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WOMAN'S GOD-GIVEN VALUE – LESSON 1
ADAM – ISH – AND ISHA

Who is man? Who is woman? Do we truly understand? Let us answer these questions by going to the very beginning, Genesis Chapters 2 and 3 where God created us.

There are three creation words we need to understand: 'adam, ish, and isha.

First however, we consider God's name. Chapter one uses only Elohim. The "im" suffix is plural in meaning as the entire trinity worked together in creation of Earth and its living entities. (Genesis 1:1 – 2:3).

Starting with Genesis 2:4, the name changes to Jehovah Elohim (YHWH Elohim) making the name Jehovah (Yahweh) a special unique meaning to the human race He was creating. It is the redemptive name to His covenant people. It becomes personal to us in revealing Father, Son, and Spirit.

Genesis 2:5 speaks of all the plants and herbs of the field, but there was *"not a man to till the ground."* The English word for "man" here is the Hebrew word <u>'adam</u>. This was the word for a human being, the beginning of a race of living physical beings created as body, soul, and spirit after the likeness of Elohim (Genesis 1:26).

Genesis 1:27 says God (Elohim) created 'adam (mankind) as male and female. So 'adam was not a designation for a male only, neither was it the personal given name for the first man God created from dust.

The first man was later called by the personal name "Adam" by human choice. The name 'adam applies to the entire human race born on earth. All of 'adam is born into sin. Jesus (Messiah) is the "second 'adam" who came from above (heaven) as the sinless 'adam that came to redeem the sinful race of 'adam.

So, if Adam ('adam) is the name of all humans, male or female, how do we distinguish individual human beings and how do we distinguish male from female? More later on that!

Further proof that "Adam" ('adam) included both sexes can be seen in Genesis 2:7. *"And Jehovah Elohim took the 'adam* (from wherever he had been created) *and put into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it."* English translation says God "put him into the garden" but the original Hebrew does not say "him." That was added by translators.

Tomorrow we shall discuss the "help" that was created from a rib bone. We shall learn of ish and isha, male and female of the race of 'adam.