

THE MAN AND HIS HELPMATE

Genesis 2:18, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'"

Man was created to be a spiritual, immortal creation of God, but he was also made to be a social creature while on earth. This new creation of God needed to share his life with others. God knew that isolation or being a hermit would be unnatural and unhealthy, because every man and woman would need to be appreciated, to be understood, and to be loved. God had a plan.

Genesis 2:19-20, "Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found."

The animals just were not the answer to Adam's dilemma for companionship. Even if he was a Dr. Doolittle and he could talk with the animals, there would have still been a great void in his life. A human needs the companionship of other humans.

Genesis 2:21-22, "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man."

Why did God choose a rib and not another part of Adam's body? It has been speculated that a rib was chosen because Adam's new companion was not going to be under his feet, or above his head in the family. Instead she was to be a helpmate, someone by his side walking through life's experiences. A rib was also very close to his heart.

A man will grow up and leave his father's family, and he will enter into a new family when he finds his helpmate. His love was once primarily focused on his parents, brothers and sisters, but that love would now be superseded by his love for his wife. This is God's plan, and it is a good plan. It is the best plan for today's society. It is the only plan that has been proven to work.

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