

**“Marriage Matters”**  
**“Marriage By God’s Design”**  
**Genesis 2:18-25**  
**Session #5 – Sunday, August 14, 2016, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

**The Problem Is Not With Marriage! But with person’s attempting to live “Happily Ever After, Without God and His Directives!”**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** “God Saw Man’s Need For Companionship, So He Created Marriage, In Which Two People Become One.”

- 1. Verse 18 – God Created Marriage**
- 2. Verses 19-23 – God Brings Us Together**
- 3. Verses 24-25 – God Builds Us Together**

**1. Verse 18 – God Created Marriage:**

Genesis 2:18

“Then” – Context is Genesis 1:1-2:3; gives the record of the seven days of creation. Then in Genesis 2:4-25, He gives the details of the creation of man.

“the Lord God said” – We need to note that God is the one speaking here!

“It is not good...” – Genesis 1:4; Genesis 1:10; Genesis 1:12; Genesis 1:18; Genesis 1:21; Genesis 1:25; Genesis 1:31.

Genesis 2:18 – “It is not good for the man to be alone;” – This Is The General Rule For Humanity. 1 Corinthians 7:7-8

“it is not good for the man to be alone” – (Hebrew) “not good man’s aloneness.” This is God’s observation.

**What Is God’s Purpose For Marriage? “not good for the man to be alone”** – Marriage was created for the purpose of Companionship.

**Note: God Was First In Adam’s Life.**

**You Will Never Love Your Spouse More Than When You Love And Place God First!**

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”** – “one designed specifically for you, one that coincides.” One that fills the void!

## **2. Verses 19-23 – God Brings Us Together:**

Genesis 2:19-20

“but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him” – All the other animals had mates but not Adam.

**Through this process, the man discovers at least 3 truths:**

- 1. Adam realized that woman was not to be a beast of burden.**
- 2. Adam realized that the woman was not a biological laboratory for producing children.**
- 3. Adam realized through his search that he should appreciate the woman.**

**Man had Ruler-ship over the world but lacked companionship!**

“not found a helper” – “to always be at hand, one to look upon with pleasure – help – near him.”

Genesis 2:21

Genesis 15:12 – Abraham – deep sleep – So God could work! (Stand Back)

Daniel 8:18; 10:9 – Daniel – deep sleep – God showed what must be done. (Direction)

Man made from dust – Genesis 2:7 – Woman taken from man. Not Cultural But Creation!

1 Corinthians 11:3

1 Corinthians 11:7-9

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

Genesis 2:22

“fashioned (“build, made”) into a woman the rib”

Marriage Is A Male & Female Union: “woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.”

**Anyone that sets aside God’s Word, the basis for Sound Christian Doctrine, also sets aside Sound Christian Living.**

Marriage Is All About God – God Officiated The First Marriage: “brought her to the man.”

**The only person that you should marry is the one that you know God has brought to you! (That means that it will never be a nonbeliever! 2 Corinthians 6:14)**

**A believer that marries a non-believer is saying, “Its more important that you give yourself to me than to give yourself to God!” (More important that you belong to me than that you belong to God)**

Matthew 19:6

Genesis 2:23

“The man said...” – “This is now” – literally “this is it!”; expressive – physical attraction!

“bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh,” – She was taken from the man, she is part of him.

### **3. Verses 24-25 – God Builds Us Together:**

Genesis 2:24

“For this reason” – or therefore... This was put here by God to show the relevance of marriage, that which is really a marriage.

#### **The Marriage God Builds Contains 4 Non-Negotiable Parts:**

- 1. Severance – “A man shall leave his father and mother” –**  
Notice it says a man – Not the Woman! The man needs to leave one unit in order to start a new unit. **The Marriage Now Becomes The Primary Relationship!**

- 2. Permanence – “and be joined to his wife;”** – “joined” – speaks of “to glue, melting together, inseparable bond.”

**Men, You Need To Be Permanently Glued To Your Wife.**

- 3. Unity – “and they shall become one flesh”** – This speaks of sexual union – Devotion, Faithfulness in (Body) physically, (Soul) intellectually, (Spirit) spiritually... Only by Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:31

1 Corinthians 7:1-6 – God intended sex for pleasure and that within marriage. Sex Is Exclusively Meant For Marriage.

- 4. Intimacy – Genesis 2:25 – God Uses Marriage As The Curriculum To God’s Oneness/Likeness:**

“And the man and his wife were both naked” – The word “naked” here simply means “one is laid bare.”

**Application – The Benefits of a Good Marriage:**

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