



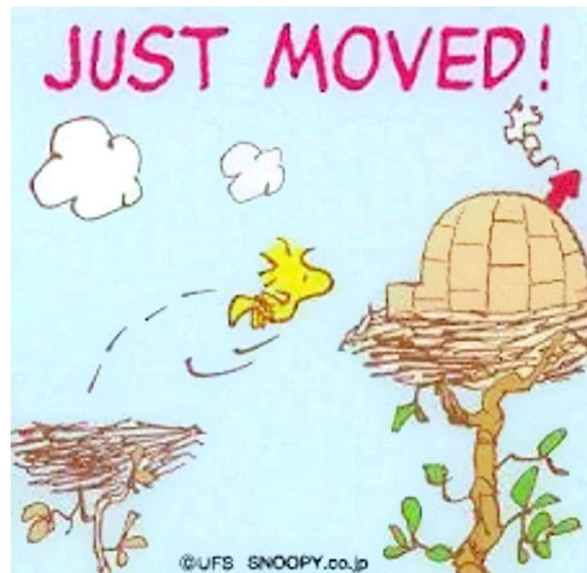
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**What is the
hardest part
of moving?**



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RELATIONSHIPS ON THE NEW EARTH

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SCRIPTURE

- ❖ GENESIS 2:18, 21-22, 24
- ❖ 1 JOHN 3:2
- ❖ REVELATION 19:6-9
- ❖ MATTHEW 22:30
- ❖ EPHESIANS 5:31-32

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GOD'S CREATION



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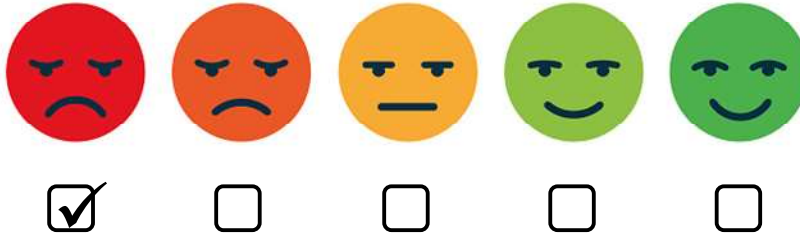
What was God's
ASSESSMENT
of his creation?

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Was there anything
“NOT GOOD”
about creation at first?

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GOD'S ASSESSMENT



What one thing was "not good" in God's own words?

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NEED IDENTIFIED

GENESIS 2:18

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him."

What was "not good" in God's own words?

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How did God address **ADAM'S NEED** in the garden?

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NEED ADDRESSED

GENESIS 2:21-22

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. ²²Then the LORD **God made** the rib he had taken from the man into a **woman** and brought her to the man.

What was God's remedy?

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Why did God create
WOMAN (EVE)
in the beginning?

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What does that tell you about human
COMPANIONSHIP
from God's perspective?

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WE NEED OTHERS

Will that change
in Heaven?

- ❖ God made us to desire earthly things such as food, water, shelter, warmth, work, play, rest, human friendships, and much more.
- ❖ God also created us with a built-in need for close personal relationships with other human beings.

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Will there be
CONTINUITY
from this life to the next?

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POST-RESURRECTION CONTINUITY

After His resurrection, Jesus picked up right where he left off with relationships.

- He knew Mary and she recognized Him (John 20:16)
- The Disciples recognized Him along the seashore (John 21:1-14)
- Two disciples recognized Him on the road to Emmaus (John 24:31)
- Five hundred people recognized Him in one gathering (1 Cor. 15:6)
- Even doubting Thomas finally recognized Him (John 20:24-29)

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Yes, but that was the
RISEN JESUS
 we are not Him?

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WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

1 JOHN 3:2

Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that **when he appears,** **we will be like him** because we will see him as he is.

Will we pick up where we left off?

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FAMILIES & FRIENDSHIPS

Okay, but what about marriage?

- ❖ Receiving a glorified body and relocating to the New Earth doesn't erase history, it culminates history.
- ❖ Nothing will negate or minimize the fact that we were members of families on the old Earth.
- ❖ Nothing will erase the friendships we formed with Believers on earth.

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Will there be

MARRIAGE

in Heaven, on the New Earth?

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MARRIAGE IN HEAVEN

MATTHEW 22:30

"At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

Why?

What happens after the Rapture but before the Resurrection?

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ETERNAL MARRIAGE

REVELATION 19:6-9

⁶Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying, Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! ⁷Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory, because **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has prepared herself.** ⁸She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure. For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to **the marriage feast of the Lamb!**"

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MARRIAGE FIRST CENTURY CUSTOMS

Ancient Wedding Customs:

- 1. The Engagement/Betrothal:** a contract was signed by the parents of the bride and the groom with a dowry paid.
- 2. The Wedding:** Usually a year later, the groom went to the house of the bride at midnight. The bride would know in advance this was going to happen and she would be ready. They would end up at the groom's home.
- 3. The Marriage Supper:** The feast following the wedding might go on for days, as illustrated by the wedding at Cana in John 2:1-2.



The Rapture



In heaven before
the Second Coming

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MARRIAGE IN HEAVEN

MATTHEW 22:30

"At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

There won't be marriage after the Second Coming because Christ will have already married his bride (the Church).

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"The purpose of marriage is not to replace Heaven, but to prepare us for it."

Drake Whitchurch

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Have you
RSVP'd for the
wedding!

- ❖ In Heaven, on the New Earth, we will be forever united with Christ – bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, created in His image and saved by His sacrifice.
- ❖ He is the Alpha and the Omega, and He alone is sufficient to meet all our needs.
- ❖ Yet God designed us for relationships, not only with Himself but also with others of our kind.
- ❖ Jesus affirmed that the greatest commandment was to love God, but that the second, inseparable from the first, was to love our neighbor. (Matthew 22:37-39)
- ❖ There will be continuity in Heaven, we will know our believing family and friends and their/our story.
- ❖ And all of us will be part of one big happy family with Christ as the head, for all eternity.

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1. What is Heaven?
2. Is the Present Heaven Our Eternal Home?
3. The Resurrection of Earth
4. The Resurrection of Believers
5. The Resurrection of our Deeds
6. Seeing the Earth Restored
7. Seeing God Face to Face
8. Dwelling with God
9. Worship on the New Earth
10. Ruling & Reigning on the New Earth
11. Relationships on the New Earth
12. Animals on the New Earth
13. Living in Light of Eternity

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ANIMALS ON THE NEW EARTH

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