

# **AND GOD CREATED MARRIAGE**

Genesis 2:18-25

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## **Why did God create marriage?**

### **1. God created marriage for companionship.**

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

A. God made Adam with an unmet need.

B. God worked to help Adam see his need.

*And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the  
sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was  
not found a helper suitable for him. Genesis 2:20*

C. God met Adam's need in Eve.

*And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had  
taken from the man, and brought her to the man. Genesis 2:22*

### **2. God created marriage for intimacy and oneness.**

*For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall  
cleave to his wife; **and they shall become one flesh.** Genesis 2:24*

A. He wants us to have spiritual intimacy.

*Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership  
have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light  
with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or  
what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?  
2 Corinthians 6:14-15*

B. He wants us to have emotional intimacy.

C. He wants us to have physical intimacy.

1. Sex in marriage is designed for pleasure.

*Kiss me and kiss me again, for your love is sweeter than wine. Song of Solomon 1:2 NLT*

2. Sex in marriage is designed for procreation.

*Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. **And what does he want? Godly children from your union.** So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. Malachi 2:15 NLT*

3. God created marriage for our good and His glory.

A. Marriage is designed to be awesome!

*"At last!" the man exclaimed. Genesis 2:23 NLT*

B. Marriage is designed to picture Christ and the church.

*As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. Ephesians 5:31-32 NLT*

**Will you bring your marriage to Him?**