

## LESSON 8 OUTLINE: God Made Eve

### A. INTRODUCTION:

We continually hear conversations about marriage bandied about today and there are some who want to change the definition of marriage. Here in America, we have some who shake their fist at God and want to change the definition of marriage including many in our media. In fact, most television reporters are in favor of changing the definition of marriage.

I have a copy of **Webster's New World Collegiate Dictionary** which was published in 1988 and here's their definition of marriage: 1) the state of being married; relation between husband and wife; wedlock; matrimony.

And Webster's definition for being "married" is: "living together as husband and wife; joined in wedlock.

Miriam-Webster in 2009 redefined marriage. Here is their new, updated definition:  
**a** (1) : the state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law (2) : the state of being united to a person of the same sex in a relationship like that of a traditional marriage <same-sex *marriage*>

Dictionary definitions may change or succumb to social pressure from special interest groups—but God doesn't change. And the purpose of this Firm Foundation series is NOT to debate various social and moral issues. Our purpose is to present what God says in His Word, the Bible. Romans 3:4 says "Let God be true and every man a liar."

In this Foundation series, our purpose is NOT to debate the current social issues of our day. Our purpose is to study the foundation that God has set out before us in His Word—and that foundation is unchanging, because God doesn't change. God does not change because of current polls. God doesn't change because of our shifting morality here in the U.S. or elsewhere in the world.

**Hebrews 13:8** tells us that "He is the same yesterday, today and forever."

But it's safe to say that we live in a day when the institution of marriage is under attack. But what does the Bible say about marriage?

- Did you know that God instituted marriage in the beginning?
- Right here in Genesis 2 we find part of the wedding service spoken in many ceremonies even today.

**Let's take a look at the roles God gave the first man and woman.**

**But first, let's do a review from our last lesson, number 7 where God made Adam.**

## REVIEW questions from Lesson 7.

1. Does God ever begin a thing and then not finish it? **No.**
2. Why doesn't God begin things and then leave them unfinished? **Because God never changes. Nothing can hinder Him from doing what He plans to do.**
3. Why did God rest on the seventh day? **Because all His work of creating things was finished.**
4. Did God send rain to water the plants when the earth was first created? **No, God watered the plants by mist which rose up from the earth.**
5. For whom did God plant the garden of Eden? **For Adam.**
6. Why was it right for God to put Adam in the garden even though God didn't ask him if he wanted to live there? **God created Adam, so he rightfully belonged to God.**
7. To whom do all things, spirits, and people belong? **To God, their Creator.**
8. Of how many trees in the garden was Adam allowed to eat the fruit? **All of them except one.**
9. Who put the tree of life in the garden for Adam? **God.**
10. What was the name of the tree, the fruit of which God did not want Adam to eat? **The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**
11. What did God say would happen to Adam if he ate of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? **Adam would die.**
12. What did God mean when He said that man would die?
  - a. **Man would be immediately separated from God, the source of his life.**
  - b. **His body would die when his soul and spirit were separated from his body.**
  - c. **Man's body, soul, and spirit would be separated from God forever in the place which God prepared for Satan and his demons.**

## **B. God decided that Adam needed a wife to help him and to be his companion.**

- Theme: God is supreme and sovereign.

### **READ Genesis 2:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

### **God decided that Adam should not live alone.**

- God was his Creator and knew what was best for him.
- God didn't ask Adam what he wanted or thought best.
- God made the decision to make a wife for Adam.

**Theme: God is love.**

God loved Adam and wanted him to be complete.

- God knew that Adam wouldn't continue to be happy if he remained alone
- Because God loved Adam and wanted the best for him, He decided to make a wife for him.

God knows ahead of time just what our needs will be, and He also knows the best way to meet those needs.

- You will see that He didn't create Adam's wife at the same moment or in the same way He created Adam.
- He created her at just the right time and in just the right way to meet Adam's needs.

### **C. God brought all of the animals before Adam to be named by him.**

**READ Genesis 2:19-20 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

God had placed Adam as master over all the animals, so God also gave Adam the responsibility of giving them all their names.<sup>2</sup>

God brought to Adam every creature He had made, and Adam named them all.

### **D. There was no suitable companion for Adam among the animals.**

Theme: Man needs God.

**READ Genesis 2:20 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

God created man very different from the animals.

- Man was made in God's image so he could know, love, and obey God.
- The animals could not know, love, and obey God like man could.
- Animals are not interested in the things in which people are interested.
- They cannot do many of the things that people do.

