

# God's Design for Marriage

Week 2



Two gold wedding rings are shown, one slightly behind and to the left of the other, both resting on a white surface. The rings are simple, plain bands with a polished finish. The word "Homework?" is superimposed over the rings in a black, serif font, underlined.

# Homework?

# Review – Genesis 1 & 2

- Man and Woman are Equal before God: Both
  - Made in God's image to rule and subdue the earth
  - Sinners in need of redemption
  - Saved, both have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
  - Have equal access to God without going through a intermediary.

# Review

- Observations

- Adam was given the job of cultivator and keeper of the Garden;
- Adam commanded NOT to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil;
- God said that it was not good for Adam to be alone, that he needed a helper suitable for him.

# Review

## • KEY POINTS

1. Helper suitable means the wife has 2 characteristics:
  - a) She is perfect and unique for him;
  - b) She is placed conspicuously right in front of him.
2. Woman was created for the man, not the other way around.

# Review

- KEY POINTS

3. In Universalizing marriage, God gave husbands 2 commands:

- a) Leave his father and mother;
- b) Cleave to his wife.

- Neither Adam nor Eve were involved in the establishment of marriage.
- Marriage is God's idea; God assigns a wife to help a husband.

Two gold wedding rings are shown interlocking, symbolizing marriage. The rings are positioned in the center of the slide, with the text 'Genesis 3:1-24' overlaid on them.

# Genesis 3:1-24

# Observations: Genesis 3:1-5

- The serpent initiates the conversation using beguiling talk.
  - What does “beguiling” mean?
- What is in the serpents initial question that sounds like beguiling talk?



# Worksheet Answers

## 1. Deceiving

# Observations: Genesis 3:1-5

- What kind of answer does the serpent's question expect?
- Do you think the serpent has lowered Eve's guard?
  - For Example...

# Observations: Genesis 3:1-5

- Eve's Reply

- *“Oh no, it's not like that. We can eat from any tree but just not from the one in the middle of the garden. If we even touch it we will die.”*

- She knew about the command.

# Observations: Genesis 3:5

- Satan responds to Eve:
- Comforting reassurance – *You won't die!*
- Plants a seed of doubt by lying about God's motives – *God is trying to prevent you from seeing and knowing things and becoming like Him. You can be like God!*

# Worksheet Answers

1. Deceiving
2. Comforting, Seed

# Observations: Genesis 3:6

- Eve lets herself have a long look at the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil...
- Eve saw: Imperfect verb
  - Looked at
  - Examined
  - Inspected

# Observations: Gen. 3:6

## EVE

- Good for Food
- Delight to the Eyes
- Desirable to Make One Wise

## 1 John 2:16

- Lust of the Flesh
- Lust of the Eyes
- Boastful Pride of Life

# Observations: Genesis 3:6

- She **took** from its fruit and **ate**
- She **gave** also to her husband and he **ate**
- All of these verbs are in the imperfect tense
  - Repeated and/or ongoing action



# What Happened?

- Satan got her to look at the temptation
- Two Quotes to remember:
  1. “What you focus on gets bigger”
    - It is one big way that the flesh tries to stay in control of us.
    - It will influence how you think, feel and act.

# What Happened?

- “We do what we do because we want what we want.”
  - Corollary: Everything we do, whether we realize it or not, has a reason.
- Pastor Dan: “What we want is not necessarily bad, but am I willing to sin to get it?”

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# Worksheet Answers

1. Deceiving
2. Comforting, Seed
3. Bigger, Want

# What's Missing?



# Where Was Adam?

- He was standing right there.
  - He had been commanded by God
  - He was the caretaker of the Garden
  - Why didn't he say something?
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- Adam Failed.

