



Genesis 2:18-25 – The First Marriage

The Need

- 1) The man was **ALONE**. (vs. 18)
- 2) God pronounced this state of man as not **GOOD**. (vs. 18)

The Solution

- 1) **GOD HIMSELF** will supply the need. (vs. 18)
- 2) God will make him a **FIT HELPER**. (vs. 18)
 - a. "Make" here is not *ex nihilo* but to fashion, form, or refine.
 - b. Nothing else in creation was suitable to fill the need. (vs. 19-20)
 - c. "Helper" is not a subservient maid, but literally "like-opposite him."
 - i. God is called the "helper" – (Exodus 18:4, Psalm 20:2, 121:1-2)
 - ii. In these passages, God does for others, what they cannot.
 - d. Eve completed Adam so that he would be all God had intended.

The Ordinance (vs. 22b-25; Matthew 19:4-6)

- 1) Marriage was established by God and is governed by His laws.
- 2) The ordinance is rooted in **CREATION** and not **RELIGION**.
- 3) Man must **LEAVE** his family and **CLEAVE** to his wife.
- 4) The married couple enters into a covenant of **ONENESS**.
- 5) The ordinance is only to be broken by **GOD** through **DEATH**.

The Picture (Ephesians 5:31-32)

- 1) Created in God's image, the man & woman demonstrate the completeness of the **TRINITY**.
- 2) Marriage provides an image of **CHRIST** and His **CHURCH**.

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“[Observe] that the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

“In this Adam was a figure of Him that was to come; for out of the side of Christ, the second Adam, His spouse the church was formed, when He slept the sleep, the deep sleep, of death upon the cross, in order to which His side was opened, and there came out blood and water, the blood to purchase His church and water to purify it to Himself.”

31 Q What benefits do they who are effectually called, partake of in this life?

A They who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification, (Ro 8:30), adoption (Eph 1:5), sanctification, and the various benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from them (1Co 1:30).