Adam needed someone to whom he could talk and who could do the same things that he could do.

- No animal could be a suitable companion for man.
- He needed someone more like himself.

Man couldn't do anything to provide himself with a companion and wife. What's he going to do? Even today, we can't clone another human being. We are helpless and have

such incredible limitations without God. As I've said before, if science discovers anything, it's only because God allows it.

- Neither the angels nor Satan, or his demons, could make a wife for Adam.
- God alone could make a wife for Adam.

God knew that Adam would need a wife; God loved man and did not want him to be alone.

- God giving Adam the task of naming all the animals means that Adam had authority and higher standing than any of the animals.
- Your dog doesn't "name" you.
- Your dog doesn't get your "licensed".
- Your cat doesn't take you to the vet for your shots.
- Your pet doesn't go to school to learn new things.
- Your pet does not have a career or provide for your needs.

### **E. God created Eve from Adam's rib.**

Theme: God is all-powerful.

#### **READ Genesis 2:21-23 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

<sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Only God could do this.

- He knows everything.
- He can do anything He wants to do.

God made the first woman as a gift for man.

#### **Compare:**

If someone who loves you were to give you a very special gift, would you take good care of it? Of course you would! It would be valuable to you because of the care and concern and love expressed by the one who gave it to you.

God gave a wife to Adam, and God expected Adam to take good care of her and to love her.

#### **Consider:**

Even though all of the animals must have seemed very interesting (and Adam had seen them all as he named them), imagine Adam's excitement in seeing this lovely woman whom God had made for him! She, like Adam, was created by God, but God had not made her from the dust of the ground as he had made Adam.

God had actually made her from part of Adam's own body, Adam's rib. How precious and close she must have been to Adam! And God had given her a mind and emotions and a will, so she also was able to communicate with God and with Adam.

#### **F. Marriage was ordained by God.**

Theme: God is holy and righteous.

#### **READ Genesis 2:23-25 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

God made woman for man so they could be married, live together, and have children.

- "...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..." (Genesis 1:28).
- This was God's command to Adam.

#### **Consider:**

Because God created everything perfect, we can only imagine just how lovely this woman really was! And God had made her to be that perfect "helper."

We can only imagine how satisfied Adam must have been with his wife who was given him by God—she perfectly suited his needs, made from part of his own body, endowed with the ability to communicate with him and with God, and she was commanded along with Adam to fill the earth and to rule over it.

#### **Marriage was God's perfect plan for Adam and Eve.**

- Eve was Adam's gift from God, perfectly suited to Adam's needs.
- Everything that God does and says is good because He is perfect.
- He cannot think, say, or do anything evil.

#### **Read James 1:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

#### **Marriage is good because God gave marriage to man.**

#### **Jeremiah 32:27 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?"

#### **G. Adam and Eve were unaware that they were naked, and they were totally unembarrassed.**

## Genesis 2:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

### H. Conclusion

Life was perfect for Adam and Eve.

- God had given them everything they needed.
- And He had surrounded them with beauty and abundance far beyond their physical needs.
- They were able to communicate with God and with each other.
- He had made them rulers over His creation.
- He was present with them to guide them in every decision.
- Their work wasn't hard.
- They had no sickness.
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#### So what happened?

- We will study later about the drastic events that changed all this peace and beauty.

But God's Word hasn't changed.

- Thousands of years have passed since Adam and Eve became man and wife, but God has never altered what He first wrote about marriage.
- God has not changed His mind about marriage.
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Next time, we are going to review what we have learned so far.

- Review gives you a good opportunity:
- To "firm up" what you have learned
- To clear up misunderstandings
- To learn things you might have missed the first time through.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who decided that Adam needed a wife as a companion? **God did.**
2. Why did God decide to make a wife for Adam? **Because God loved Adam and did not think it was good for Adam to be alone.**
3. Was it right for God to decide to do this without asking Adam? **Yes, God created Adam. God is over everything, every spirit, and every person.**
4. How did God make the first woman? **God put Adam to sleep. He took out one of Adam's ribs. God then made the first woman from Adam's rib.**
5. How was it possible for God to make Eve from one of Adam's ribs? **Nothing is impossible to God. He can do anything He wants to do.**
6. Who told Adam and Eve to marry and to have children? **God, their Creator.**

Next time, we'll move on to **Lesson 9** which is a review of the first 8 lessons, and also do ***Lesson 10: Adam & Eve Disobeyed God.***