PITWM VERSE BY VERSE GENESIS 2:18-25 THE CREATION OF WOMAN-June 2, 2024

INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 2:8-17 Man needed responsibility, so God planted a Garden in Eden. In the midst (middle) of the Garden were the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And a river flowed out of Eden that parted into four heads (rivers) — Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel or Tigris, and Euphrates) (2:8-14). The LORD God put man in the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it. They could eat of every tree of the Garden, but was commanded not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the middle of the Garden. The Garden of Eden met man's need to live forever, but if they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they would surely die (2:15-17).

LESSON: I. **GENESIS 2:18-20**

Why did God say Man should not be alone?

2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; — Because it's not good that Woman (an Adult Female) is not by his side. The woman was never an afterthought of the Creation in God's plan. When God saw His creation as "very good" (1:31), He observed that it was "not good" to not have man's counterpart standing at his side at the end of this sixth day. Therefore, God saw what he needed. It was not good for Man to be alone; standing by himself without another human life to relate to.

Man was created to have relationship of his kind. When God said, "Let us make man in our image." Man was <u>created to relate to another person of his kind</u>; share his ideas and emotions; his soul; his thoughts, and replenish and multiply the Earth. It would be of his kind; to have God's nature, and Man's physicality!

Genesis 2:7 God had breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and Man became a living soul. Nowhere else did God do that. Man needed a companion to fulfill all God had given them to do. He was not to be alone. He needed a helper suitable for to him; suitable for his creativity, his rationality; his personality, and his importance to the plan of God! There was none other that could do that accept Woman; his kind; his body parts; his joy!

(Genesis 6:19; <u>It was two of every living thing that came into the Ark-male and female</u>. 7:9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the Ark, the male and female, as God had commanded).

2:18b I will make him an help meet for him. There is no record of man complaining about his loneliness. He fellowshipped with God; God was all he knew, all he had. This was God's decision. God decides to make man a suitable (face to face helper; not to be a slave or to be in subjection to him).

Therefore, the helper suitable for man would be a female / woman (one worthy of him; someone who is a perfect fit for man). She is also created in God's. Image (verse 1:27). "God created he him male and female, created he them."

They both receive all that God gives.

Timetthew Henry wrote: "She was not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to trample upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be beloved."

Paul wrote that "the woman is the glory of man" (1Corth.11:7), for if man is the head, then woman is the crown that honors the head.

T. D. Jakes puts it this way: "The woman was made, fashioned out of the man, to be a help meet. She helps him meet and accomplish his task. In other words, if you have a power saw, it has great potential for cutting. However, it is ineffective until it is plugged in. The receptacle (the female) helps the power saw meet its purpose (the male). Without that receptacle, the power saw, although mighty, remains limited. Keep in mind, though, that she completed his purpose, not his person. If you're not complete as a person, marriage will not help you."

The word "meet" or "suitable" (keneghdo) means fit, corresponding to, adapted to, agreeing with counterpart, opposite, equal to. It means woman...she was a perfect fit according to the opposite of him, intentionally seeking to bring out the best in him.

2:19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. This is the very first verse where God speaks man's name—Adam. It's always been man or the man (2:15). But now, God reveals Adam's Genealogy (5:v.1). And verse 2 "Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam in the day that they were created."

God took <u>Adam</u> and <u>PUT</u> him in the Garden and <u>the first job</u> God gave him was to dress and <u>to keep the Garden</u>. This time the <u>Animals</u> were <u>BROUGHT</u> to Adam to see what name he would give them as his second job. Whatever <u>name</u> he gave <u>them</u>, that's what they were called.

What is the difference between? **Put** (verse 14) and **Brought** (verse 22)?

- "Put" is the same verb place. To position an object in a specific location.
- "Bring" means something stays held by someone and moves with the person.

God also brought the Woman to Man. This would be the first marriage as a father would bring his daughter walk her down the aisle, and bring her to the man.

2:20 And Adam gave names to <u>all cattle</u>, and to the <u>fowl of the air</u>, and to <u>every beast of the field</u>; but for Adam <u>there was not found an help meet for him</u>.

Two things we see as the animals passed by Adam:

- 1. **First,** <u>names were given to each of the animals</u>. Naming is an act of discerning something about the creature so as to appropriately identify it, and also an act of leadership or authority over which was named.
- 2. **Second,** Adam saw with his own eyes that in each each of the animals of God's creation there was no fit for him. He didn't have any kinship with any of the animals. The animals were not on the same level as man. Adam was unique; the only one of his kind; no one that looked like him. no help meet for him. Although Adam didn't seem lonely; he didn't struggle trying to find a help meet; a counterpart. He didn't go to God asking where is

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Adam for his helper to be by his side. Adam had to be stable; have a job; know how to lead and care for whoever came into his life! We find in verse 22 that God brings her to the man Adam.

NOTE: Men allow God to choose the right woman for you. Women allow God to choose the right man for you.

II. GENESIS 2:21-25

SO THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS:

2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;— Not only did God recognize that man's solitude was not good, He took the steps to prepare the way to complete the other part of the plan. Divine anesthesia (putting man into a deep sleep) is administered by the Great Physician to create another being from the first. Now, that's outstanding! How awesome is this! He already made one, why not another one! The Supernatural Surgeon immediately goes into the side of Adam and takes out one of his ribs, and supernaturally closes up the flesh.

2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. Only one rib is needed! God tenderly and meticulously operated upon Adam and removed a rib from his body, and "Waa lah", (spelled Voila-French, for "here it is"): Woman is Created! God did not create the woman like the man and animal kingdom. Why?

