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Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

(Readings are for the week previous to the lesson topics.)

1. June 2. The Creation of Woman

M — Everything Made Was Very Good. Gen. 1:26-31.
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W — Wise Women. Prov. 11:16; 14:1; 31:30-31.
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F — Training Young Women. Titus 2:3-5.
S — A Beautiful Setting for the First Marriage. Gen. 2:8-17.
S — Fashioned with Purpose. Gen. 2:18-25.

2. June 9. Deborah Encourages Barak

M — The Lord Fights for Israel. Ex. 14:23-28.
T — Miriam's Song. Ex. 15:20-21.
W — Huldah the Prophetess. II Kgs. 22:14-20.
T — Jael and Sisera. Judg. 4:17-21.
F — Deborah's Song. Judg. 5:1-12.
S — Tribute to Jael. Judg. 5:24-31.
S — Deborah the Prophetess. Judg. 4:4-10, 12-16.

3. June 16. Ruth Follows Naomi

M — Origin of Moab. Gen. 19:29-38.
T — A Husband for Tamar. Gen. 38:1-11.
W — The Lord Protects Moab. Deut. 2:8-22.
T — Honor Godly Widows. I Tim. 5:3-8.
F — Leaving All Behind. Matt. 19:27-30.
S — Released to Find New Husbands. Ruth 1:10-13.
S — Marriage and Death in Moab. Ruth 1:1-9, 14b, 16.

4. June 23. Ruth Meets Boaz

M — Providing for the Poor. Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 24:19-22.
T — You Will Be Fed. Ps. 37:1-6.
W — Assignment for the Rich. I Tim. 6:17-19.
T — Kindness to the Poor. Prov. 14:26-27, 30-31.
F — Return to Bethlehem. Ruth 1:19-22.
S — Gathering Grain. Ruth 2:1-7.
S — Welcome and Protection. Ruth 2:8-18.

5. June 30. Ruth Marries Boaz

M — Levirate Marriage. Deut. 25:7-10.
T — Redeeming Property. Jer. 32:6-15.
W — Moabite Prohibition. Deut. 23:2-6.
T — Blessing of Children. Ps. 127:1-5.
F — Waiting for Redemption. Ruth 3:11-18.
S — David's Ancestor. Ruth 4:15-22.
S — Marriage and Blessing. Ruth 4:1-10.

6. July 7. Hannah Commits Her Son to God

M — Mary's Song of Praise. Luke 1:46-55.
T — Hope in God Brings Strength. Isa. 40:25-31.
W — Zechariah's Song of Praise. Luke 1:67-79.
T — Who Is Like the Lord? Ps. 113:1-9.
F — Vows Fulfilled to a Faithful God. Ps. 66:13-20.
S — Hannah's Vow. I Sam. 1:9-18.
S — Hannah's Song of Praise. I Sam. 1:20, 26-28; 2:1-10.

7. July 14. Esther's Bravery

M — God's Promise to Abraham. Gen. 12:1-3.
T — Confidence in the Lord. Ps. 27:1-14.
W — Anger Blinds. Dan. 3:13-28.
T — A Decree for Annihilation. Esth. 3:8-15.

F — A Fasting People. Jonah 3:5-10.
S — Mordecai Mourns. Esth. 4:1-5.
S — Wicked Scheme of Haman. Esth. 3:2-3, 5-6a; 4:7-16.

8. July 21. The Deliverance of the Jews

M — Saved for His Name's Sake. Ps. 106:1-5.
T — The Lovingkindness of the Lord. Ps. 107:33-43.
W — Petition for Deliverance. Ps. 32:6-11.
T — The Lord Will Judge the Nations. Obad. 1:15-21.
F — Elevation of Mordecai. Esth. 8:15-17.
S — Defense for the Jews. Esth. 9:1-17.
S — Purim Instituted. Esth. 8:3-8; 9:18-23.

9. July 28. Great Forgiveness and Great Love

M — Ungrateful and Unmerciful. Matt. 18:23-35.
T — Acceptance Leads to Repentance. Luke 19:1-10.
W — Beautiful Are the Feet that Bring Good News. Isa. 52:7-10.
T — Heaven Rejoices When Sinners Repent. Luke 15:1-7.
F — Hypocritical Judgment. Rom. 2:1-5.
S — Humility Brings Mercy. Luke 18:9-14.
S — Love Poured Out on Jesus. Luke 7:36-50.

10. August 4. A Faithful Servant in the Church

M — Faithful Care Reciprocated. I Tim. 5:9-10.
T — A People Eager to Do Good. Titus 2:11-14.
W — The Dead in Christ Will Rise. I Thess. 4:13-18.
T — God Hears Our Cries. Ps. 145:14-20.
F — Elisha Raises the Dead. II Kgs. 4:18-37.
S — Let Your Light Shine. Matt. 5:14-16.
S — Tabitha Restored to Life. Acts 9:36-43.

11. August 11. Young David Anointed King

M — Provision for Those Who Fear the Lord. Ps. 147:7-11.
T — Promise of David's Kingdom. Ps. 89:19-37.
W — Corruption Comes from the Heart. Mark 7:14-23.
T — A Pure Heart Brings Blessing. Ps. 24:1-10.
F — Saul's Disobedience. I Sam. 13:8-14.
S — God's Rejection of Saul. I Sam. 15:17-23.
S — God's Chosen King. I Sam. 16:1-4, 6-13.

