

## Sermon Scripture Passage: **Genesis 2:18-25**

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam[g] there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

*"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## **Revelation 19:6-9**

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

*"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.*

*7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,*

*for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;*

*8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—*

*for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

## Scripture References:

**Ephesians 5:25-32** – 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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Women, Men, Marriage Singleness #5 – Genesis 2:18-25 – What was God Thinking?

Consider: *How is the Biblical vision of marriage different than how marriage is viewed today?*

Society views marriage as a social \_\_\_\_\_, that can be changed based on society's needs.

Christianity: Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ by God and given for the good of both men and women.

Genesis 2:18-25 We see the first wedding, the marriage of the man and woman

The Purpose of Marriage – \_\_\_\_\_

The Picture of Marriage – The Two \_\_\_\_\_

The Essence of Marriage - A Covenant \_\_\_\_\_

The Priority of Marriage – Learning to \_\_\_\_\_

The Challenge and Call of Marriage - Marriage involves the union of two \_\_\_\_\_

*What was God thinking when he invented marriage?*

When God invented marriage, he already had the \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.

Eph. 5:32 – This \_\_\_\_\_ is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Rev. 19:6-9 – We see the final wedding of the Bride/\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_/Christ.

*What does the bride do to be ready?*

*What is the bride granted to clothe herself in?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Construct
- Designed
- Companionship
- The Two become One
- A Covenant Promise
- Learning to put the needs of another ahead of your own
- Sinful human beings
- He already had the saving work of Jesus in mind
- Mystery
- The Bride/Church and the Lamb/Christ

*What does the bride do to be ready?*

- *By waiting for, putting her faith in the Groom/Christ*

*What is the bride granted to clothe herself in?*

- *Good deeds, righteous acts, service to others, care for the poor, etc.*