- 1. Woman came out of man's need. Therefore, she was to come "out of man's" being (2:18, 21-23).
- 2. <u>Woman was to be the object of man's cleaving</u>. Therefore, woman was made out of man's being in order to cause a natural clinging, a reaching out for one another's own being, one another's own flesh (2:23-24).
- 3. <u>Woman was to be one flesh with man</u>. Therefore, she was made out of the very flesh of man so that man and woman would have identical natures and stand as the counterpart to one another (2:22-23).
- 4. Woman came out of man's flesh so <u>that both would cherish and nurture the other</u>. No person hates his own flesh. The very opposite is true: he cherishes, protects, and cares for it (2:22-23; Eph.5:28-29).
- 5. <u>Woman is the glory and crown of creation</u>; the being who brings more refinement to the world than any other creature (1Corth.11:7).
- 6. <u>Woman was created from the rib taken from the very side of man that protects his heart.</u>
 Woman is that which gives so much meaning to man

After creating woman. God then brings her unto the man; brought back to his side to unify him. That is why the husband is to leave... and cleave... The woman is brought before Adam, as were the animals, but for the Woman's total package designed by God brought much more into the relationship than any animal could.

This is a declaration of the first marriage, and it's performed and sanctioned by God alone. God is the Father and minister. God brings the two together as a father would bring his daughter, the bride to the man as he walks her down the aisle for the wedding ceremony.

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Matthew 19:6b says, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." PTWO brought her to man.

She bears a position under the authority of man because he is the head of woman and Christ is the head of man. We are all under someone. There is only one Head! Woman reflects the glory of man who reflects the glory of God.

In Hebrew, Man is "ish." And Woman is "ishshah" which comes from the root meaning "soft." She was by God's design

2:23 And Adam 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. So, from the beginning a man does not originate from woman, but from God. And woman is taken out of man and made/ built for man. So, Adam is still on his job and out of joyfulness after awaking from the deep sleep, he looks at her, and Adam makes it known by saying, "You are bone of my bones and Flesh of My Flesh", showing that Woman was taken out of him, and the rib conveys the woman's equality with man. They both have 24 ribs, 12 on each side. And because she was taken out of him, she shall always be a part of him, but softer, while he's the stronger vessel, and rough around the edges, she is softer; while he's the diamond in the rough, she the polisher; the smoother that shapes. Man and woman are to walk together side by side, not divided. This is expressing family relationship! He's saying you are part of my family. You are part of the DNA of God. Adam makes it known as he is still naming whatever God brings to him. And he says, "She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man."

We need to see this about Woman's Creation:

• Woman is equal to man in human life. She was also created in the image of God (1:27), just as Adam. She was like Adam (bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh) for she was taken out of Adam, and both were given "dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (1:26). This is not superiority and inferiority, but order and priority. Neither man nor woman was superior or inferior to the other in the beginning of creation, not in being or purpose. <u>True order is not found in domination</u>, but in voluntary submissiveness and love.

However, in the order of things someone has to be first; someone has to be the head or leader of the structure. Man was created first, and woman was created as a suitable helper for man (2:18b).

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. This verse gives the illustration of marriage based upon the unity expressed in verses 22 and 23 and it overrides the clinging to one's parents and depicts oneness and unity to the wife, (spiritually, emotionally, and physically) illustrating marriage—

The Institution of the Marriage Relationship:

- 1. Marriage was instituted by God and not by man, thus God's Word must give us the proper guidelines.
- 2. Marriage was, and is to be monogamous; God gave Adam one wife.
- 3. Marriage is to be heterosexual (sexually attracted to the opposite sex), no other kind of way.
- 4. The husband and wife are to be unified physically and spiritually.

5. The husband is to be the head of the wife because God later instituted it in 1 Corth.11:3. This process of the husband is to be the head of the wife because men are superior but he was first.

Three Rules of the Marriage Bond.

- 1. There is to be a leaving of parents. The relationship shifts between persons of the family.
- 2. There is to be a <u>cleaving to each other</u>. They are joined to each other; man is glued to his wife.
- 3. There is to be <u>one flesh</u>. There is to be physical intimacy (sexually) so binding that the two become one flesh; one unit; joined to; bound together in unity as one.

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Man and woman were created perfect, innocent, nothing hidden, and without shame. They had done nothing wrong and sensed no guilt or shame whatsoever. They were able to be around each other; comfortable with each other, for they belonged to one another: their bodies belonged to the other, and together they belonged to God. They stood before God and before each other in perfection.

<u>In Conclusion.</u> Let me leave you with this about the Creation of Woman:

The Woman Prays with wisdom; The Woman Submits with God's help, and the Woman Honors Man's leadership.

- was created as a suitable helper for man. was created as a fit helper for man.
- corresponded to the nature of man.
 was opposite yet the equal being for man;
- his counterpart to elevate, not belittle.
 was to meet man's deficiency.
- was made in the image of God.

That sounds like a "SuperWoman!"

SUMMARY:

The LORD God said it was not good that man should alone. He already had the solution to His statement. Woman was the answer! She would be man's "help meet", meaning a suitable counterpart (complement) for man. From the ground God had formed every beast of the field, every fowl of the air, and He brought them to Adam to name. As Adam named them, there was not found a "help meet" fit for him; none of his essence/nature (2:18-20).

The LORD God causes Adam to fall into a deep sleep, and prepares his body for surgery. The LORD God takes one rib out of Adam's side and then skillfully closes up that part of the flesh He had opened. God creates a woman fit for Adam and brings His creation before Adam and Adam calls her "Woman", "bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh because she was taken out of man. Therefore, shall a man leave his mother and father and cleave unto his wife to be one flesh"; one in unity physically and spiritually. "Both the man and woman were naked, and they were not ashamed" as man and wife (2:21-25).

