

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"The Creation Of Eve"**  
**Genesis 2:18-23**  
**Study-11**

**Genesis 2:22**

**God's Creation of Eve, "The First Woman," Fills The Void of Adam For Companionship.**

**Note God's Provision – Divine Initiative:**

**18 "Then the LORD God said,"**

**19 "LORD God formed"**

**22 "The LORD God fashioned"**

**22 "The LORD God brought her to the man."**

**"Woman was made for man; she was made from man; and she was given to man, the greatest of God's gifts." Later named by man.**

**1 Corinthians 11:7 but the woman is the glory of man.**

**Genesis 2:4-25 is "The Beginning of The Fall Story"**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "God Saw Man's Need Of Companionship So God Created Woman, Thus Creating The Institution Of Marriage"

**1. Verses 18-20 Man's Incompleteness**

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**1. Verses 18-20 Man's Incompleteness:**

**Genesis 2:18 "Then - Context - Genesis 1:1-2:3** gives the record of the seven days of creation. Then in **Genesis 2:4-25**, Moses gave the details of God placing Adam in the garden to be a "Gardner and Guardian" **Genesis 2:15-17**

**Observations About "God & Marriage"**

**The Very First Word On Marriage Came From God: Then the Lord God said - We need to note that God is the one speaking here!**

**God Declared Man's Aloneness was Not Good: Genesis 2:18 LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone;**

**Genesis 1:4,10,12,18,21,25 And God saw that the light was good;**  
**Six times God saw ... "was good"**

**Genesis 1:31 "And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good."**

7<sup>th</sup> time ... **"It was very good"**

**LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone;**

The word **good** – *"that which is appropriate and fitting within the purpose of creation"* **not good** – *"absence of something good, substantial deficiency, unfinished."*

**for the man to be alone** - (Hebrew) *"not good man's aloneness"*

**Marriage Is God's Solution To Man's Aloneness: I will make him a helper suitable for him**

**This Is The General Rule For Humanity. 1 Corinthians 7:7-8**

**Marriage Started With God Being First In Adams Life:** *God could have created Adam and Eve simultaneously, but He didn't. God was first to Adam*

**God Promised To Provide For Adam's Need: I will make him a helper.** God did - **Genesis 2:22** - God brought Eve to Adam.

**Genesis 24:63-67** - Rebekah was brought to Isaac.

**Marriage Is God's Plan To Compensate For Our Weakness: helper suitable for him** –

**helper** - the word **helper** is not a demeaning term at all. It was used of God who is referred to as Israel's **"helper"** **Exodus 18:4; Deuteronomy 33:7; 1 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 20:2; 46:1** *Used to describe a "Physician"*

**suitable for him** – *"I will make him a helper comparable to him, over-against, counterpart." The Hebrew carries the idea of God making "a helpmate opposite him" or "as in front of him"*

**God Chooses The Opposites:**

**Through Marriage, God Wants To Compensate For Our Weaknesses:**

**Men Masculinity** – Adam was created first. He is responsible to provide and care for. Hebrew culture, firstborn. Adam named the animals and was given authority. When Adam and Eve sinned, God called out Adam. (Initiated, spiritual leadership, setting direction) called to lead!

**Men** – loving, honorable leader, priest, protector, and provider.

**Wife - Femininity** Should offer joy, support/submit, and wisdom.

Compliment him, and help him become the best leader, husband, father, and minister.

**Genesis 2:19 Further details of the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation: Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field Genesis 1:24-25**

**Further details of the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation: and every bird of the sky, Genesis 1:20**

**Out of the ground the LORD God formed in Genesis 1** God spoke and it was done.

**and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;**  
This reveals yet again that man was made in the likeness and image of God. **Genesis 1:26-27**

**and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.**  
The authority by God entrusted to man to give a permanent name to the animal kind. What language?

**Genesis 2:20 but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him – God gave Adam a research project.**

**Through this process, the man discovers some truths.**

**Adam realized that his helper was much more than a beast of burden: Appreciate her!** his need for a helper and companion.

**Adam had Rulership but lacked companionship: not found a helper -**  
*"to always be at hand, one to look upon with pleasure - help - near him."*

**Genesis 1:27 male and female He created them. The Bible is clear on the equality of the sexes: men and women are equal.**  
**Equality –Galatians 3:28**

**God wanted suitable companionship for Adam, so He gave him a wife.**

## **2. Verses 21-23 Man's Completeness:**

**Genesis 2:21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept -**

**Genesis 15:12 - Abraham - deep sleep – So God could speak to him!**

**Daniel 8:18; 10:9 – Daniel - deep sleep - God could reveal what must be done.**

**Adam slept/rested so that God could work. (Adam's Example - of God revealing to Him his need. Then Adam resting in God and allowing God To Meet his need)**

**then He took one of his ribs** – Adam was put to sleep, and his side opened that he might have a wife, but Jesus died on a cross, and His blood shed that He might have a bride, the church (**John 19:33–37**).

Man made from dust - **Genesis 2:7** Woman taken from man. Not Cultural

**1 Corinthians 11:7**

**Paul believed in Genesis 1-2 as God's Word. 1 Corinthians 11:8-9, 12**

**and closed up the flesh at that place – Part of the man was taken, but he was not a loser but gained greatly.**

**Genesis 2:22 fashioned - "build, made" into a woman the rib -**

**Marriage Is A Male and female Union: woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.**

**God Officiated The First Marriage: brought her to the man.**

**Hebrews 13:4**

**2 Corinthians 6:14**

**God created man, saw the need of man, made the woman, put the two together, performed the first wedding.**

**I don't Know If I Married The Right Person? Matthew 19:6**

**Genesis 2:23 The man said .... First Recorded Words Spoken By Man! "This is now" – literally shouts "this is it, the one!" expressive - physical attraction! Poetic!**

**bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,** - she was taken from the man

**she shall be called woman,** Hebrew "*isha*" **because she was taken out of man – man - Hebrew "*ish*"**

**Application: The Benefits Of A Marriage God's Way:**

- 1. Mutual Effort - Eccl 4:9**
- 2. Mutual Support - Eccl 4:10**
- 3. Mutual Encouragement - Eccl 4:11**
- 4. Mutual Strength - Eccl 4:12**