# What were Adam's Options?

- Eat
- Walk away
- Obey God and say or do something



# Worksheet Answers

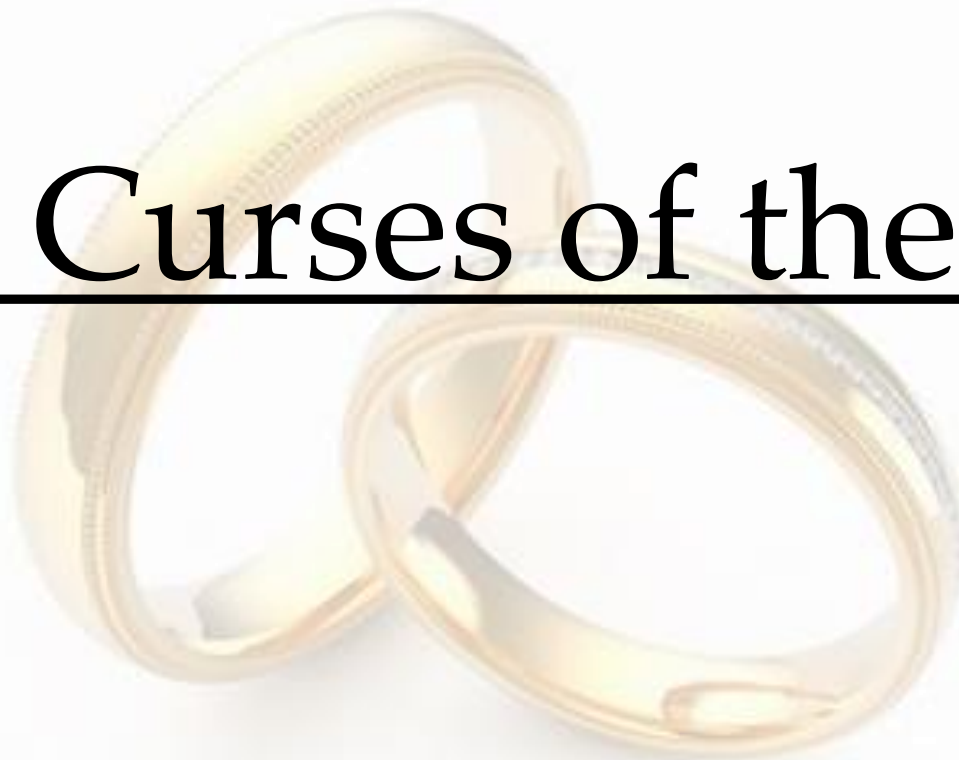
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4. Standing

# Who Has Overall Responsibility?

- Both Adam and Eve sinned; yet...
- Adam was not deceived, but Eve was and fell into transgression. (1 Tim 2:14)
- ...through one man (Adam), sin entered into the world... (Rom 5:12, 1 Cor 15:21-22)

