

What is the Relationship Between God and Man?  
(God planted a garden)

Genesis 2:4-25

Key Verse: 8

*“Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.”*

\* MAN AND THE GARDEN (4-14)

1. With which day of creation does chapter 2 seem to be primarily concerned? Read verse 5. How does this verse lead up to the creation of man?
2. Read verse 7. How did God create man? What is the source of man's life and value? What does it mean to be a living being?
3. Read verses 8-14. Describe the garden which God planted for man. How did God provide for man's happiness? What are the “tree of life” and the “tree of knowledge of good and evil”? What do these verses tell us about God?

\* ADAM'S BIBLE (15-17)

4. Read verses 15-17. What work did God give man to do in the garden? How does this relate to man's mission in 1:28? What did God command the man? How does God's command give man real freedom? How do God's commands suggest the relationship between God and men? What were the consequences about which God warned man?

\* GOD ESTABLISHES THE FAMILY (18-25)

5. Read verse 18. Why did God say, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”? Read verses 19-20a. How was man fulfilling his mission as the steward of the world? Why could no suitable helper be found among the animals? Read verses 21-22. How did God provide a co-worker for Adam and why is the woman suitable? How does God confirm and establish the family?
6. Read verses 23-25. How did Adam receive the woman? What is marriage in God's point of view? (Mk 10:6-9) What does this verse suggest about the relationship between a man and a woman? What does this chapter teach us about the relationship between God and man?