

MATRIMONY 101

Three different people made statements in our lesson text regarding Matrimony 101, from three different positions of authority.

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| § The Lord God made a statement in 2:18-22 | Sovereign authority. |
| § Adam made a statement in 2:23 | Spousal authority. |
| § Moses (writer) made a statement in 2:24-25 | Scriptural authority. |

The Lord God's statement from Sovereign authority made the following four homiletical points (2:18-22).

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| § Single status (18) | doctrinal principle |
| § Substitutes in life (19) | distractions |
| § Suitable mate (20) | doctrinal awareness |
| § Special not spare mate (21-22) | divine design |

Adam's statement from Spousal authority made three important points (2:23).

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| § Bone of bone | physical compatibility |
| § Flesh of flesh | marital compatibility |
| § Ishah of Ish | spiritual compatibility |

Moses' statement from Scriptural authority made three important points (2:24-25).

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| § Leave | parents |
| § Cleave | pairing |
| § Weave | partners |

This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Lord God bringing a WIFE TO ADAM.

“He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor (grace) from the Lord.” (Prov.18: 22)

- 1. It was the Lord God who declared in the midst of something very good [Day 6 creation] (Gen 1:31) that something was not so good [Adam alone] (Gen 2:18).**

Notice that it was the Lord God and not Adam who said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” (2:18) It was only then that it dawned doctrinally upon Adam that he was the only one not paired up.

Notice that the Lord God taught them Matrimony 101 before He married them (Matt.19: 4-8).

- 2. It was the Lord God who created both the people as well as the time for marriage.**

“I will make him a helper suitable for him.” (2:18b) If you are married, God gave you exactly what you needed a suitable helper!

The English word (helpmeet) actually consists of two Hebrew words: helper (ezer) and suitable (neged).

“And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.” (2:22)

Later when this relationship got in trouble and the blame game started, Adam threw this back up to God - “The woman whom YOU gave to me, SHE gave me from the tree, and I ate.” (3:12)

3. Remember that Adam and Eve’s souls were already in the image according to the likeness of God (tselem demuth) as well as uniquely male (zakar) and female (neqebah) prior to marriage (Gen.1: 16-28).

This means that Adam and Eve were created to have intimate relationships with both the Lord God and with each other. They will learn how to be intimate with each other by learning how to be intimate with the Lord (Eph.5: 22, 25).

- The husband was created inferior to the authority of the Lord God but superior to authority of his wife.
- The husband must learn how to be spiritual leader of divine delegated authority by his inferior position to the Lord (READ: 1 Cor.11: 3, 7-12; Eph.5: 22-33).
- The wife must learn how to be submissive to her husband’s position of authority by submission to the divine chain of command (1 Pet.3: 1-7).

4. Adam’s naming of all the animals brought an awareness of the pairing of animals (2:19-20; 1:20-23) [mating].

This recalled categorical bible doctrine in Adam’s soul regarding the promise of the human female (neqebah). Do you see how important cycling bible doctrine through the faith system is to the soul of the believer?

We learn that mankind was created inferior to the Lord God but superior to animals but equal with mankind (image according to the likeness of God) (James 3:3, 7-8).

Animals were not created to replace the idea of suitable helpers for mankind. Some people substitute animals as pets for intimate relationships with the Lord God and each other.

Man’s best friend is the Lord God: (Ex.33: 11)

- Moses (2 Chron.20:7, Isa.41:8 and James 2:23)
- Abraham (John 15:14-15)
- You (We rightly sing, “What a friend we have in Jesus!”)

5. Note these five homiletical points on Matrimony 101 for Adam and Eve.

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| • Sleeping | for a mate | no human works |
| • Surgery | for a mate | no human works |
| • Sculpturing | of a mate | no human works |
| • Special rib | for a mate | no human works |
| • Soul mates | (zakar & neqebah: ish & ishah) | no human works |

Notice that there wasn’t any physical, emotional or spiritual pain and suffering prior to marriage. When there is a lot of pain and suffering during the dating and courtship, it is big red flag of warning.

Notice also that this couple’s only involvement in the match mating was dependence upon the Lord God and His word regarding Matrimony 101 (Gen.1: 21-22; 2:22-23; Prov.18: 22; 1 Cor.11: 8-12).

Notice also that they didn’t live happily ever after. They married without pain and suffering but sin brought a lot of pain and suffering to their marriage (Gen.3).

Sin in their marriage resulted in Matrimony 101 being changed in Matt.19: 6 to read: “Consequently they are no longer 1 flesh, but 2. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

This last phrase is a neology and Jesus’ doctrinal advice to marital couples thinking about divorce.