

THE FIRST MARRIAGE

(Genesis 2:18-25)

A wedding is one of the most joyful things in life. It is that special day when standing before God, family, and friends that two people make their sacred vows promising “to have to hold from this day forth, until death.”

There was once a certain marriage that was truly made in heaven, and it began with a garden wedding! Everything was just perfect, which is the hope of every bride, since it is really “her day.” No other wedding was ever like it.

TWO INSIGHTS OF THE FIRST MARRIAGE HELPING US TO HAVE A MARRIAGE

BLESSED BY GOD. For few things in life bring more joy than such a marriage.

I. **Marriage Was God's Idea From The Very Beginning. (vv.18-23)**

A. Man did not invent marriage. God designed it and brought it into existence with our first parents. It is the most basic of all human institutions, and is foundational to them.

1. God made Adam and then pronounced his condition “not good.” (18)

This pronouncement stands in bold relief against the background of “good.”

(vv. 1:4,10, 12, 18, 21, 25,etc)

2. God's solution: “I will make a helper suitable for him.” (18)

B. The basis for marriage is not love, it is companionship, and the reason for marriage is that man needs help. God saw that he needed a “helper.”

C. God prepared Adam for his future wife by having him inspect and name all the animals of the Garden. (19-22a)

1. This was important, for Adam needed to discover that none of the creatures were suitable for him. His counter-part was not to be found among the animal world.

2. Rather, his companion would come from his side. (21) “built from his rib.”

“Woman was made for man, from man, and given to man.” She was special in every way.

D. The Lord God instituted the first wedding by bringing this beautiful bride to her husband. (22b-23) “He brought her to the man.”

1. This picture is portrayed in our weddings today. A dad escorts his daughter to...

2. Adam is completely overwhelmed with her. She is beautiful. She is just for him.

“bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh.” This is a Hebrew expletive!

II. **The Blueprint For Marriage Was Given To Us By God. (v.24)**

This is the only statement about marriage that God includes four times in the Bible.

