

Major Event: CREATION

Lesson 4: Marriage

Scriptures: Genesis 1 and 2

Central Text: Genesis 2:18, 2:24

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

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Suggested Subjects: God's purpose for marriage. The order of creation.

Suggested Attributes:

1. Of God: Unity and Diversity (see Gen. 1:26 "let Us")
2. His need for a suitable helper to accomplish Divinely designed purpose (2:18)

Suggested Home Study:

1 Cor. 11:9-12; Mark 10:1-12; Rom. 11:33-36

Notes: God establishes marriage before the fall. God united one man and one woman to compliment each other and have unity of purpose in accomplishing that for which He designed them. In 2:25 the man and woman are naked without shame. They have not yet experienced the pain of a guilty conscience (cf. Rom. 2:15,16). The fact that the woman (later Eve) was taken from the man makes the entire human race "from Adam". This is theologically significant because, as Paul states, through one man's fall all die, so by one man's obedience all men can be saved (Romans 5:12-19)