

**“Marriage Matters”
“Marriage God’s Way”
Genesis 2:18-25**

Session #1 Saturday August 11, 2018 9:20 AM – 10:20 AM

Divorce rate first marriage is **50%**, second marriages **67%** and for third marriages **74%**.

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

Blessed Marriage starts with “Knowing God!” and “Realigning Ourselves With God!” then “Wanting to Honor God.”

Thought Of Our Passage: “God, Seeing Man’s Need Of Companionship, Created Marriage, In Which God Brings And Melts Us Together.”

- 1. Verse 18 – God Made Marriage**
- 2. Verses 19-23 – God Matches Us**
- 3. Verses 24-25 – God Melts Us**

1. Verse 18 – God Made 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.

6 Observations About “Marriage God’s Way:”

- 1. The Very First Word On Marriage Came From God:** “the Lord God said ‘It is not good...’”

Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 – Seven times ... “It was good.”

- 2. God Declared Man’s Aloneness Not Good:** 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.

- 3. Marriage Is God’s Solution To Man’s Aloneness:** “I will make him a helper suitable for him”

4. **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 and God needed to stay first! God created Eve, He was first in her life and God presented her to Adam.

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

5. **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.

6. **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! God chooses the opposites!

Through Marriage, God Wants To Compensate For Our Weaknesses.

2. Verses 19-23 – God Matches Us:

Genesis 2:19-20

"but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him" – All the other animals had mates with the exception of Adam.

God gives Adam a research project, to find a possible counterpart to himself.

Through this process, the man discovers some truths:

Adam realized that woman was not to be a beast of burden: Because that would not fulfill his need for a helper and companion.

Adam realized that the woman was not just a biological laboratory for producing children.

Man had Ruler-ship but lacked companionship: "not found a helper" – "to always be at hand, one to look upon with pleasure – help – near him;" None in the image of God like Adam!

Genesis 2:21

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

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

“then He took one of his ribs” – Man made from dust – Genesis 2:7 – Woman taken from man. Not Cultural But Creational!

1 Corinthians 11:3, 7-9

“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 & 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.”

2 Corinthians 6:14

Matthew 19:6

Genesis 2:23 – “The man said... ‘This is now’” – literally “this is it!”
Expressive – physical attraction!

3. Verses 24-25 – God Melts Us:

Genesis 2:24 – “For this reason” – or therefore ... Adam never had to leave his Father and mother – This was put here by God to show the relevance of marriage, that which is really a marriage.

Marriage God’s Way Contains 4 Non-Negotiable Parts:

- 1. Severance** – “A man shall leave his father and mother” – 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.”

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

The term “Making Love;” you don’t make love you express love!

Ephesians 5:31 – “and the two shall become one flesh.”

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 – there are no secrets – all the warts & blemishes are revealed & everything is laid bare.”

Application: The Benefits Of A Marriage God’s Way:

- 1. Mutual Effort** – Eccl 4:9 – “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.”
- 2. Mutual Support** – Eccl 4:10 – “If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!”
- 3. Mutual Encouragement** – Eccl 4:11 – “Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?”
- 4. Mutual Strength** – Eccl 4:12 – “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”