

Study Questions:
“The Curse and the Cubicle” Part 2
Genesis 2:15-25

- 1) Adam was doing purposeful work while in the garden. What was that work? You may have discussed whether Adam thought his work was a job or a ministry. **READ** Genesis 2:15, 19-20a. What was Adam’s work? Do you agree he was created with work in mind? How do you justify your conclusions and are they Biblical?
- 2) **READ again** Genesis 2:15-20. What similarities are there between Genesis 2:18 and 2:20b? Both of these verses create “bookends” of sorts for what is in between them. What is the purpose of *literal* “bookends?” How would that knowledge inform us about the meaning of verses 18-20? Then, what is the point of verses 18-20? What exactly is the LORD God driving at?
- 3) What theme emerges in Genesis 2:18 and 20a? There were two ideas that were presented as possible meanings of the condition of Adam in those verses. What are they? **EXPLAIN** the difference between those two words. After carefully reviewing those verses and discussing the meaning of those words which word best fits the context of what is being put forth? (choose only one)
- 4) “GOD AUTHORIZED ADAM TO HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL THE EARTH.” Quickly explore again the ways in which Adam had dominion. Was dominion for the human race expunged once “all of us” showed up on earth? If yes, when did it happen? If you answered no then how do we continue to exercise dominion on earth today? If we believe “dominion” was true of the human race then why is it so difficult to grasp this principle now?
- 5) The LORD God gave the human race two directives after they were created. What were they? (cf. Genesis 1:28)
- 6) What is the connection between “work” and marriage? In other words, why did God create a woman? Why did the Lord not create another man to be a helper “fit” for Adam? Does this understanding of God’s commissioning of

the human race help to better understand the purpose of marriage? Does this in any way diminish the dominion a “single person” would have in this existence? In other words, would a single person still have God given dominion?