

## INI-SDG

In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

10.18.2009 Pentecost 20 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

**Intro/Children's Sermon:** Full cup of water (pass around)...

**Greeting:** Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from our Lord Jesus. Amen.

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**NIV Genesis 2:18-24** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

**Prayer:** Oh Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of ALL things, as You have created faith in our hearts continue by Your Holy Spirit to sustain our faith as we look to You as the only giver of both physical and spiritual life. Amen.

**Background:** (Turn to first chapter of the Bible) **In the beginning...**

1:1 Creation **General**... =  
(by His Word He created all things) (Heb 11:3) =

1:3-31 Creation **Specific**... =

1:27-28 Creation **General**... =

**2:18-24** Creation **Specific**... =

What do critics of the Bible believe about the first 2 chapters?

-Do you think? Last days? (2 Peter 3:1-7) =

-We focus this morning on the last part to NOT forget...

**2:18-24** God's Word on...

In looking at the text: **Theme** (is it obvious?): **He Knows Before You Ask Him!**

Theistic Evolution? =

-New born baby illustration =

AND...

**He Knows Before You Ask Him!**

...How else can this be true?

More examples in our text?

**V18** (still day 6 – creation **specific of mankind**) =

**V19-20** Was Adam a mentally challenged Neanderthal? =

1) Named animals...

2) Knew He was alone...

-God let Adam figure out what he was lacking...

-My wife...

**V21** For God's special creation (Adam) =

**V24** God inspired union = (**Matt 19:5**)

**1:27-28** (Creation **General** – God created them "male and female")

A) For the purpose of = \_\_\_\_\_ (**Acts 17:26**)

B) For the purpose of = \_\_\_\_\_

-Adam knew wife was (specifically) a special blessing **V22, 23**

**NOTE:** Not always A and B for each of us... Paul teaches (**1 Cor. 7:8-11; 32-35**)

-**ALL** may serve the Lord with gladness! If in need?... (**Matthew 6:8**)

(**Eph 5:29, 30**) YOUR Life = Guided by God's will (You are His child/flesh) \_\_\_\_\_!

-He knows...ask Him! Don't think He's capable of knowing? B.C. invite!

**THEME:** He Knows Before You Ask Him!

...How else can this be true?

More examples in our text? YES! In surrounding context...

How are we like Adam and Eve? =

**1st Promise of God** (**Genesis 3:15**)...

-To Defeat...

(**Gal 3:16**) ...

Fall into sin (God's immediate answer) =

**NOW WHAT? V18** man's helpmeet... excellent picture =

A) For the purpose of procreating...

B) For the purpose of tending to creation and God's plan

-Greatest teachings of the Word =

**Service focus:**

**Conclusion:** Take heart dear Christian! Whether you are...Married or single, a husband or wife, a brother or sister, a son or daughter...you are a Child of God! You are NOT alone. You have a purpose! You are God's special creation.

And....

*This peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.*

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(by His Word He created all things) (Heb 11:3) = from nothing

1:3-31 Creation **Specific**... = of each day of creation

1:27-28 Creation **General**... = of mankind

**2:18-24** Creation **Specific**... = of mankind (How'd He do it? -a special way!)

What do critics of the Bible believe about the first 2 chapters? ...contradicting

-Do you think? Last days? (2 Peter 3:1-7) ...follow own desires/willfully forget

-We focus this morning on the last part to NOT forget... Love of Heavenly Father

**2:18-24** God's Word on... **Creation Specific** of mankind

In looking at the text: **Theme** (is it obvious?): **He Knows Before You Ask Him!**

Theistic Evolution? =God created matter/started evolution process/walked away

-New born baby illustration =God prepared creation/brought (home) His child

AND... gave them every blessing!

## He Knows Before You Ask Him!

...How else can this be true?

More examples in our text?

**V18** (still day 6 – creation **specific of mankind**) = Adam (special) alone

**V19-20** Was Adam a mentally challenged Neanderthal? =No, Very intelligent!

1) Named animals... (according to their design and characteristics)

2) Knew He was alone... (nothing else in creation like him)

-God let Adam figure out what he was lacking... on his own

-My wife... does this all the time with me =]

**V21** For God's special creation (Adam) = God gave a special blessing (Eve)

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## THEME: He Knows Before You Ask Him!

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-Devil's temptation/The Fall into sin

How are we like Adam and Eve? =The MOST important comparison... **THEME!**

**1st Promise of God (Genesis 3:15)**... The Promised Seed of the woman

-To Defeat... SIN, DEATH, and the DEVIL (**Gal 3:16**) ...The Christ

**Fall into sin (God's immediate answer)** = A Promise... What? - A Savior

-Re...establishes our lost union with our Father through His blood

-Confession: Second Article (*What does this mean?*)

**NOW WHAT? V18 man's helpmeet** (excellent picture –not His need, but love)

-We are God's helpmeet (His Church) to support our Heavenly Father's will...

A) For the purpose of procreating... more Children of God -Share Word

B) For the purpose of tending to creation and God's plan

-Greatest teachings of the Word – Love God / Love Neighbor

**Service focus:** *Family life and the Salvation of others* (Re-Evaluate!)

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