

GOD CREATES THE FAMILY

Lesson 4, Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1, 2, KJV

FAMILY

In Genesis 2 and 4, God clearly delineates what a family looks like. There is a husband, a wife, and ideally children, to continue God's plan to fill the earth with people to glorify Him. Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel are an example, the first example, the precedent.

With the many genealogical listings the Spirit provides in the Word, God emphasizes the importance of family in His plans. See those provided for Jesus, the second Adam, in Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38. Use these Scriptures to put the following names in correct chronological order to finish each sentence: Abraham, Adam, Boaz, David, Isaac, Jacob, Jesse, Judah, Noah, Seth, Shem.

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| 1. He worked through the family of _____. | 6. Then He worked through the family of _____. |
| 2. Then He worked through the family of _____. | 7. Then He worked through the family of _____. |
| 3. Then He worked through the family of _____. | 8. Then He worked through the family of _____. |
| 4. Then He worked through the family of _____. | 9. Then He worked through the family of _____. |
| 5. Then He worked through the family of _____. | 10. Then He worked through the family of _____. |
| | 11. Then He worked through the family of _____. |

Then He worked through the family of Mary and Joseph (both descended from David, but from different sons) to bring Jesus into the world by means of a virgin birth.

Now you have a historical overview of God's history to bring about the second Adam, Jesus.

How will you allow God to work through your family?

TWO SEXES

A sin-corrupted world wants to throw off the concept of two sexes. It wants to alter God-revealed relationships between the two He created and declared "very good." Look at each of these texts and write a short truth revealed.

Genesis 1:27 _____	Genesis 2:22 _____
Genesis 4:1 _____	Genesis 5:1, 2 _____
Leviticus 20:10 _____	Romans 1:20, 26, 27 _____

ANOTHER FAMILY

Though the New Testament continues its picture of the ideal family and interrelationships with its members, it speaks also of another family, the church fellowship. But the purpose remains the same: to glorify God. Look at Ephesians 5:22-6:4 for the Spirit's comparison of the family to the church. What resembles the physical family in the spiritual family? What is different?

SIMILARITIES

Love is the guiding principle.

DIFFERENCES

The human family has "spots and blemishes."
