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Genesis 2:18-25

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.

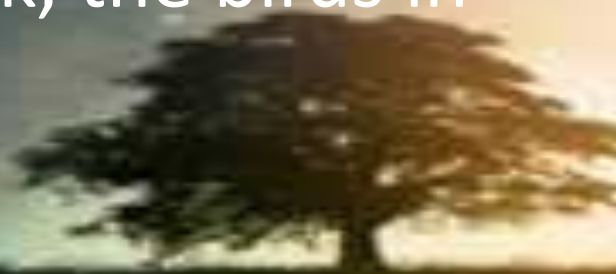
¹⁸ ... I will make a helper suitable for him.”



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¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

A silhouette of a large, spreading tree is visible in the lower right corner of the image, set against a bright, hazy sunset sky. The rest of the background is a dark, starry night sky.

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²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man,

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1 Corinthians 11:11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. ¹² For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

... and he brought her to the man.



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²³ Then the man said,
“At last this is bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called ‘woman,’
Because she was taken out of man.” (NASB)



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²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother, and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.



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“Genesis 2 is unique in the whole of the ancient near east in its appreciation of the meaning of woman.” - Claus Westermann



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Matthew 19:4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

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The Designer of marriage is the definer of marriage.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

