



Pray

How does Genesis 2:18-25 inspire you to pray?
Is there action you need to take?

How can this passage impact the way you pray for
yourself and others?

How does this passage move you to thank and
praise God?



“Bone Of My Bone – Man Is No Longer Alone” | Genesis 2:18-25
Study Guide 6 for sermon on 6/6/2021



Introduction

Speech! Speech! Speech! The wedding party cries out for a speech. After a few seconds, the groom raises his glass and begins to gush with praise of his beautiful bride whom he loves and adores. This scene parallels the first human speech in the Bible (2:23) that describes the divine creation of woman and the suitability and compatibility she is fit for him. God has made many things and this includes man and woman. Not only has he created them but he oversees and participates in the first wedding – a joyous occasion that points us to God’s joy-filled plan for humanity.



Overview

Context: As you read through the opening two chapters of Genesis, the speed and productivity of creation is astounding. Now, the narrative slows to a crawl as we move from everything being good to these words of chapter two – “It is not good for the man to be alone.” God is setting the stage as he creates again but this time a wonderful woman, a companion, and a compliment.

Structure:

- No helper for Adam (vv. 18-20)
- God makes woman (vv. 21-22)
- Adam erupts in praise (v. 23)
- The value and purity of man and woman together (vv. 24-25)



Engage

1. In verse 18, God says that something is not good for man, what is the problem and solution?
2. Genesis 2:18-22, there are many verbs that reveal God's initiation in creation. What are the verbs and what else do they reveal to us about God's character?
3. Why does God bring the animals and birds to man instead of the other way around? What special role is given to man in verse 19?
4. How does verse 20 set the stage for the rest of the chapter?
5. In verse 21, is this the first instance of *anesthesia* in history? That was my attempt at humor. When we look at this verse, why does God take one of man's ribs instead of using dirt from the ground or something else more refined in creating woman?
6. As the passage continues in verse 22, God makes woman and brings her to the man. Why might this small statement be significant?
7. In verse 23, we read the first speech in the Bible. Adam explodes with astonishment at the beauty before him. She is called Woman because she was taken out of Man. The closeness of these words in the original Hebrew points to a special relationship. He imbeds his own name in hers. He celebrates what God has made. As R. Kent Hughes commented on this passage, "He saw her as a mirror of himself, with some very agreeable differences!" How can we celebrate what God has made?
8. In response to Adam's excitement and in understanding God's divine plan for man and woman, we come to verse 24. It is the verse often read at weddings. It's more than a ceremonial statement though. It points to roles and relationships that would exist after Adam and Eve. Who is man's loyalty to? Where else in the Bible is this verse referenced and why does this verse have bearing on the church?
9. In the last verse of chapter 2, it ends with an element of surprise with these words: "And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." Why were they not ashamed and how does their special relationship with each other impact their view of God?

Marriage Moment: Honoring What Is Honorable → We are trained to be consumers. Consumers do a cost-benefit analysis, and you do it in your head automatically. This training leads us to short-circuit what God is doing in our marriages when confrontation comes. God is teaching us patience, perseverance, and ultimately is pointing us to Christ. Jesus Christ is full of grace and by his grace is conforming us to be more like Him.