

## Beginnings

### 6. The beginning of marriage (Gen. 2v18-25)

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#### Introduction

- Two cathedrals
- God's foundations for marriage:

#### The purpose of marriage (v18)

- Companionship
- Service

#### The partnership of marriage (v19-23)

- Alike
- Different

#### The paradigm of marriage (v24-25)

- Leaving
- Joining together
- Becoming one flesh

#### Conclusion

## Genesis 2v18-25 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> 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."

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

#### Further reading on marriage:

Tim and Kathy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage\**

Christopher Ash, *Married for God\**

Paul Tripp, *What did you expect?*

Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Design* (chapter 4)

(\*currently available on the church bookstall)