

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

The First Marriage – Genesis 2:18-25

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of first events
2. Understanding the Text
3. Three Ways a Wife is a Helper
 - a. Fulfilling the Creation Mandate
 - b. Companionship
 - c. Worshiping the Lord
4. Conclusion – marriage points us to the perfect bridegroom, the Lord Jesus Christ

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 2:3 - And God saw that it was very good.
- Genesis 1:28 - ...have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.
- Matthew 19 and Ephesians 5 – Jesus and Paul quote Genesis 2:24
- Psalm 33:20 - Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
- Psalm 121:1-2 - I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- Genesis 1:28 - Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living...
- Isaiah 62:5 - As a bridegroom rejoices over his wife, so the Lord rejoices over you.
- Ephesians 5:32 - This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it important for us to understand this first marriage that God created?
- What is so significant about the fact that God said it was not good for the man to be alone?
- How does verse 24 help us see that what God did with Adam and Eve is His design for all people throughout time?
- How do we know that the term ‘helper’ does not mean women are inferior to men?
- What impact does the fact that God made Eve from Adam’s side have on our understanding of the relationship between a husband and wife?
- In what ways should a husband and wife work together to fulfill the cultural mandate?
- How does the idea of companionship help us understand what God desires for marriage?
- Husbands, how can you show your wife you truly view her as your companion?
- Wives, what can you do to foster companionship in your marriage?
- If you are married, what practical things can you do to foster intimacy in your marriage?
- Why is it important for us to realize that the primary way a wife helps is in worshiping God?
- If you are married, what can you do to help your spouse love Jesus more and worship the Lord more deeply?
- If you are not married, what does this passage and sermon have to say to you?
- How does marriage point us to Jesus and His love for us?
- How does this passage and sermon point us to the Lord’s Supper?
- How does this passage and sermon help you know and love Jesus more?