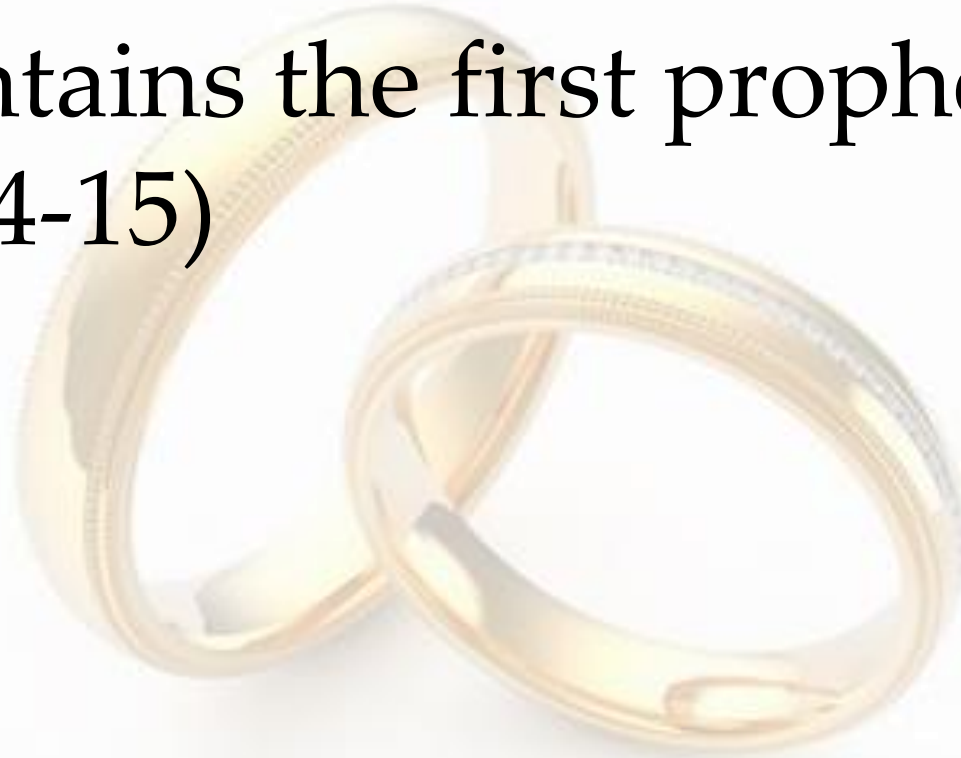


# The Curses of the Fall



# The Curses – Serpent, Satan

- Satan – Contains the first prophecy of the Christ (vv14-15)



# Worksheet Answers

1. Deceiving
2. Comforting, Seed
3. Bigger, Want
4. Standing
5. Christ

# The Curses – Eve Gen 3:16

- Hurting, painful, strenuous hardship and toil in pregnancy and delivery;
- In strenuously painful toil you will bring forth children;
- What should have been a beautiful, miraculous moment is now tarnished forever.

# The Curses – Eve Gen 3:16

- Your desire shall be for your husband (NASB)
- Your desire shall be contrary to your husband (ESV)
- He shall rule over you.

# The Curses – Adam Gen 3:17-19

- ...because you listened to the voice of your wife...
- ...and ate from the tree I told you not to...”
- Obedience to God above all things!

# The Curses – Adam Gen 3:17-19

- God curses the ground, not Adam;
- Only by strenuously painful toil will you eat of it all of your life;
- It will grow thorns, thistles for you
- Eat by the sweat of your brow
- Returning to dust when you die

## Epilogue: Gen 3:20-24

- Adam calls his wife Eve
- God makes garments for them
- God's grace prevents them from living forever in a fallen, sinful state.
- They were expelled to “cultivate the ground from which he was taken.”



Two gold wedding rings are positioned in the background, overlapping each other. The rings are simple, plain bands with a polished finish. They are set against a light, neutral background.

# What Can We Learn About Eve by Looking at the Curses on Her?

Two interlocking gold rings are positioned in the background, slightly out of focus. The rings are simple, smooth bands that overlap each other, symbolizing connection or a cycle.

# What Can We Learn About Adam by Looking at the Curses?

# The Curses on Adam and Eve

<b>MAN</b>	<b>WOMAN</b>
Ground Cursed	Multiplied Pain in Pregnancy and Birth
Strenuous Toil to Get Food	Painful, Strenuous Toil in Childbirth
Thorns and Thistles – Ground Will Not Naturally Offer Food	Desire Shall Be For Your Husband
Eat Bread by the Sweat of Your Face	Husband Will Rule Over You
You Will Return To The Dust	

# Key Points



# Key Point #1: Adam's Focus

- Worker/Caretaker
- Responsible Party
- Focus on work and income
- Problem Solving

## Key Point #2: Eve's Focus

- Family Relationships
  - Bearing Children
  - Important Relationship with Husband
  - Husband in Charge
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# KEY POINTS 1 & 2

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Problem Solving	Husband in Charge

