

Marriage as it's Meant to Be Notes

Genesis 2:18-25

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Main Point: Because marriage matters to God, we must do marriage His way.

Context

1. The teaching of Scripture on human origins and marriage is _____ to the rest of the Bible.
2. Jesus speaks of Adam and Eve as real people and their marital union as the basis for the _____ of marriage (Matthew 19:4-5).
3. The sinfulness of every human being traces back to _____ as our representative head (Romans 5:12).

The Problem: A Need for _____ (vs. 18-20)

1. In verse 18, God says, "It is _____ that the man should be alone."
 - In Hebrew construction, "not good" is placed at the beginning of the sentence for emphasis.
 - Six times in Genesis 1, God looked at what He created and said, "It is _____."
2. _____ is the one who saw the need and created the solution.
3. The word "helper" refers to "a help answering to him, a _____, a completer, a corresponding helper."
 - A helper is one who supplies what is lacking in another person, one who is "like but _____ him."
4. Each need each other.
5. God sees the need for Adam to have a helper, but He delays in order for Adam to _____ his need.
6. God is urging Adam to be a _____ (Genesis 1:28).
7. God is training Adam to be a _____.

The Provision: A Need for _____ (21-23)

1. God made Eve from Adam's rib.
 - "Made" is "to build or _____."
 - God carefully shapes her into someone who _____ the man.
2. "Husbands should love their wives as their own _____" (Ephesians 5:28).
3. God _____ her to Adam (vs. 22).
4. The only thing man brought with him out of the garden was _____.
5. Adam never put in a work order for how his wife should look or what she would be like.
6. God's original intention is for one man and one woman to live in a monogamous marriage for _____.
7. The word "bone" means of the same _____.
8. "Flesh" refers to his body.
9. They have the same substance as each other and they have the same _____ before God.

The Portrait: A Need for _____ (24-25)

1. "Therefore" can be translated "for this _____."
2. "Shall" indicates this matrimonial _____ is for all marriages, in all cultures, for all generations.
3. Four key elements.
 - _____
 - Means to cut off, _____, and leave behind.
 - We need to shift our _____, so priority and primacy is given to our spouse.

- _____
 - “Hold fast” means “to melt two separate entities together to form a _____ bond.”
 - _____
 - To become one flesh is a _____ process.
 - _____
 - Genesis 2:25 says they were not ashamed, but all that changed in Genesis 3 when _____ entered their relationship.
4. Because sin causes shame, we like to blame _____.
 - Blame Game motto: “Don’t blame me, it’s not _____ fault.”
 - Victims do not have to _____ personal responsibility for wrong behavior or toxic attitudes; they are casualties of what happens to them and should therefore not be saddled with guilt.
 5. God’s objective for marriage is a loving relationship of _____ (Mark 10:9).
 - The word for “joined” means to be “_____” together.
 - A yoke was used to _____ the work capacity of two animals.
 6. Six purposes for marriage.
 - _____ (Genesis 1:28, Malachi 2:15).
 - _____ (Genesis 2:24, Song of Solomon 1:15, 2:16)
 - _____ (Genesis 2:18, Malachi 2:14)
 - _____ (1 Corinthians 7:9)
 - Picture of Christ’s _____ (Ephesians 5:25)
 - Proclamation of God’s _____ (Malachi 2:15, Isaiah 43:6-7)
 7. Marriage advice.
 - Marriage is not a 50/50 deal. Both must give _____%.
 - Don’t go to sleep _____ (Ephesians 4:26-27).
 - Forgive _____ – you’ll have lots of chances to practice.
 - Remember love is a _____, not a feeling.
 - If you can’t imagine yourself being in quarantine together for two months, don’t walk down the aisle.
 - Communicate _____, especially regarding expectations.
 - _____ your battles wisely – don’t sweat the small stuff.
 - Hold _____ while having an argument.
 - Accept what you cannot _____ in your spouse.
 - If you have to fight to be right, you are already _____.
 8. Two pieces of wisdom.
 - Live _____ your vows.
 - It takes _____ to make a marriage work (Ephesians 4:12).