



Individual Responsibility
Honor-Support Family Leadership
Adam and Eve
Living in the Image of God
Module 04 Session 13

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Living in the Image of God

- God creates every person to represent him in interactions with others
- Be for others what God would be for them if he lived with us in human form
- He provides resources for people to perform the responsibilities
- He blesses those that do

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Living in the Image of God

- Program seeks to understand
- Meaning of *Living in the Image of God*
- Resources God has provided to guide us
- Human responsibilities
- Benefits of *Living in the Image of God*

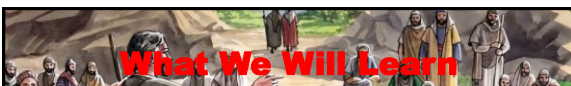
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What We Will Learn

- Series on individual responsibility regarding family leadership
- Based on bible husband-wife examples
- Shunammite couple
- Adam and Eve
- Abraham and Sarah
- Isaac and Rebekah
- Mary and Joseph

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What We Will Learn

- Focus on husband-wife interactions
- Illustrate honor and support family leadership
- Husband as overall leader
- Wife as leader in specific matters
- And custodian of specific information

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What We Will Learn cont'd

- Family leadership example: Adam and Eve
- God created marriage to combine man and woman into union of seamless complements
- Complements of one unit
- Seamless connectivity with each other
- God channels overall leadership through husband
- Assigns wife leadership in specific matters and custodian of specific information

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Part 2: Adam and Eve

- God created Adam first
- To represent God among all creations
- With the authority of God
- Concluded Adam alone was inadequate
- Created Eve
- Companion “comparable to him”
- Helper from within
- Genesis 1:26 Declaration of purpose for people
- Genesis 2 Creation of Adam and Eve

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Declaration of Purpose

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

- Let us create people (human)
- Represent God among all creation on earth
- With the authority of God

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God Created Man First

- Created man: male later named Adam
- Placed him in the “garden of Eden”
- Responsibility to care for the garden
- Right to eat from the garden
- Forbidden from eating of the “tree of life”
- “Tree of life” represents pervasiveness of temptation among people
- Genesis 2:7–9 and 15–17 [Not read]

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Man Inadequate Alone Needs Suitable Helper

- God concluded man alone was inadequate to accomplish God’s purpose for people
- Man alone inadequate for the mission of representing God among all creation
- Needs helper comparable to him
 - Companion
 - Comparable helper
 - Partner in reproduction
- Genesis 2:18

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Genesis 2 (NIV)

18 And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

- Foundation for creation of marriage
- Man alone was inadequate to accomplish God’s purpose for people
- Created and examined several animals to see if any would be a suitable companion

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Creation of Eve

- God created all kinds of animals and asked Adam to examine and name them
- Adam examined and named each of them
- But did not find suitable helper among them
- None of the animals was found satisfactory as “helper comparable to him”
- Genesis 2:19–20

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19 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.

20 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.

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- God used body part taken from the man to create for him a helper from within
- Modified from a rib extracted from the man
- Adam accepted the new creation as companion
- Named her “woman” (taken out from man)
- Genesis 2:21–23

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21 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.

22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

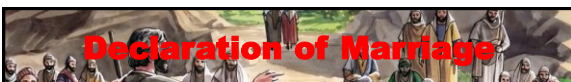
23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”

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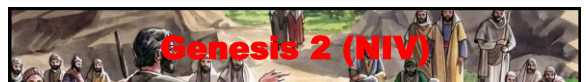
- God created woman as complementary companion to man: a union adequate for his mission for people
- He engaged man in extensive search for suitable helper
- Created all kinds of animals in the process
- Then created woman from within the man
- Complementary: each has something the other needs but doesn't have
- Seamless connectivity: woman created from an internal component of man

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- God created Adam and Eve as first husband and wife: union of seamless complements
- Declares marriage as man and woman brought together to form one flesh
- Defines wife as “helper from within”
- They started life with childlike innocence
- Genesis 2:24–25

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24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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

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What We Learned

- God created the union of a man and woman as seamless complements
- Adequate for the mission of representing him among other creations
- Created man first but found him inadequate
- Then created woman as comparable companion and helper from within
- To form a union adequate for the mission

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What We Learned cont'd

- Complementary: each has something the other needs but doesn't have
- Seamless connectivity: woman was created from an internal component of man
- Discussion of *Living in the Image of God* continues

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Individual Responsibility to Honor-Support Family Leadership: Adam and Eve

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The creation account of Adam and Eve provides understanding that God creates marriage to combine a man and woman to form a union of seamless complements purposed for a mission of representing him among all creation. He created man first but found him inadequate for the mission. Then, he created woman as a comparable companion and helper from within, to form a union adequate for the mission. He engaged the man in an extensive search for a suitable helper by creating all kinds of animals that the man examined and named but did not find any of them suitable as “helper comparable to him.” Then he created a woman from within the man. The man and woman are complementary, because each has something the other needs but does not have. Also, they have seamless connectivity, because the woman was created from an internal component of the man.

