

# GENESIS 2:18-25

## MAN AND WOMAN

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### CREATION REVIEW

CHAPTER 1- GOD IS NAMED AS ELOHIM, THE MAJESTIC CREATOR OF ALL

CHAPTERS 2-4 – GOD IS NAMED AS YAHWEH ELOHIM, THE RELATIONAL, COVENANT GOD

“IN HIS IMAGE” IS RESERVED FOR HUMANITY... FORMED AND FILLED BY GOD- SPECIAL, BUT STILL A CREATURE

“IT WAS GOOD” IS OBSERVED AND IS A DECLARATION OF THE PERFECTION OF GOD’S CREATION

IN ALL... GOD AS CREATOR IS ALSO THE SOVEREIGN OWNER OF ALL CREATION... THEREFORE CREATION EXISTS FOR HIS PURPOSES AND IS UNDER HIS AUTHORITY.

GOD’S DECLARATION OF BLESSING, PURPOSE AND PROHIBITION IS PRESCRIPTIVE AN BINDING FOR CREATION... INCLUDING HUMANS.

### GENESIS 2:18-25

*"Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." (Genesis 2:18-25)*

### SCRIPTURE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

*Scripture teaches that family was God's idea and that marriage is a divine, not merely human, institution. The implication of this truth is significant indeed, for this means that humans are not free to renegotiate or redefine marriage and the family in any way they choose but that they are called to preserve and respect what has been divinely instituted. – Andreas Kostenberger*

**THE BIBLE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH A MARRIAGE- VARIOUS AUTHORS**

## GOD'S DESIGN

**"THE REASON THERE IS SO MUCH GLORY IN MARRIAGE IS BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH OF GOD IN MARRIAGE." – TIM SAVAGE**

ALL OF CREATION HAPPENED BY GOD'S INITIATIVE  
GOD IDENTIFIED A DEFICIENCY : "IT IS NOT GOOD..."  
GOD DETERMINED A REMEDY :  
A HELPER : NOT A SERVANT  
AN OPPOSITE OR COMPLEMENT: "FIT FOR HIM"  
GOD SHOWED ADAM HIS NEED  
GOD INTIMATELY EXECUTED HIS PLAN  
GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS LOVE THROUGH HIS GIFT TO ADAM  
  
AND ADAM'S RESPONSE IS THANKSGIVING

**"MARRIAGES ARE ON FIRMEST GROUND WHEN PARTNERS ARE MOST FOCUSED ON THE GLORY OF THE LORD." – TIM SAVAGE**

## GOD ON DISPLAY

IN CREATING HUMANS, GOD PUTS HIS IMAGE ON DISPLAY  
IN CREATING THEM MALE AND FEMALE  
UNITY IN DIVERSITY  
COMMUNITY IN LOVE  
IN CREATING THEM FOR DIFFERENT ROLES  
HEADSHIP AND HELPER  
CULTIVATOR AND COMPLEMENT  
IN CREATING THEM FOR SOMETHING GREATER THAN SELF  
FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
FOR RELATIONSHIP THAT FOCUSED ON THE OTHER

YAHWEH ELOHIM, THE COVENANT, RELATIONAL GOD PUTS HIS GLORY ON DISPLAY IN CREATION AND IN THE UNITY OF MARRIAGE  
WITH GOD'S GLORY AS THE FOCAL POINT OF MARRIAGE, COUPLES HAVE THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME DIFFERENCE, LOOK PAST DECREASING ATTRACTION, RESIST THE DIVISION OF SELF-FULFILLMENT

**WHEN WE LIVE OUR LIVES FOR GOD'S GLORY AND FOR OTHERS, WE BEST PUT GOD'S GLORY ON DISPLAY AND BEST FIGHT THE SELF-INDUCED DESTRUCTION OF SIN.**

## GOD'S DECLARATION

ULTIMATELY, THE OUTWARD AND INWARD BINDING OF GOD'S IMAGE AND GLORY IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF MAN TO WOMAN LEADS TO A PROFOUND AND LASTING EFFECT...  
TWO BECOME ONE FLESH.  
HUMANS ARE ENDOWED WITH GOD'S IMAGE AND THEREFORE ARE DESIGNED TO BE SELF-SACRIFICING IN LOVE AND SELF-EMPTYING IN SERVICE.