

Marriage and the Family *Very Good*

Gen 2:18; 1:31 — Only when the female was made *from* and *for* the male and the two became one was the creation *very good*. Gen 1:4,10,12,18,21,25 were *good*, but not until Gen 1:27 did God see that everything He had made was not only *good*, but *very good* (verse 31).

Adam was alone with regard to his own kind. The word *alone* (#905) has to do with being by himself without the love of a counterpart. God understood that being just a male with all his personality make-up was not good. It was not good for him to be only one and a male, a condition which demanded no less than what came forth from his side, next to his heart. Out from the aloneness came forth a compatible, suitable helper.

Adam did not know how to describe his aloneness. He had no idea what exactly he needed, but he could only *feel* it deep within himself. He had no one to *love*, no one of his own kind, comparable to him. He was missing a love he was made to have by a woman. He knew nothing of any sort from the animals God paraded before him would do; he saw nothing he could name *woman* in Gen 2:20. In Adam's close study of all the creatures that were paraded before him, he did not find "a helper comparable to him." For some reason he needed a companion just like him, not a servant or an aide, nor a bull to pull his plow, but another life like himself with intelligence, personality, ethical and moral sensitivity, and spiritual compatibility. Yet the only things Adam found were some fascinating animals.

Our Master (Husband) needs a comparable wife. His is seeking out those who are compatible with Him (Jn 7:17; Col 1:10). Rev 3:4 — But there were many in the first Edah who proved to be incompatible (Gen 2:18), not worthy of Him, incapable of existing together in harmony, contrary or opposed in character, discordant (Mt 12:30). Incompatible is that two cannot coexist or be conjoined (Jn 7:17; 1 Cor 6:17). Do you think even for a moment that He would be conjoined to a person who will be incompatible with Him? Adam called her "woman" because she was taken out of man (Gen 2:23-24)—comparable to him. Both share the image of God. They were complementary to one another. He was completed by her. She was his helper, not opposed to him, but in harmony, conjoined in matrimony.

Comparable means worthy of comparison. She was made for him, to be in harmony with him — congruous, compatible, capable of living together in peace and harmony, for the purpose God created them (Gen 1:26-28; 5:1-2).

Eve was not taken from Adam's head to be superior, nor from his feet to be trampled on, but from his side to be his partner in the same cause and struggle for eternal life (Job 14:14) in our Father's pre-determined plan and purpose. It would be a struggle to abide by what they would come to know as *good*, and to avoid what they would come to know as *evil* (Gen 3:22). In this way they would maintain their created likeness of God in their life together (Gen 3:16-19).

She was woman; he was man. They were perfectly suited for one another for their race for life. Adam, the man, named Eve "the woman"— "She shall be called *woman*, because she was taken out of man" (Gen 2:23; Eph 5:31). 1 Cor 11:8-9 — "Woman for the man" is a reminder that maybe Eve should have remembered, as his helper (Gen 2:20). Of course, this does not mean the woman is inferior in her role as woman, which is the purpose for her existence. Man = male + female. This is the purpose of God for man and for woman in His creative order.

The husband who truly realizes Eph 5:29 makes all the difference in the world in how he treats her, as verse 28 says. In verse 31, "the two shall become one flesh," Paul quotes Gen 2:24, which teaches that the special union between husband and wife *supercedes* original family ties. And Eph 5:32 reveals the mystery, a sacred secret revealed to us only, that our marriages parallel the Marriage of the Lamb, between Messiah and His wife, the twelve tribes of Israel (Rev 21:9,10,12; 21:1-2; 19:7-8).

Rev 21:3 — The corporate Body of Messiah now becomes the dwelling place, the body for the Godhead (Jn 14:20,23), who will dwell among men — the men of the eternal nations. And they (the men of the eternal nations) will then become His people, and He will become their God. And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes from their hard struggle (Job 14:14) to abide by the knowledge of good and

evil in all their hardships of life, keeping the Everlasting Covenant of Gen 3:16-19 (Isa 24:5). This is our Father's ultimate purpose for creation and man. Name every hardship man has endured since the Fall in the Garden of Eden. Rev 21:4 — Even what Job went through caused his wife to say to her husband in all his suffering, "Curse God and die." But Eliphaz knew man's lot in his hard struggle and his race for life: "Yet man is born for trouble as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7; 14:14). Job 24 and 27 tell all about the wicked and the good.