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LOOKING AHEAD

Every human being is created in the image of God and is worthy of dignity and respect. Although the majority of Bible characters are adult men, we are focusing this quarter on some of the women and children in Scripture who were used by God.

In Unit I we will look at women, including Eve, Deborah, Ruth, Hannah, Esther, an unnamed "sinner," and Tabitha. These women ranged from a courageous queen to a prophetess of God to a faithful mother, and they clearly demonstrate that not all women have the same calling.

In Unit II we will look at a few children used by God, including the future King David, an unnamed servant girl, and Josiah, who was crowned king at age eight! Youth is no barrier to God's power.

Regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity, all people are equally valuable in God's sight. We should likewise treat everyone with respect and dignity. God is able to use anyone, regardless of social status or appearance. He does not judge by outward appearances, but rather by the heart.

—Tom Greene

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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

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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).

ANALYZING

Marriage is God's idea. God ordained the first marriage in the Garden of Eden, and that first marriage was between one man and one woman.

You need to know what the Bible says about marriage and the family because the biblical plan for marriage is being attacked by those who do not believe the Bible and reject God's values.

1. God created a matched pair (Gen. 2:18-20). Everything God had created was “very good” (1:31), but there was one thing that was still incomplete. Initially, Adam was the only human on earth. There was no one else like him. He had no one like himself to talk to and socialize with. He was isolated, and isolation is unhealthy. He needed a companion.

Some people believe companionship is the primary reason for a man and a woman to get married. This might be an overstatement, but companionship is certainly an important human need. God Himself said, “It

is not good that the man should be alone” (2:18).

Intimacy is also vital to a marriage. Two people of the same sex can have a close friendship and share many things, but it was never God's idea for two men or two women to share physical intimacy. That is reserved for the marriage relationship between a man and a woman.

God gave the first married couple a specific mission: “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth” (1:28). So it is clear that from the very beginning, reproduction has been a vital reason for marriage, the home, and the family.

Genesis 1 depicts the lesser creatures as created first. Then, on the last day of Creation, God created Adam. The fact that Adam named all the other creatures shows his superior intelligence over them.

Of all the creatures that God had created and that Adam had named, not one was a match for Adam. Since he had been created in God's image, he had a superior capacity for reason, intellect, self-determination, and moral awareness. It was not right for someone like Adam to be