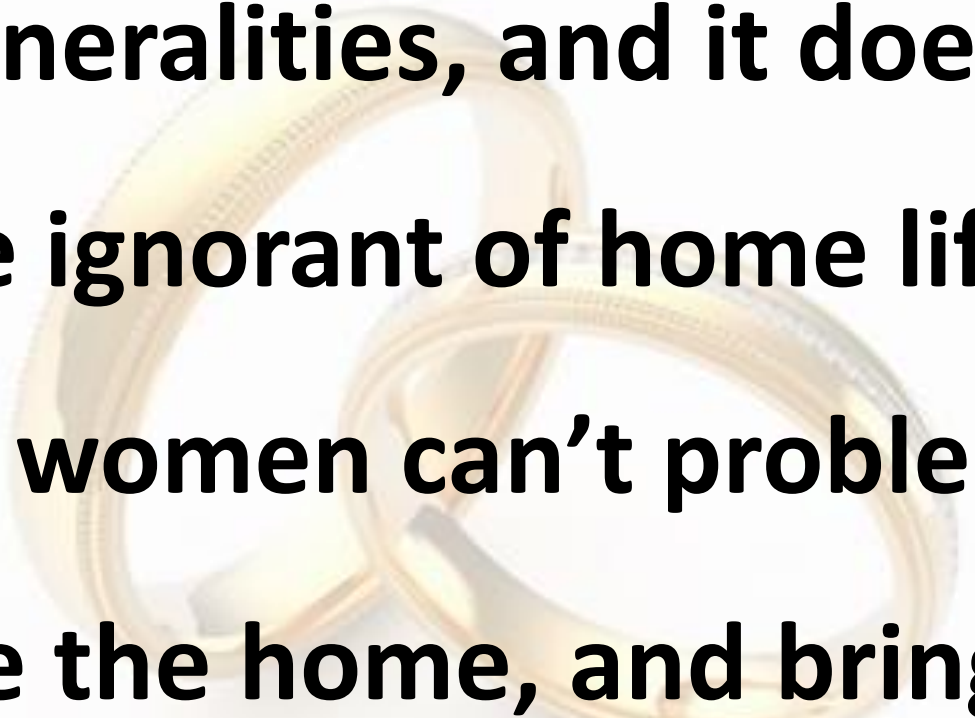
## Key Point #3

- The Curses only distorted and warped the original way Adam and Eve were created.
  - Adam's makeup as a worker was made harder.
  - Eve's focus on being Adam's helper was twisted.



# Key Point #4

- Shorthand for Male vs Female Thought Processes
  - Men: Mechanical Thinking
  - Women: Relational Thinking

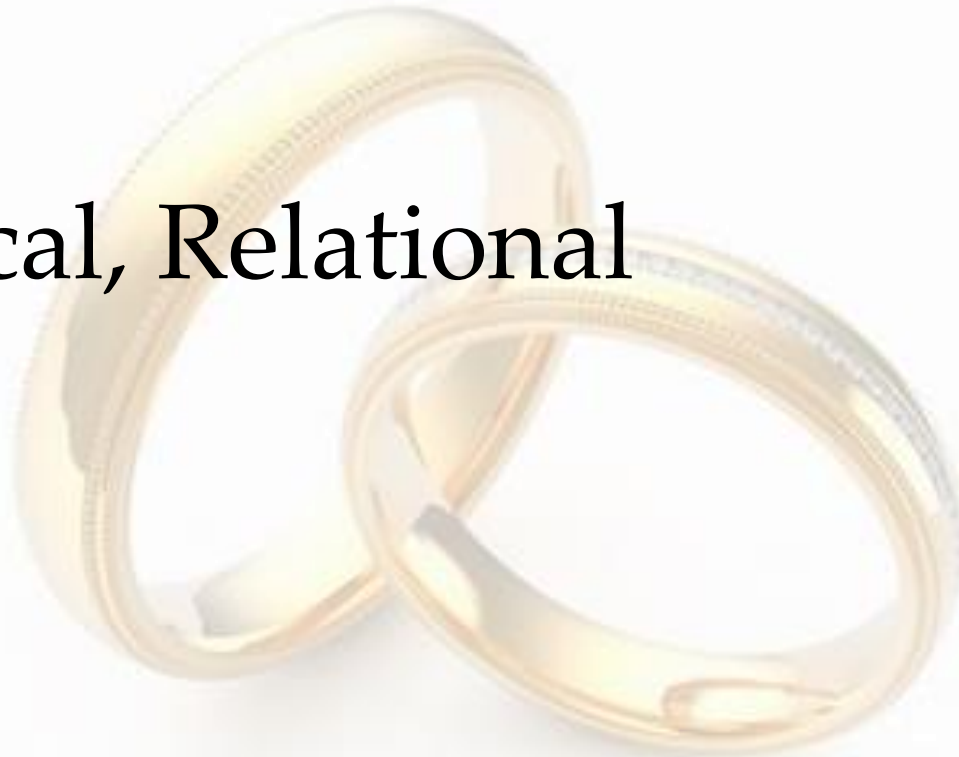
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**These are generalities, and it does not mean that men are ignorant of home life; not does it mean that women can't problem solve, work outside the home, and bring in income.**

