” nine times, “body” eight times, “himself” eight times, “yourselves” six times, “dead” five times, “will” four times, “desire” four times, “man” three times, “themselves” three times, “any” three times, “appetite” twice, and translated miscellaneously 47 times. **1** soul, self, life, creature, person, appetite, mind, living being, desire, emotion, passion. **1A** that which breathes, the breathing substance or being, soul, the inner being of man. **1B** living being. **1C** living being (with life in the blood). **1D** the man himself, self, person or individual. **1E** seat of the appetites. **1F** seat of emotions and passions. **1G** activity of mind. **1G1** dubious. **1H** activity of the will. **1H1** dubious. **1I** activity of the character. **1I1** dubious.

-Greek thought

+Body -- doctor

+Mind -- psychiatrist

+Soul / Spirit -- preacher

-Hebrew thought

+embodied creature – no separation / it is all tied together (holistic)

-change soul / spirit to nephesh – the whole person

-God saves persons, not souls

-nephesh chaya – both words are feminine

+Gen 1:27 – And Elohim created the man in His own image; in the image of Elohim He created him. He created them male and female.

Genesis 1:28 - And Elohim blessed them; and Elohim said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the land, and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the seas, and over birds of the heavens, and over all beasts creeping on the earth.

-Adam was “put” in Eden

-To tend the garden

-What is in the garden?

+Tree of Life

+Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

- Why?

-The double predestination answer:

God set it all up so He could redeem us. His intention was so that we would sin, and millions and millions of people would be condemned eternally to Hell, so He could save a few of us and feel good about it. –Really?

To appoint; to call; to bring; to put; to change; to charge; to commit; to consider to convey; to determine

-All delegation actions

-God’s putting of Adam into the Garden is deliberate

-Paradise

-It is not about the trees

-It is about something else that is essential to being human

Genesis 2:9 - And out of the ground YAHWEH Elohim made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The Tree of Life was also in the middle of the garden; also the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

-Tree of Knowledge (in the midst)

-Tree of Life (in the center)

-To repeat a word, it shows the intensity

-Non-sensical?

+Does Adam know the difference between right and wrong?

-The “usual” understanding of the Tree of Knowledge is knowing the difference between right and wrong

-What is wrong – the text or my interpretation?

+It can’t be about the difference between right and wrong

+It has to be about something else!

+What is the story “really” about?

Freely eat

Connection? – “Don’t eat” and “I will make man a helper”
-Does the helper have something to do with the tree?
-This will help us understand the relationship to the Tree of Knowledge
-The whole story about Eve is about the Tree!

Alone?

-Is Adam alone?
-Why is it not good to be alone?

Tov

-Good
-Ordered
-Hebrew: covers the whole range – morally good, in balance, pleasing, in harmony, useful

Ezer kenegdo

-Gen 2:18 - And YAHWEH Elohim said, It is not good, the man being alone. I will make a helper suited to him.

Gen 2:20 - And the man called names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every animal of the field. But for a man, no helper suited to him was found.

Eve was formed – asher

<<Skip uses “asher” but the word for formed is “banah” - 1129 בָּנָה [banah /baw·naw/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 255; GK 1215; 376 occurrences; AV translates as “build” 340 times, “build up” 14 times, “builder” 10 times, “made” three times, “built again + 8735” twice, “repair” twice, “set up” twice, “have children + 8735” once, “obtain children + 8735” once, and “surely (inf. for emphasis)” once. 1 to build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue. 1A (Qal). 1A1 to build, rebuild. 1A2 to build a house (ie, establish a family). 1B (Niphal). 1B1 to be built. 1B2 to be rebuilt. 1B3 established (of restored exiles) (fig.). 1B4 established (made permanent). 1B5 to be built up (of childless wife becoming the mother of a family through the children of a concubine). >> <<asher means “which”>>

-Gen 2:22 - And YAHWEH Elohim formed the rib which He had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

-Eve is the first truly human person

Whatever it is Adam needs, has to come from himself

-Adam is androgynous up to this point

-Why is this necessary?

+Volunteer

-Adam does not name the ezer kenegdo

Gen 2:24 - Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall become one (echad, unified) flesh.

Davak (cling) - 1692 דָּבַק [*dabaq* /daw·bak/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 398; GK 1815; 54 occurrences; AV translates as “cleave” 32 times, “follow hard” five times, “overtake” three times, “stick” three times, “keep fast” twice, “... together” twice, “abide” once, “close” once, “joined” once, “pursued” once, and “take” once. **1** to cling, stick, stay close, cleave, keep close, stick to, stick with, follow closely, join to, overtake, catch. **1A** (Qal). **1A1** to cling, cleave to. **1A2** to stay with. **1B** (Pual) to be joined together. **1C** (Hiphil). **1C1** to cause to cleave to. **1C2** to pursue closely. **1C3** to overtake. **1D** (Hophal) to be made to cleave.

-stick together, glued

-not emotional

-voluntary and willful commitment

-We are taught:

+a woman needs a man (Bible tells us the opposite)

+a woman is given to a man in marriage (Bible says the opposite)

Ezer kenegdo

-two words

-ezer

+used 17-18 times

+is a description of God (a helper to Israel)

+used as a name several times: names of priests

+characteristics of ezer: protects, provides, guards, chastises, restores, warns, supports, sacrifices, leads, guides

+women have these roles?

+woman takes on the role of God in the relationship (she plays the same role as God does with Israel)

--Prov 31:11 – a man shall trust his wife and it will be prosperous to him.

--trust = batach

--used only one time as a positive relationship between two humans (this verse)

--all other uses: man will trust God

-linked together only one time (this verse): very important!

-kenegdo

+two prepositions hooked together

--ki (as or like)

--negdo (opposed)

+the helper who opposes me

+role?: to remind the man to be obedient to what God has told him

-whose helper?: God’s helper!

-her role is as priest in man’s life – spiritual guide/director