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Genesis 2:14-25
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The First Wedding Day In the Garden Teaches Us...

1. MARRIAGE IS GOD'S IDEA NOT MAN'S.

"And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone...." Genesis 2:18a (NKJV)

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled..." Hebrews 13:4a (NKJV)

2. MARRIAGE IS COMPLEMENTARIAN MORE THAN COMPLETION.

"...I will make him a helper comparable to him." Genesis 2:18b (NKJV)

"Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 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.'" Genesis 2:19-23 (NKJV)

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4 (NIV)

3. MARRIAGE IS INTENDED TO BE PERMANENT.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24(NKJV)

"And He answered and said to them, 'Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning "made them male and female"', and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" Matthew 19:4-5 (NKJV)

"Here is another thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because He pays no attention to your offerings and doesn't accept them with pleasure. You cry out, 'Why doesn't the Lord accept my worship?' I'll tell you why! Because the Lord witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows. Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are His. And what does He want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. 'For I hate divorce!' says the Lord, the God of Israel. 'To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 'So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife.'" Malachi 2:13-16 (NLT)

4. MARRIAGE IS ABOUT ABSOLUTE ACCEPTANCE.

"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed." Genesis 2:25 (NKJV)

"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory." Romans 15:7 (NIV)