

**I. Introduction: God created Adam and then formed another image-bearer who would help him fulfill his role as a ruler and procreator of life on the earth.**

**II. God's Image-Bearing Creators (Gen 2:18-25).**

A. Adam's Need is Realized (vv. 18-20).

1. God brought the animals to Adam to show him that he was alone in the world because there was no one else like him who was an image-bearer of God.

B. Adam's Solution is Provided (vv. 21-23).

1. God knew Adam lacked a corresponding helper that would aid him in fulfilling his calling, so He created the woman to provide what Adam needed.

C. Adam's Relationship is Cemented (vv. 24-25).

1. God created Eve for Adam and then established a binding covenantal relationship so that they might fulfill His purposes of procreation and ruling.

**III. Conclusion: God created human beings to be His rulers over the garden and create life through the propagation of children that would spread God's glory.**

## Study Questions: God's Image-Bearing Creators

1. What is the purpose of marriage? (**Gen 1:26-28; 2:18-25; Eph 5:31-32**) Why is there so much confusion about marriage in society? How does God define marriage? The family?
2. What was the first thing that God said was “not good?” (**Gen 2:18-25**) What did God do to remedy Adam’s problem? (**v. 18**) What does the word “helper” mean?
3. Why did God insert the naming of the animals here? (**Gen 2:19-20**) What did God want to show Adam? (**Gen 2:20**) Why can’t animals fulfill mankind’s longings and desires?
4. From what did God make Eve? (**Gen 2:21-22**) Why was it significant that she was taken from Adam’s side? (**v. 22**) How does this refute feminism and chauvinism?
5. How do we know that Adam and Eve had equal dignity, value, and worth? (**Gen 1:26-31**) Who brought the woman to the man? (**Gen 2:22**) How was she a special gift for Adam?
6. How did Adam respond when he saw Eve? (**Gen 2:23**) What style of communication is this? What did Adam call the one that God brought to him? What is the significance of this word?
7. What is the three-step process for marriage? (**Gen 2:24**) How does confusing or skipping these steps cause damage to marriage relationships? What does “one flesh” mean?
8. How were the man and the woman created? (**Gen 2:25**) How were they able to be naked and unashamed? (**Gen 2:25**) Do you need to seek forgiveness for any sins?

### Prayer

1. Pray and thank God for the gift that your spouse is to you and for their help to you.
2. Ask God to cleanse you from any sins that you have committed against your spouse.