# KEY POINTS #3 & #4

9. Original

10. Mechanical, Relational



# SUMMARY

- It is not good for the man to be alone.
- He needs a helper – a wife – designed uniquely for him who is placed right in front of him.
- God created men and women differently in what is important to them and in how they think.

# SUMMARY

- It is God who joins husband and wife together
- Their union sets up an interactive, complex relationship designed to help them grow to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

# Worksheet Answers

1. Deceiving
2. Comforting, Seed
3. Bigger, Want
4. Standing
5. Christ



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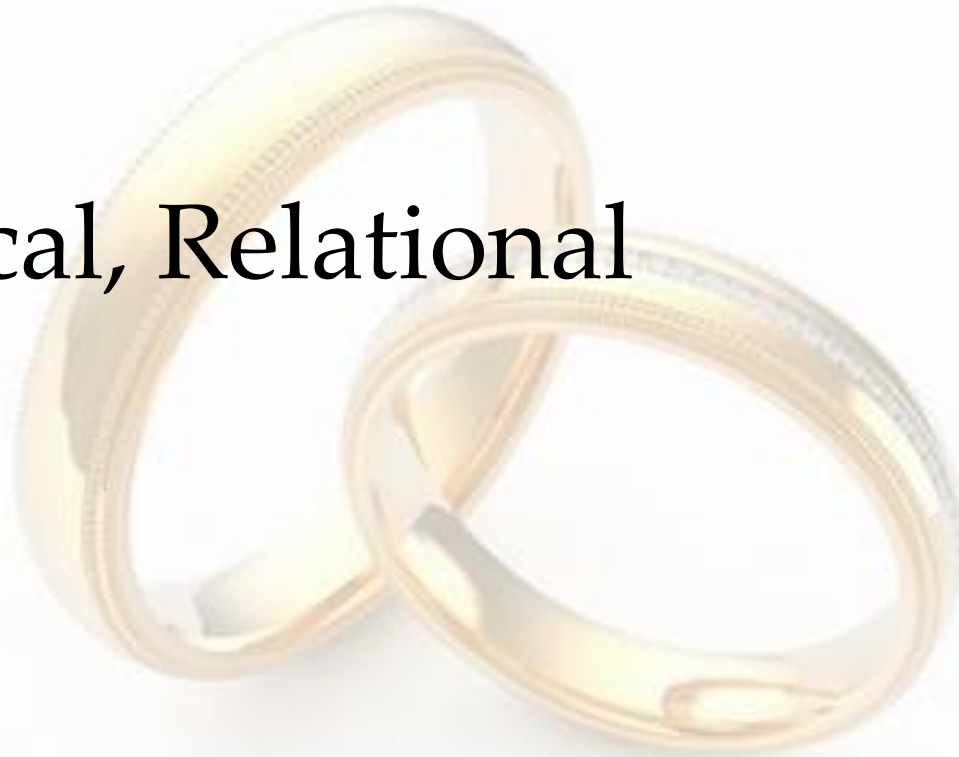
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# Worksheet Answers - SUMMARY

- Not good
- Uniquely, Right in Front
- Important, Think
- God
- Interactive, Conformed

