

Male and Female-Making One Out of Two

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Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- I. When God created man He made the distinction of male and female and stressed firmly that it was by divine design.
 - A. Of one He made two.
 - B. Then of the two He made one who lived in two separate bodies.
 - C. This is also what He did when he made Adam before He made the woman.
 1. God made another in his own image and breathed into him the breath of life and Adam became a living soul.
 2. Then Adam was to be one with God in spirit and soul, while living in a separate body.
 - D. It is not only the differences in the physical bodies that prove they are made for each other, but their natures and attributes also prove they were made for each other.

- II. Adam was different than the other creatures in that he had the ability to understand spoken language and to speak and communicate his thoughts with words.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

- A. But Adam was alone with no one to talk to other than God.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

1. Genesis 2 is not another sequence of events that took place after the six days of Creation.
2. It is more detail given about what happened during the Creation.

Genesis 2:19-20 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. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

- B. The first step toward communication between kindred spirits happened when God spoke to Adam and Adam heard and understood the thoughts and feelings of another Being beside himself.
- C. The ability to communicate makes it possible for us to feel and experience the feelings and thoughts of another soul beside ourselves.
- D. Language makes it possible for one heart to speak to another heart - that is what it is, the communication between souls.
- E. The ability to communicate our thoughts with others is what makes us social creatures and proves that we have a need for companionship and fellowship with others.
- F. The beasts are not really social creatures, even though some run in herds.

- G. The animals most generally are found alone; they do not form governments, or churches, or clubs, or any other social organization.
- H. There are in nature examples of social creatures, especially insects. (Go to the ant thou sluggard...; honey-bees, etc.)
- I. But the creatures that we call social creatures do not communicate thoughts and feelings because they are not a living soul as man is - they simply perform as they were designed to by their Creator.
 - 1. And as they are studied and examined it is found that what appears to be social behavior actually is the result of physical things, like scents and organs in their bodies that perform functions to make the group work as a whole in certain circumstances.
- J. Their lives are always the same and follow the same pattern throughout.
- K. Only man has a hand in his own destiny and course of life by the choices he makes and what he approves and accepts from the thoughts of others.

III. Man was not made to be alone - by design he is a social creature.

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- A. Adam could speak to the animals and call them by their names, but they could not speak to him.
- B. With animals it is pretty much a one-sided relationship - they receive love and attention, but they cannot fulfill that deep down longing in a human soul for companionship.
- C. It is a true fact that many people choose that over human relationships, but they settle for something far less and far different than their Creator meant for them.
 - 1. They do this because something in them is broken from being hurt by other people.
 - 2. Or they do it from fear of being hurt by other people.
 - 3. In either case they are robbing themselves of the most fulfilling and important part of life - a companion who is their counterpart.
- D. There is no sound argument against this fact because God himself has testified and acted upon the matter and declared that it is not good for the man to be alone.

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- IV. Although man is a social being he cannot find fulfillment in simply being with others.
 - A. You can be lonely in a crowd, so that shows us even more clearly that God had something else in mind with male and female here.
 - B. The Creator means for there to be a relationship between husband and wife that is set apart and different than all other relationships.

Genesis 2:21-25 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; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 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. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

C. God is going to set things in order so that the man will have exactly what he needs and longs for in a companion.

V. She is the glory of the man.

1 Corinthians 11:7-9 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

- A. "The glory" means that she manifests his honor and his praise and his character.
- B. She does this by her own character and presentation of herself.
- C. By being identified with him as his wife she makes the difference in what others think of him.
- D. She is his glory - so she either brings him honor or shame.

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

- E. A crown is "an ornament worn on the head by kings and sovereign princes, as a badge of imperial or regal power and dignity."
- F. Crown signifies authority, honor, dignity, royalty, the king - she makes him a king, not only in her own eyes but in the eyes of others.
- G. Rottenness signifies decay, stink, and abhorrence.
- H. HER character will do as much, or more than his to effect one or the other of these in her husband's life.

VI. She is the completer - she was created for the man.

- A. God determined before he made man that He would make an help meet for him.
- B. God had male and female both in mind before he ever created man, but he made the man first and the woman second.
- C. God does things perfect and in perfect order.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

- D. This was no accident or afterthought.
- E. She was the last step in Creation, and remember that the Creation began in chaos and confusion and progressed to perfect order and godliness.
- F. God did not take a step backward and make a lower creature when He made a woman - she was the crown of the creation - made for the man.
- G. She completed the Creation and made the whole thing perfect.
- H. She fulfilled the need of the man for someone his equal to love him.
- I. She fulfilled the need of the man for someone his equal to love and to protect and provide for.
- J. She fulfilled the need of the man for a helper that was made exclusively for him.
- K. She fulfilled the need of the man to have someone he could claim as his and his alone, because she loved him.
- L. She gave him purpose and order in his life.
- M. She made it possible for him to live forever through his offspring.
- N. Her presence fulfilled the highest delights of body, soul, and spirit - and this was God's idea, and it was pure and holy and right.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.