

Genesis 2:18-25 – God Creates the First Woman	
<p>¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "<i>It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.</i>"</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God declares that it is not good that man should be alone. 2. God declares that He will make him a comparable helper.
<p>¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought <i>them</i> to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that <i>was</i> its name.</p> <p>²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. God brings all the animals and birds by for Adam to name. 4. No comparable helper was found for Adam among the animals and birds.
<p>²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.</p> <p>²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. God causes Adam to sleep. 6. God takes one of Adam's ribs and closes him up. 7. God makes a woman from Adam's rib.
<p>and He brought her to the man.</p> <p>²³ And Adam said: "<i>This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.</i>"</p> <p>²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.</p> <p>²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. God brings the woman to the man, initiating the design of marriage. 9. Adam calls the woman "woman" because she was taken out of man. 10. God clarifies His purpose to make marriage between 1 man and 1 woman.
Genesis 1:26-28	
<p>²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."</p> <p>²⁷ So God created man in His [<i>own</i>] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.</p> <p>²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."</p>	

1. God Identifies Something Missing (18) – God Says Man Needs a Helper

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "[*It is*] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

- God made the "not good" determination (this was by God's design all along – God wasn't finished yet)
- Not good that man should be alone
 - For _____ – (could have created another man; God was there)
 - For _____ – Pro-creation! (could not be fruitful, multiply, & fill the earth, or have dominion)
- Was the man alone?
 - _____ was there – God made the man to need other people!
 - _____ were there – God made man to need more than just animal companionship.
- Man needed a _____ helper

- _____, but not _____
- _____ – not separate direction, independent purpose, etc. (_____)

2. God Confirms No Comparable Mate Was Yet Created (19-20) – God Shows Adam that No Helper Exists

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²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

- God knew what He had planned for Adam.
- God let Adam exercise his authority over creation.
- (Adam was created very smart. He could think, speak, etc.)
- God assigned this to Adam:
 - To learn of his own _____
 - To learn of the _____ of creation (thus far) to provide a comparable

3. God Creates the First Woman (21-22a) – God Makes a Special Helper for Adam

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

- God determines and defines the solution (God didn't ask Adam for input).
- God performs the first surgery!
- From the man (significance?) - v. 23
 - To indicate _____ (woman is human)
 - To indicate _____ (woman is from the man)
- From the man's rib (significance?)
 - Would not make man incomplete or lame (as if taking an arm or leg or ear)
 - Possibly indicates closeness (from the center)
 - Possibly indicates equality (though being from Adam's body does indicate that also)
- Made into a WOMAN (significance?)
 - Not another man
 - Needed for bearing children
 - Needed for being similar but different – a helper comparable for him (**not identical** to him) bringing unique abilities and gifts to help him, thus providing abilities and capabilities that he lacked.
 - [Circle illustration]

4. God Brings the Woman to the Man (22b-23) – Next week (focusing on marriage as God's design)

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²³ And Adam said: "This [is] now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."