

**“Marriage Matters”**  
**“Marriage Is All About God”**  
**Genesis 2:18-25**  
**Saturday August 2, 2014**

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**Matthew 19:3-6**

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

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

**1. Verse 18 – God’s Creation Of 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, we are given the details of the creation of man.

“It is not good...”

Gen. 1:4 – “And God saw that the light was good;”

Gen. 1:10 – “And God saw that it was good.”

Gen. 1:12 – “And God saw that it was good.”

Gen. 1:18 – “and God saw that it was good.”

Gen. 1:21 – “And God saw that it was good.”

Gen. 1:25 – “And God saw that it was good.”

Gen. 1:31 – “And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.”

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

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

**What Is God’s Purpose For Marriage?** Marriage was created for the purpose of Companionship.

**Note: God Was First In Adam's 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!** Husband and Wife Given First To God As A Couple; Then And Only Then Will They Truly Love Each Other!

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

**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." 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 showed what must be done. (Direction)

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

1 Cor. 11:3

1 Cor. 11:7-9

Genesis 2:22

"Fashioned" – "build, made"

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

**Biblical Truth Is Objective Truth, Not Subjective Truth.**

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

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!**

Matthew 19:6

Genesis 2:23

"This is now" – literally "this is it!"; expressive – physical attraction!

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

Genesis 2:24

"For this cause" – 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.

#### **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 shall cleave to his wife" – cleave: speaks of "to glue, melting together, inseparable bond."

**Men Need To Be Permanently Glued To Your Wife: If my wife takes off, I will follow!**

- 3. Unity** – "and they shall become one flesh" – This speaks of sexual union – Devotion, Faithfulness.

Hebrews 13:4

1 Corinthians 6:16

Eph. 5:31

1 Cor 7:1-6 – God intended sex for pleasure and that within marriage.

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

“naked” – here simply means “one is laid bare – there are no secrets – all the warts & blemishes are revealed & everything is laid bare.”

“and were not ashamed” – It means that they were not embarrassed – because there was a perfect relationship between Adam & Eve.

Genesis 3:9-10

**Application:**

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Eccl 4:12