

022, God makes a companion for man

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¹⁸And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. ²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²²And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 1 has time as its central organization principle

Genesis 2 has man as its central organization principle

We see his creation out of the ground

We see his dwelling place in Eden

We see his activity to dress and keep the garden

We see his task is to not eat the tree of knowledge of good and evil

We see his companion;

Man is not suitable to be his own companion. Consider together this need for companionship that man has, and how God moved to fit this need

- I. The need of man for a companion
 - a. Need declared in verse 18
 - b. Problem stated - not good for man to be alone, this does not mean it is evil or sinful for man to be alone. It is God's design for man to be married, it is the normal and desirable condition for all men to be in. The single state is not more desirable as the Roman Catholic Church teaches. Consequences of false teaching, 4 times higher death rate from Aids in catholic priests.
 - c. Solution offered – I will make a help fit for him. Man needs a helper, and he needs help in every area, companionship, help with duties, encouragement and support, and in the procreation of children. This helper must correspond to man's need in all of these areas, one who willingly follows his leadership.
- II. The unsuitability of animals for companions (verses 19-20)
 - a. God did not experiment with animals as helpers, as many people think verses 19-20 states.
- III. The provision of woman as man's perfect companion (verses 21-23)
 - a. God takes a part of Adam, and out of it (rib) He forms Eve. God does not make Eve out of the earth, as though she had an independent existence outside of man. Eve shares man very essence, this is the basis of equality of woman in relationship to men. It is also the basis of her humility and submission to man, man is her source of life and existence. 1 Corinthians 11:8-9. 1 Timothy 2:13, the men are to lead in prayer (verse 8), the men are to teach. The women are to be silent and subject. The whole

basis of this teaching is grounded on the fact that Adam was formed first and then Eve. This never changes.

2 Applications

- I. Communication and companionship should be the major activity of our marriages
 - a. What was the reason for the creation of woman? Man was alone, he had no companion, and no one to communicate with. Couples should be moving towards each other, rather than doing things separately so that this issue of aloneness is destroyed as much as possible. Attacking the issue of aloneness by communicating and companionship.
- II. Providing leadership on the part of the man, and providing help on part of the woman, should be the focus of our activities and of our roles.
 - a. Am I providing sound leadership? Men need to have something going for her to be helping with. Setting an agenda, goals, etc. How can I help my husband's agenda? One leads, the other assists, and both share in the progress that is made. A wife and a husband are perfectly matched in the work that God has set before them.