

Week 2: The Making of Man

Title: The Making of Man

Objective:

- Bible Study Technique: Typology
- Man is made in the Image of God according to the Likeness of God
- How did God make man?
 - From dust
 - From man's rib, God made woman
- Garden of Eden
- Importance and Sanctity of Marriage
- Adam as a Type of Christ

Resources:

- Fr Daoud Lamei on the Character of Adam
 - Arabic with English notes below
 - <https://notes.morcous.com/books/genesis/page/character-of-adam-genesis-1-3>
- Fr Tadros Yacoub Malaty - Genesis Commentary
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/zpat4ujj5q6p7o6/Genesis%20%28Small%29%20-%20Father%20Tadros%20Yacoub%20Malaty.pdf?dl=0> (Short one)
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/f6o1ujr3kcj7wxm/Genesis%20-%20Father%20Tadros%20Yacoub%20Malaty.pdf?dl=0> (More Details)
- St Gregory on the Making of Man
 - <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/2914.htm>

Reading:

- Genesis 1:26-31
- Genesis 2:7-25

Structure:

- Read Genesis 1:26-31
 - The Image and Likeness of God
 - The Dominion of Man over Creation
 - The Commandment to be fruitful and multiply
- Read Genesis 2:7
 - What are the differences between man and animal?

- Image of God
- Breath of Life
- Holy Spirit
- Read Genesis 2:8-14
 - Garden of Eden - where is it? Is it real? Is it on earth?
 - What is the tree of life? Connection to the Eucharist
 - What is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
 - What are the rivers? Connection to Baptism
- Read Genesis 2:15-17
 - Why did God give a commandment?
 - Free Will
- Read Genesis 2:18-25
 - This is the first time God says "it is not good" after many "it is good" and "it is very good" - this is the importance of marriage in the sight of God
 - Adam's Sovereignty by naming all the animals
 - Woman and Man
 - Marriage and One Flesh
- Adam as a Type of Christ
 - "Adam is a type of Him who was to come" (Romans 5:14)
 - It may be good to pick and choose from these... there are also many more out there but these are just some.
 - <https://notes.morcous.com/books/genesis/page/adam-as-a-type-of-christ>

Key Verse:

- "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27)

Review questions:

1. What are the two components man is made of? **Dust and the Breath of Life**
2. Who is the Tree of Life? **The Lord Jesus Christ that we eat in the Eucharist**
3. What does the river in the garden foreshadow? **Baptism leading to eternal life**
4. Why did God have to give man a commandment/law? **To give man free-will**
5. What is the first thing that God said was "not good"? **For man to be alone and without a comparable helper**
6. Who is of more value, men or women? **Both are equal in rank and value**
7. Does God make any compromises for marriage outside of a man and a woman? **No**

8. Does God leave any room for interpretation of one's gender? **No**

9. What sacrament is explicitly mentioned in this chapter? **Matrimony**

Homework:

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