

## **AN EVENING IN PARADISE**

### **Genesis 2:18-24**

**We can learn from the creation account that marriage  
is made meaningful by companionship.**

#### **I. THE NEED FOR COMPANIONSHIP** (18-20)

##### A. GOD'S REVELATION (18)

1. Determination: "It is not good for man to be alone"
2. Decision: "I will make a helper suitable for him"
  - One who would compliment Adam

##### B. ADAM'S REALIZATION (19-20)

1. Survey
  - a. Adam had a nice home, job and great food (cf. 2:15-16), but he had no companion!
  - b. Adam had the animals ... but they could not satisfy his loneliness
2. Summary
  - a. Even in the best of situations (living in paradise), man sees his need of a companion
  - b. Adam had:
    - 1) A Creator above him
    - 2) The creatures below him
    - 3) But what he needed was a companion to be with him.

#### **II. THE NATURE OF COMPANIONSHIP** (21-23)

##### A. A PERSON: One *like* Adam

- One decidedly different from what he had seen so far

##### B. A PRESENT: One *for* Adam

1. Built by God (22a)
  - a. Custom designed
  - b. From Adam's rib (or side)
    - Adam: dust defined; Eve: man refined
2. Brought by God (22b)
  - God literally "caused her to come near"

C. A PRIZE: One *appreciated* by Adam

1. Adam's Realization (23a)
  - Bone and flesh like mine
2. Adam's Identification (23b)
  - a. He gave her a name
  - b. He gave her his name
  - c. Note: He did not call her "Eve"
    - She did not get that name until after the fall (cf. 3:20)
3. Adam's Exclamation
  - "This time!" or "At last!"
4. Adam's Recognition
  - The gift of companionship is a present from God in the form of a person

III. **THE NURTURING OF COMPANIONSHIP** (24)

- Note Moses' editorial comment

A. BREAK WITH PARENTS (24a)

- You withdraw or leave
1. To "leave" is to break or loose from
  2. Your relationship changes
    - The parent/child relationship was never intended to be permanent

B. BOND WITH YOUR PARTNER (24b)

- You weld or cleave
1. The Command: "Joined" to his wife
  2. The Conditions: Be together

C. BIND WITH PERMANENCE (24c)

- You are one or you weave to them
1. You become one flesh
  2. You become as one > A closer relationship than blood relatives
    - a. This is an indissoluble union > No divorce, polygamy, adultery or homosexuality
    - b. This same idea is confirmed by:
      - 1) Malachi in Malachi 2:15
      - 2) Christ in Matthew 19:3-9
      - 3) Paul in Ephesians 5:30-31

**CONCLUSION:**

*God ordained marriage for companionship!*

**Commit to being companions in your marriage! - See Song of Solomon 5:16**