

MEETING NEEDS GEN. 2:18,20, 21-25

I. Marriage is about **needs** – BTF!

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is not good* (אֵין טוֹב) that the man should be alone; I will make him **an help** (עֲזָרָה) meet for him.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was **not found an help** (אֵין עֲזָרָה) meet for him.

She /he is so needy!

Help is the common word found in the OT:

Psalm 46:1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present **help** (עֲזָרָה) in trouble.

1 Samuel 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer (אֶבְנֵי־עֵזֶר), saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

II. Marriage is about **meeting** those needs – BTF!

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help **meet** (עֲזָרָה) **for him**.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam (אָדָם) gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help **meet** (עֲזָרָה) for him.

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall **upon Adam** (עַל־אָדָם), and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man (מִן־אָדָם), made he a woman (אִשָּׁה), and brought her **unto the man** (עַל־אָדָם).

Genesis 2:23 And Adam (אָדָם) said, **This** (זֶה) *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: **she** (זֵּה) shall be called **Woman** (אִשָּׁה), because **she** (זֵּה) was taken **out of Man** (מִן־אָדָם).

Thoughts:

- **This is marriage before the fall**
- **This is God's original design &/ intent**
- **Man was created first and the woman was created second out of the man**
- **A man alone was (and rarely is) good**

- **God intended and created woman as his help meet**

Someone corresponding to / fit for / facing one another / meet / appropriate

1 Kings 8:22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD **in the presence of** (בְּפָנָיו) all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

Nehemiah 13:21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye **about** (בְּפָנָיו) the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they *no more* on the sabbath.

Psalm 78:12 Marvellous things did he **in the sight of** (תִּצְּוּ) their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

Proverbs 14:7 Go **from the presence of** (תִּצְּוּ) a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

Isaiah 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings **from before** (תִּצְּוּ) mine eyes; cease to do evil;

So: complimenting the man / the opposite of / counterpart / completing

➤ **Adam’s immediate response is beyond belief**

This one...is the

This one shall be called “ishah” from “ish”!!!

This one was taken out of the

Matthew Henry (late 1600s in his commentary)

How God graciously resolved to provide society for him. The result of this reasoning concerning him was this kind resolution, *I will make a help-meet for him; a help like him* (so some read it), one of the same nature and the same rank of beings; *a help near him* (so others), one to cohabit with him, and to be always at hand; *a help before him* (so others), one that he should look upon with pleasure and delight.

That the woman was *made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.*

➤ **This is the one to meet my needs / help me (and vice versa) in life – to be my wife!**

His Needs, Her Needs: Dr. Willard Harley	
Attention	Sexual fulfillment
Conversation	Recreational companionship
Honesty	An attractive spouse
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Financial commitment	Domestic support
Family commitment	Admiration

III. The fall makes those needs more difficult to meet

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, **and they knew that they *were* naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: **and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, **Where *art* thou?**

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, **because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.**

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Genesis 3:13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Hiding, lying, shame, guilt, the ways we cover up these things....

Thoughts:

- **Variety has increased**
- **The desire and maybe ability to meet those needs has decreased**

- **The complexity of needs are now off the charts**

- **The inability to communicate our needs has increased**

- **Our needs have become entangled with our childhood**

Remember: every intimate relationship is **about every other intimate relationship in your life**

IV. Those needs **must still be met – ATF!**

1 Corinthians 7:3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. **1 Corinthians 7:4** The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. **1 Corinthians 7:5** Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.