

STEP 4

The Edenic covenant

KEYWORDS: EVERYTHING BEGAN IN EDEN... IT WAS VERY GOOD!



How did the Edenic Covenant begin?
With whom did the Lord establish this covenant?
What is the central element of this covenant?

God bless you! In Step 3, we answered the first question: why did the Lord say that it was not good for the man to be alone? We left one question pending; let us recall it:



Why, at the end of creation, does the Lord say, "it was very good"?

Read Genesis 1:31 (Underline "it was very good"):

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was very good*. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

- What was the last thing God created? _____
- What was the last thing God did after creating the woman? (Read Genesis 2:22-24):

The last thing God created was the woman, and the last thing He did was to perform the marriage of Adam and the woman whom He granted Adam as a complementary helper, or

a helper comparable to him; therefore, when God said that He saw that everything He had made was very good, He was referring to the final events: the creation of the woman from Adam's rib, the blessing of marriage, and the promises of the Edenic Covenant. Let us look at these events through the relationship between the verses of Genesis 1 and 2:

(1) God created the woman from Adam's rib.

²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. (Genesis 2. NKJV).

(2) God brought the woman to Adam.

²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (Genesis 2. NKJV).

(3) God blessed them and united them in marriage.

²⁸ Then God blessed them... (Genesis 1. NKJV).

(4) Adam's Declaration on the Great Mystery.

²³ And Adam said:

"This *is* now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2. NKJV).

(5) God gave the promises of the Edenic Covenant to the newly formed marriage.

Read Génesis 1: 28. Underline "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it":

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (NKJV).

- Write the promises that the Lord gave Adam and his wife through marriage: _____

Let us look at these promises:

The promise of holy descendants

This promise appears at the head of the covenant because it is the main one, as we saw in the Discipleship "The King's eternal promises." It is the aim of the great mystery of the union of the man and the woman in one flesh, in marriage, just as Malachi 2:15 affirms. Read, underline "he might seek offspring of God," and answer the questions below:

¹⁵ And did he not make one, having in himself abundance of *the* Spirit? And why one? That he might seek offspring of God...

- What does the prophet mean when he says, "did He not make one"? _____

- What is the purpose of God's plan to make man and woman one flesh in marriage? _____

- What does "offspring of God" mean? _____

- Could Adam and his wife give an offspring of God? Why? _____

When the prophet says that God "made them one," he is referring to Genesis 2:24, where Adam made the declaration of the great mystery according to which the husband and the wife are one flesh. The prophet Malachi explains why God instituted the great mystery of the husband and the wife as one; this reason is that He wanted holy descendants for

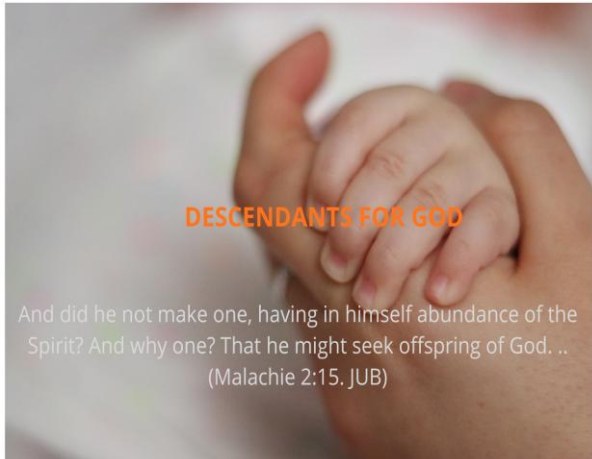
Himself. We know that Adam and Eve were never able to fulfill this divine purpose because of sin; their offspring were born under the curse of sin and death, separated from God. Humanity has never been able to fulfill this purpose of God of holy and eternal descendants, as the Lord established it within the Edenic Covenant, and for which He declared, after saying that the creation was good, that it was very good.

VERY GOOD!

We know that this declaration, "very good," refers to the creation of the woman and to her union with the man in one flesh in marriage, because God had previously stated that it was not good for the man to be alone, that is, to be only one part and not to have his complement.

To say that in the Eternal Kingdom God will change His purposes and plans concerning marriage — because some claim that there will no longer be marriages — is to say that what God declared was not good, before sin in Eden, for a holy, eternal, immortal, sinless man, will then become something good for all eternity.

Nevertheless, we know that God is immutable, faithful, and true, and does not change, because His Word is eternal (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Psalm 102:25-27; Isaiah 40:8; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 1:10-12; 6:17-18; 13:8; James 1:17). If God affirmed from the beginning that it was not good for man to be alone—that is, without a woman with whom he would become one flesh—this cannot be changed, because it is the Word of God.



The conclusion is that it will never be good for the man to be only one part, to be alone without being joined to a woman in one flesh in marriage, to bring forth offspring of God.

The abundance of Spirit of which the prophet Malachi speaks refers to the Holy Spirit of God, who is the Spirit of life, and who will continue to operate with great power in the holy and eternal offspring that will multiply for the ages and the ages, within the great mystery, that is, the union in one flesh between the man and the woman as husband and wife within marriage. The Eternal Kingdom will be an empire of life, of abundance, and an explosion of life manifested in the fruitfulness and multiplication of the descendants. And this is only possible through the **great mystery** by which God made two into one, and through the **great mystery** of godliness, the Redemptive work of Christ. We will speak about this in the next Step.

LET US PRAY TO OUR GOD !

*Eternal Father
King of glory,
we praise You, we bless You.
You are holy and mighty, my Lord.
Thank you for the abundance of spirit.
Thank you for Your Word
and Your eternal promises.
Thank you for Your purposes,
which You will fulfill, because You are faithful
and true.
You never change.
Come, Lord, come!
I pray in the name of Jesus.*

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AMEN!

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My shelter of hope. YouTube. Ministerio Berea Barranquilla.
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