

FOUNDATIONS

for

HUMAN

Flourishing

REVIEW

The Temple in Eden (Genesis 2:4–17)

Humanity's original home, Eden, wasn't just a garden; it was a *temple*, revealing that God designed human life to be lived with him—in his presence.

Marriage in Eden (Genesis 2:18–25)

Understanding God's good design for human relationships—especially his design for marriage—is crucial for human flourishing.

Scripture Reading

GENESIS 2:15–17

1. What's going on in Genesis 2:15–17?

To *know* of good and evil is to *determine* good and evil, “an assertion of human autonomy.”

A covenant refers to binding promises between people that define their relationship.

This is a binding covenant in which “the punishment, sadly, fits the crime.”

THE MAIN POINT

God designed humans to have a relationship with him through binding covenant promises. You can't relate with God (and have no chance of human flourishing) if there's no covenant binding you and God.

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2. How does the covenant in Genesis 2:15–17 relate to the temple (verses 4-14) and to marriage (verses 18-25)?
 - The covenant in Eden gave access to the Temple.
 - The covenant in Eden is what the covenant of marriage most significantly reflected.

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“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence.”

— U. S. Supreme Court, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 1992

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4. How does this covenant in Eden relate to Jesus?

Jesus can fix what's broken with humanity.
He can restore us so that we can flourish.
How? By obeying like Adam never did
then replacing the covenant Adam broke.