

**"Why Marriage Matters"**  
**Genesis 2:18-25**  
**"Marriage Matters" Sunday July 25, 2010**

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**"Why Marriage Matters" 8 – Reasons**

**Gen 2:18**

Then In Gen 1:1-2:3 we have the record of the seven days of creation. Then in Gen 2:4-25 we have the details of the creation of man.

**"Then the Lord God said"**

**1. Gen. 2:18 "Marriage Matters" Because – It Was God, The Creator, Who Observed a Need Within Mankind:** "Then the Lord God said, It is not good for the man to be alone;"

Phil. 4:19

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."

Gen. 2:18 "Then the Lord God said, It is not good"

Anyone that sets aside God's Word, the basis for sound Christian doctrine, also sets aside sound Christian living.

**2. Gen. 2:18 "Marriage Matters" Because – Marriage is God's Solution To Man's Need For Companionship:** "it is not good for the man to be alone" – (Hebrew) "Not good man's aloneness."

What is the Purpose of Marriage? Marriage was created for the purpose of Companionship.

**3. Gen. 2:18-20 "Marriage Matters" Because – Marriage Is God's Plan to Compensate For Our Weakness:** I will make him a helper suitable for him – "One designed specifically for you, one that coincides."

Gen. 2:22

Gen. 24:63-67

God chooses the opposites! Why is this?

1 Peter 3:7

“You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way,”  
“Intelligent recognition of the marriage relationship.”

“as a fellow heir of the grace of life,”; Unlimited sharing of his own life with his wife.

Gen 2:19-20

Through this process, the man discovers at least three marvelous truths:

1. He learned that woman was not to be a mere beast of burden as the animals are:
2. He realized that the woman was not to be merely a biological laboratory for producing children:
3. Adam learned that the woman was not a thing outside himself, to be used at his whim then disposed of:

Man had Ruler-ship over the world but no fellowship!

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

#### **4. Gen 2:21-23 “Marriage Matters” Because – Christian’s Cannot Fully Serve God Apart From Their Marriage:**

Gen 2:21

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

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

Man made from dust – Gen. 2:7 Woman made from man

I Cor. 11:3

1 Cor. 11:7-9

Eph 5:24-25

Gen 2:22

"Fashioned into a woman the rib" – "Build, made"

Gen 2:23

"and the man said" .... "This is now" – Lit. "This is it!"

Gen 2:24

(Severance) A man shall leave his father and mother – Notice it says a man – Not the Woman!

(Permanence) and shall cleave to his wife – cleave – speaks "to glue, melts joints together, inseparable bond"

### **5. Gen 2:24 "Marriage Matters" Because – Sexual Intimacy Is Exclusively Met In Marriage:**

(Unity) "and they shall become one flesh" – This speaks of sexual intimacy – (Body) physically, (Soul) intellectually, (Spirit) spiritually.... Only by Jesus Christ

Eph. 5:31

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

### **6. Gen 2:24 "Marriage Matters" Because – A God Centered Marriage Is One of The Greatest Testimonies of Jesus' Love: Eph 5:31-33**

### **7. Gen 2:25 "Marriage Matters" Because – God Uses Marriage As The Curriculum To God's Likeness:**

(Intimacy) Gen 2:25

### **8. Gen 3 "Marriage Matters" Because – A Stable Marriage Is The Foundation For Family, Church, and Society: Gen 3:6-8**

Gen 4-50 led to the first son born, Cain, murdering his brother Abel.

Then follows false religion, polygamy, incest, prostitution, lies, deception, homosexuality, rebellion.

## **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