

GENESIS

Why Did God Create Women and Marriage?

Genesis 1:26-28 - Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.”

Genesis 2:7, 18-24 – Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he 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,’ for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Why Did Create The Woman?

1) Adam needed _____ and _____.

“Helper” does NOT imply _____

Psalm 54:4 – God is my helper...

The marriage union takes the unity of male and female to its deepest physical, psychological, and personal level. The word “suitable” is a word that literally means “according to the opposite of him.” God knew that men need someone who can encourage, comfort, and support them. Women in are uniquely wired to fulfill this need in a man.

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2) Adam needed to _____.

3) The Bible clearly says marriage is always and only

Jesus affirmed marriage between a man and a woman.

Matthew 19:4-6 – “Haven’t you read,” Jesus replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?”

The Greatest Purpose of Marriage

Marriage is a picture of _____.

Ephesians 5:21-33 - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. (*how would you treat Jesus if he stood before you face to face?*)²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (*die to yourself and serve her*)²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body.³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

1) Jesus _____. We should do the same for each other in our marriage.

2) We commit _____ to only One (Jesus). We do the same in marriage.

3) Jesus _____ and helps us. John 14:16-17
“helper” means “one called alongside to help” and has the connotation of helper, comforter, and encourager.