This study discusses the creation account of Adam and Eve to understand basic relationships between a husband and wife and God’s purpose for the relationships. The study is the second in a series to understand the individual responsibility regarding family leadership. The series is based on bible examples of husband-wife interactions and includes a discussion of the Shunammite couple, Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Mary and Joseph. The discussion focuses on aspects of their interactions that illustrate the individual responsibility to honor and support family leadership. The examples show the husband as overall leader and the wife as leader in specific matters and custodian of specific information.

The series started with a discussion of the Shunammite couple, where we learned that the couple was blessed abundantly through their honor and support for family leadership. The wife honored and supported the husband as overall leader of the household. The husband supported the wife as spiritual gateway of the family and leader in specific matters. Their choices in various events were influenced by supporting each other’s leadership and resulted in abundant blessing through a lasting close relationship with Prophet Elisha.

The current study discusses family leadership based on Adam and Eve. We learn that God created man for a mission of representing him among all creation, concluded that man alone was inadequate for the mission, and created woman as a comparable helper from within. The man and woman constitute a union of seamless complements, adequate for the mission of representing God among all creation, with the authority of God. They are complementary, because each has something the other needs but does not have. Also, they have seamless connectivity, because the woman was created from an internal component of the man.

God Declaration of Purpose for People

The bible at Genesis 1:26 declares God’s purpose for creating people: to represent him among all creation, with the authority of God: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth’” [Genesis 1:26].

God created Adam first for the mission but concluded that Adam alone was inadequate. Therefore, he created Eve, as a comparable companion to Adam, a helper from within.

Inadequate Alone: Needs A Suitable Helper

God created man first, a male human being later named Adam. He placed him in the garden of Eden and gave him responsibility to care for the garden and right to eat from the garden. However, he concluded that man alone was inadequate to accomplish his purpose for people. That is, man alone was inadequate for the mission of representing God among all creation. He concluded that the man needs a helper comparable to him: “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him’” [Genesis 2:18]. This need for a comparable helper for the man became the founding basis for marriage.

Creation of Eve

To address the need for a helper for Adam, God created several animals and had Adam examine them to see if any would be a suitable companion. Adam examined and named the animals but did not find any of them suitable as *helper comparable to him* [Genesis 2:20]: “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.”

God used a body part taken from the man to create for him a helper from within. He extracted from the man a rib and modified the rib to create for the man a companion comparable to him [Genesis 2:21–22]: “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.”

Adam accepted the new creation as companion. He named her “woman,” that is, taken out from 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 2:23].

Union of Seamless Complements

Thus, Adam and Eve became the first husband and wife. God created the woman as a comparable and complementary companion to the man, to form a union adequate for the mission of representing him among all creation. He created the woman from within the man.

Having been formed from a rib taken from the man, the woman has something the man needs but does not have. Also, God formed the woman to be comparable to the man but not a duplicate. If he wanted a duplicate, he would have just cloned the man. Therefore, the man has something the woman needs but does not have. Thus, the man and woman are complementary, because together they form a unit adequate for a mission and each has something the other needs but does not have. Also, they have seamless connectivity, because the woman was created from an internal component of the man. Their seamless connectivity became manifest in interactions regarding the Abraham-Sarah union as will be discussed in a subsequent study.

Declaration of Marriage

God created Adam and Eve as the first husband and wife, the first union of seamless complements. The bible at Genesis 2:24 declares the relationship: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” [Genesis 2:24].

Summary of What We Learned

The creation account of Adam and Eve provides understanding that God creates marriage to combine a man and woman to form a union of seamless complements purposed for a mission of representing him among all creation. He created man first but found him inadequate for the mission. Then, he created woman as a comparable companion and helper from within, to form a union adequate for the mission. He engaged the man in an extensive search for a suitable helper by creating all kinds of animals that the man examined and named but did not find any of them suitable as “helper comparable to him.” Then he created a woman from within the man.

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