12. August 18. A Servant Girl Points Naaman to God

M — Outstanding Faith of a Roman. Matt. 8:5-13.
T — Determined Faith of a Gentile Woman. Mark 7:24-30.
W — The Lord Exalted by a Pagan King. Dan. 4:34-37.
T — The Lord's Concern for Those Outside Israel. Luke 4:24-27.
F — Laws for the Cleansing of Lepers. Lev. 14:1-7.
S — The Samaritan Returned to Give Thanks. Luke 17:11-19.
S — Naaman Obeys—God Brings Healing. II Kgs. 5:1-5, 9-15a.

13. August 25. Josiah Calls the People Back to God

M — Passover in the Wilderness. Num. 9:1-5.
T — Care Taken for the Temple's Upkeep. II Kgs. 12:4-16.
W — Kings Should Study the Law Daily. Deut. 17:14-20.
T — Prophecy About Josiah. I Kgs. 13:1-6.
F — Josiah's Temple Project. II Kgs. 22:1-7.
S — Judgment Will Come. II Kgs. 22:11-20.
S — Passover Celebrated. II Kgs. 22:8-10; 23:1-3, 21-23.

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

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

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

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 meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and

he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

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

NOTES

The Creation of Woman

Lesson Text: Genesis 2:18-25

Related Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-31; 3:9-21; 5:1-2; I Timothy 2:12-15

TIME: unknown

PLACE: Garden of Eden

GOLDEN TEXT—“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Genesis 2:18).

Preparing to Teach the Lesson

TODAY'S AIM

Facts: to discover what God did and purposed when He created mankind.

Principle: to bring our thinking and actions into conformity with God's established ways for mankind.

Application: to learn to embrace God's relationship patterns so that we can experience His blessings in life.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON

When God created mankind as male and female, He also established their relationship. This was not only the right relationship; it was also the most rewarding and fulfilling of all possible relationships. Although it has been perverted by sin, it is still God's pattern for mankind's life.

DEVELOPING THE LESSON

1. God saw man's need (Gen. 2:18). At the conclusion of each day of Creation, God looked at what He had done and saw that it was good. Then He looked at Adam's situation and said, “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). He then purposed to make Adam a suitable helper.

2. God helped man see his own need (Gen. 2:19-20). Adam was created as an adult, with no background or experience. God gave him the intellectual experience of naming all the animals. Part of the naming process could have included observing the animals' behavior and the way they interacted. Some were quite social, collecting in large herds, but each had a mate. By observing this, Adam may have seen that he too needed a mate—someone with whom he could share his life.

3. God made provision to fulfill man's need (Gen. 2:21-22). God did not take from the dust of the earth again and create an entirely unrelated being from Adam. Instead, He created the woman from Adam's rib, signifying that they were intimately linked. They were to be partners in life. This was to be the basic unit of mankind—one man and one woman for life.

4. God instituted the relationship between man and woman (Gen. 2:23-25). It was natural for Adam to continue his activity of naming what God had created. He obviously knew what God had done to create the woman, and the fact that he named her woman reflects that. Adam viewed her as an extension of

himself—“bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh”—recognizing that she was one with him. This is the God-ordained human relationship.

The narrative in Genesis 2 switches from Adam’s speech in verse 23 to God speaking in verse 24. We then read a historical narrative in verse 25. We know it is God speaking in verse 24 because Jesus attributed it to God in Matthew 19:4-5.

God points out in this historical nar-

rative that the man and his wife were naked and not ashamed. There were no other people around to see them, and they had no concept of anything sinful. They were completely innocent.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

In the next lesson, we will explore the story of the prophetess Deborah and how God used her to deliver Israel from their enemies (Judg. 4:4-10, 12-16).

—Brian D. Doud

Studying the Text

ADAM BY HIMSELF—Gen. 2:18-20

Adam’s need (Gen. 2:18). Creation occurred in six days, followed by the day on which God rested.

{Genesis 1 repeatedly states that what God did was good (vss. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25). In summary, verse 31 says, “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” We would expect nothing less, since He is God and is Himself good in every way (Pss. 34:8; 135:3).

When we come to Genesis 2:18, however, we suddenly read, “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone.”^{Q1} Both men and women understand this statement. Men often feel incomplete and inadequate to handle many of the things they face in life. Women know that if it were not for their assistance, men would sometimes fail and fall apart when trying to accomplish certain tasks! God made a good and valid observation here and followed it with a good decision to “make him an help meet for him.”

The key word is “meet.” It translates the Hebrew word *neged*, which means “in front of” or “counterpart.” God did not make someone of lesser quality to be with Adam. He made someone

comparable to him. The person God knew Adam needed was someone equal and compatible.

Matthew Henry wrote, “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” (*Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible*, Hendrickson).

In God’s plan, the woman was absolutely necessary. {While many cultures today devalue women and treat them as owned objects or worse, in God’s eyes they have always been valuable and loved and deserving of consideration and respect from the opposite sex.}^{Q2}

Adam’s decisions (Gen. 2:19). It might be that Adam’s assignment from God as described in this verse led to his realization that he was not complete. {One of God’s creative acts had been to make animals and birds out of the ground. At some point He brought these creatures to Adam and told him to name them.}^{Q3} When God decided to create man, He determined that He would give him dominion over the animal world (1:26). So He allowed Adam