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## God's Purpose in Marriage (2)

### The Genesis Account

- God creates mankind as male and female in His image (**Gen. 1:26-27**).
  
- God unites the man and the woman in a covenant of marriage—the two become one flesh (**2:24**).
  
- The unity and fellowship in marriage is a means of God's Self-revelation.
  - Who He is
  - How He is

### God's Self-revelation in Genesis 1-2

- *Elohim*—plural noun, with singular verbs.

- Plural pronoun (**v. 26**).

***Deut. 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One*

***Gen. 2:24** ...they [husband and wife] shall become **One** [echad]*

- The triad of the days of creation.

Day one, the creation of the *sky*>>**v.3-5** elaborated in **v.14-19**

Day two, the creation of the *sea*>>**v. 6-8** elaborated in **v. 20-23**

Day three, the creation of the *soil*>>**v. 9-13** elaborated in **v. 24-25**

- The triad use of the word “*created*” in **v. 27**.

- Three Divine Agents involved in Creation (**v. 1**)
  - “God” (**v. 1**)
  - “The Spirit of God” (**v. 2**)
  - “God said [the Word of God]” (**v. 3**)

- When we look at Genesis in the light of the Incarnation, we begin to see that there is a plurality within the One Being of God, not a singularity.

**Matt 3:16-17** *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

**Matt 28:18-19** *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name [singular] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*

In the One [**Deut.6:4**] Being of God, there exist three eternal, equal, distinct and Divine Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit [**Matt. 28:19**], each possessing the SAME nature, essence, substance and attributes.

- Their individual, but not unilateral roles:

**Eph. 1: 3-6 God** the Father wills our salvation

**Eph. 1:7-12 God** the Son purchases our salvation

**Eph. 1:13-14 God** the Spirit applies our salvation