

The Making of Woman

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I. Introduction. Text: Genesis 2:18-25.

II. The intent of God for making woman.

A. God made woman as a companion for man.

1. God always intended to make woman.
2. Loneliness is a source of misery in our society.
3. One of the chief purposes for marriage is companionship.

B. God made woman as a helper for man.

1. They are to work together.
2. This condition has been true since the beginning of time.

C. God intentionally set woman apart from the animals.

D. Women are not biological laboratories for reproduction.

E. Woman is not a plaything for man.

III. The process of God for making woman.

A. Man fell into a deep sleep, and God produced woman from one of his ribs.

1. This suggests that the relationships between a man and his wife go far deeper than the surface.
2. The first responsibility of a man is to understand his wife and help her understand herself.

B. Woman's development from the rib suggests her emotional and protective nature.

IV. The qualities of true marriage that result from making woman.

A. Marriage is to involve a complete identity. The man who hurts his wife hurts himself.

B. The man must exercise the leadership and answer for that leadership before God.

C. The marriage is to be permanent.

D. Marriage is to be characterized with openness.

E. Married couples are to be at ease.

Application questions:

1. If a person feels lonely in a marriage, what does this suggest about the marriage?

2. What might be gleaned from the creation account about the nature of a woman?

3. Which quality of true marriage stood out to you? How has our culture been successful or failed at modeling this?
