

Genesis 2:15-25

**What does the Bible say about.....
The Ideal Marriage**



- I will be giving you information from a Christian perspective
- We learn by watching and listening to other people
- But who we get that information from is very important
- If your parents had a terrible marriage, that is where you learned about marriage.
- Thankfully, God has given us wise advice in the Bible
- A different way to live that works
- And we will be talking about marriage and the family for a few weeks. *Where did the idea of the family come from?*



- God made everything that we know and He made man
- And God put man in the place called Eden-it means delight
- Eden was made for man and it was a beautiful, perfect place
- There was a time when man was alone in Eden
- A time for Adam to see the need for a companion
- This 1st marriage was ideal because there was no sin in the world
- The marriage was in a perfect place for a perfect couple



I. Seeing the Need for a Helper Vss. 18-20



- And God had a solution to this problem
- He would create a *helper suitable* for man
- God's plan from the very beginning was that man and woman would live together in a marriage relationship
- *What did God mean by helper?*



- *What does God mean by suitable?*
- God didn't mean the same, He didn't want to make another man
- *Suitable has the idea of "like or corresponding to"*
- There are definitely differences between men and women



- *God does something very interesting with Adam*
- He is alone in the garden for a time, there was no woman
- And then God gives Adam his 1st job, name all the animals
- And so God brings all the animals in front of Adam
- And Adam sees that all the animals are in pairs, male-female



There are a couple weeks out of the year that Lori and I are not together. She goes to see our children or grandchildren or I go to see family. And that is OK for a week. When I am home alone, I talk to the dog.



II. Creating the Helper Vss. 21,22



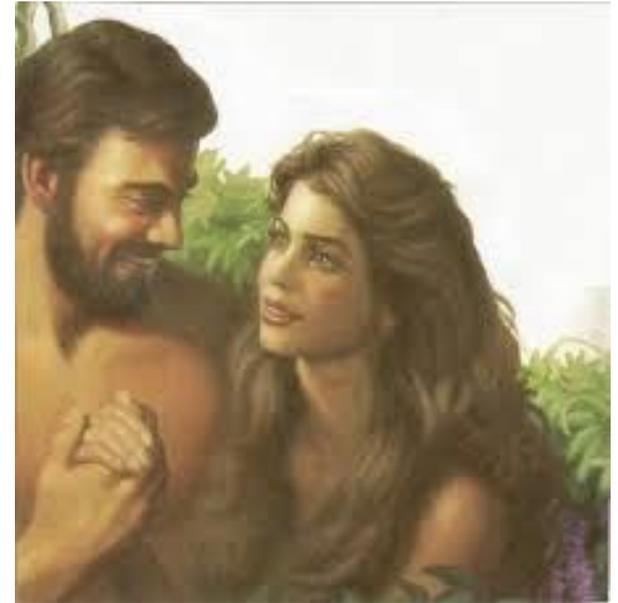
- The Bible says God made Adam out of the dust of the ground
- But with the woman he does something totally different
- God made Adam fall into a deep sleep
- God did some surgery on Adam and took a rib to make the woman
- Literally, part of the side, rib and some flesh
- I think it is symbolic of the idea of a helper-partner



III. A Marriage in Eden Vss. 23-25



- Adam's response is: bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh.
- It was kind of like saying, WOW, here is someone like me
- Not exactly like me, looks better than me
- He knew that God had done surgery on him, taken out his rib
- The woman that was standing before him was perfect
- None of the other animals was suitable for him, she was perfect
- He called her *woman*, literally, taken out of man



- *For this reason*-what reason?
- For the reason that God brought the 2 together
- As all couples would be married from that point in history on
- Husbands, you can say to your wife, you are my partner, companion, my helper in life
- She is the one that I must hold onto for the rest of my life
- And I must forsake all others, to leave is a strong word



- There is a TV show in America called “Everybody Loves Raymond”
- The basic idea is that Raymond has a family of his own but he lives across the street from his parents. And his parents are always coming over and telling Raymond and his wife what to do.



- Parents, let go of your sons, sons let go of your parents
- God made the 2 become one flesh
- Eve was of Adam's flesh
- And when we marry, God makes us one with our spouse, not 2
- This is not only physical, but spiritual and emotional



- Marriage is one of God's most wonderful, beautiful creations
- God made marriage, God made the family
- I started this teaching by saying this was the ideal marriage
- The ideal marriage didn't have any sin in it
- That is disobedience of God's moral law, sin really messed things up



- You don't have a perfect marriage
- Your spouse isn't perfect
- But when 2 people seek the Lord together
- It is as close to God's original ideal marriage that we can get
- Next week, we will look at the imperfect marriage



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."

el cual exclamó: «Esta sí es hueso de mis huesos, y carne de
mi carne. Se llamará "mujer" porque del hombre fue sacada».

Adamu akasema, Sasa huyu ni mfupa katika mifupa yangu,
na nyama katika nyama yangu, basi ataitwa mwanamke,
kwa maana ametwaliwa katika mwanamume.

और आदम ने कहा अब यह मेरी हड्डियों में की हड्डी और मेरे मांस में का
मांस है: सो इसका नाम नारी होगा, क्योंकि यह नर में से निकाली गई है।

아담이 가로되 이는 내 뼈 중의 뼈요 살 중의 살이라
이것을 남자에게서 취하였은즉 여자라 칭하리라 하니라
那人说：“这才是我的同类，我骨中的骨，肉中的肉，要称她
为女人，因为她是从男人身上取出来的。”