

“...and brought her to the man.”

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**ORIGINS—The Book of Genesis**  
The Beginning and Meaning of Everything That Matters  
No. 11 | CREATION—Man and Woman in the Garden, pt. 1  
**Genesis 2:18-23**

**The man declared that he at last found his fit helper (v. 23)**

ESV **Genesis 2:23** 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."

“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...”

How should we understand this?

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God designed and created humanity...

- ...as two sexes/genders
- ...to not be alone
- ...to work together to accomplish His purposes
- ...each one fulfilling the role He gave them according to their sex/gender

Who I am is not determined by me but is determined by God; it is good—it’s the way God wants it to be and it’s good for me; and, how I handle who I am should be according to God’s design and word.

**Review**

*A Few Reminders in Approaching Genesis 1*

- We are told some things, but aren’t told everything.
  - We are told what took place (i.e. the creation of “the heavens and the earth”).
  - We are told when it took place (i.e. “In the beginning”).
  - We are told by whom it all took place (i.e. “God”).
- What we are told is true (or accurate).
- What we are told is often phenomenal (or as it appears).
- What we are told is at times sparse (or even, enigmatic).

**CREATION**

- Day 1 | “Let there be LIGHT”—God separated the light from the darkness
- Day 2 | “Let there be an EXPANSE”—God separated the waters from the waters
- Day 3 | “Let the WATERS be gathered and let the DRY LAND appear”  
“Let the earth sprout VEGETATION”
- Day 4 | “Let there be LIGHTS”—God made the sun, moon, and stars
- Day 5 | “Let the waters swarm with LIVING CREATURES”  
“Let the BIRDS fly above the earth”
- Day 6 | “Let the earth bring forth LIVING CREATURES according to their kinds”  
“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”
- Day 7 | On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done

**CREATION (1:1-2:25) > CORRUPTION (3:1-11:32) > COVENANT (12:1-50:26)**

**Creation—Man and Woman in the Garden, pt. 1**

**Genesis 2:18-23**

**“These are the generations of the heavens and the earth...” (2:4)**

(See also, **5:1** [of Adam]; **6:9** [of Noah]; 10:1; **11:10** [of Shem]; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 36:9; **37:2** [of Jacob])

“...the heavens and the earth...  
...when they were created...  
...in the day that the LORD God  
...made...  
...the earth and the heavens.”

### *An Outline of Genesis Chapter Two*

- Man in the Garden (2:5-17)
  - The Necessity of Man (2:5-7)
  - The Provision for Man (2:8-9, 10-14)
  - The Responsibility of Man (2:15, 16-17)
- Man and Woman in the Garden (2:18-25)
  - The Necessity of Woman for Man (2:18, 19-20)
  - The Provision of Woman to Man (2:19-20, 21-23)
  - The Responsibility of Woman with Man (2:24-25)

So, God provides...existence, habitation, food, water, employment, instruction, and now assistance...to man.

### **The Necessity of Woman (2:18-20)**

#### **God declared that man shouldn't be alone (v. 18)**

ESV **Genesis 2:18** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

**"It is not good that the man should be alone..."**

**"I will make him a helper fit for him."**

**helper =**

**fit =**

What sort of correspondence?

How should we understand this?

ESV **1 Corinthians 11:3** But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

ESV **1 Corinthians 11:7** For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup> Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

### **God made and brought the animals to the man to name (vv. 19-20)**

ESV **Genesis 2:19** So out of the ground the LORD God 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. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

**"God...brought them to the man to see what he would call them."**

"So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast..."

"...and brought them to the man to see what he would them."

"And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."

"The man gave names to all livestock..."

"But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him."

### **The Provision of Woman (2:21-23)**

#### **God made and brought the woman to the man (vv. 21-22)**

ESV **Genesis 2:21** 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. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

**"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."

"And the rib that the LORD God had taken...he made into a woman..."