



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 2:18-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Marriage According to the Designer"

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- 18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."
- 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.
- 20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.
- 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.
- 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- 23 The man 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."
- 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

I. GOD IS THE DESIGNER OF THE MARRIAGE

A. He Gave Us The Manual On Marriage

B. God Himself Is A Personal God

II. GOD'S CONCERN FOR MAN

A. All That He Had Made Was Good

B. IT Was Not Good For Man To Be Alone

C. None Of The Other Creatures Were Sufficient For The Need

III. GOD'S REASON FOR MARRIAGE

A. To Fill The Void Of Human Loneliness

B. To Mirror Our Relationship To God

IV. DIFFERING ROLES BY GOD'S DESIGN

A. Designed To Be A Helper *Psalms 30:10*

B. He Designed Gender Distinctions *I Corinthians 11:8,9*

C. God Created the Woman To Be Subordinate To The Man
Genesis 3:9

D. God Created Male And Female Equal *I Corinthians 11:11*

V. GOD SHOWED ADAM HIS NEED FOR THE WOMAN

A. God First Had Adam Name All The Animals

B. God Designed The Woman To Fill That Need

VI. GOD DESIGNED MARRIAGE TO BE THE CLOSEST HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

A. God Designed Sex For The Marriage *I Corinthians 6:16*

B. God Design Was For The Permanency Of This Relationship
Matthew 19:5,6

C. God's Design Was For The Priority Of This Relationship