

Questions

1. Why did God bring the animals to Adam to be named? Why is it sometimes necessary for man to learn what is "not good" in order to more fully understand what God deems to be truly good?
2. How would you respond to the charge that it's demeaning for God to refer to a wife as her husband's "helper"?
3. Adam needed a suitable helper even before he sinned. What does that tell us about the neediness of human beings?
4. How does the order and manner of God's creation of the man and the woman speak to matters of equality, and to headship and subordination (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:3, 8-9)?
5. What are some ways that a husband and wife can apply the instruction about leaving and cleaving or leaving and bonding?
6. How does bonding and becoming one flesh reflect the nature of marriage as a covenant before God? Are there other Bible verses that emphasize the lifelong covenant nature of marriage?
7. What are some ways that a husband and wife can cultivate the one-flesh relationship that God designed marriage to be? Are there areas where you need to be more deliberate about this?
8. What are some of the ways by which the rest of Scripture affirms the permanence of God's design for marriage and sex?
9. Sexual sin can cause painful consequences (1 Cor 6:18), along with great shame. How can the gospel of Jesus Christ provide help and strength?

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BEGINNINGS

Genesis 1-11

Two Become One

Genesis 2:18-25

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Before God declared His creation to be very good, there was something that He said was "not good." In this passage, we see God's provision for man's need, and how that provision established God's very good design for marriage.

1. God's Appraisal: Not good (2:18)

2. Man's Lack: A corresponding helper (2:19-20)

3. God's Provision: A wife (2:21-23)

Implications: Design and Deviation (cf. Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 2:16-19; Proverbs 5; Song of Solomon; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:28-31).

4. God's Pattern for Marriage (2:24-25)

The Remedy: The Gospel