



# Sermon Notes

## “The Plumb Line of Marriage”

Genesis 2:18-25; Malachi 2:13-16

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**1. God put a desire in Adam before he presented Eve to him.** *The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”* (Genesis 2:18 NIV)

- God provided a place to bring her. (Genesis 2:8)
- His “helper” would not come from the animals. (Genesis 2:20)
- She would come from “within” him. (Genesis 2:22)

**2. Separate but together.** *So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep...then the LORD God made (built) a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man.* (Genesis 2:21-22)

- God is superior. (Genesis 2:21)
- The animals are inferior (Genesis 2:20)
- Men and women are equal. (Genesis 2:23)
- Man was formed; “Ish” – “whose hand works in the fire”
- Woman was fashioned; “Isha” – “behold what comes from”
- Together they would fulfill God’s purpose. (Genesis 2:24) (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15-17)

**3. Divorce is a deviation from the marriage plumb line.** *You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.* (Malachi 2:14)

- Marriage is a covenant before God first, then man and wife. (Malachi 2:15)
- When sealed by God, any severing rips at our spirit. (Malachi 2:16a)
- Perseverance is worth it! (Malachi 2:16b)

**4. Truth to overcome: talk together, pray together, get help together.** *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.* (Isaiah 55:6).