

# The First Woman: Man's Companion, Eve

## Genesis 2: 18–25

### 1. *God's plan to create woman*

- a. Because it was not good for man to be alone
- b. Because man needed a helper, a companion

### 2. *Man's need for woman*

- a. God re-emphasizes that He is the Creator of all man's companions, of all living creatures
- b. God shows man that man is superior to animals
  - 1) In authority
  - 2) In intelligence
  - 3) In being and person:  
A spiritual being
- c. God's purpose:  
To show man his great need for woman

### 3. *Woman's creation by God*

- a. God put Adam to sleep and took a rib from him
- b. God created woman from the rib of Adam

18 The LORD God said,  
"It is not good for the man to be alone.  
I will make a helper suitable for him."

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. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

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.

**4. *Man and woman were brought together by God: The facts governing the union***

- a. The union was of God
- b. Woman was equal to man in being
- c. Man was created before woman
- d. Marriage is the first institution of society
  - 1) To leave parents
  - 2) To cleave
  - 3) To be one flesh

**5. *Man and woman were created perfect, innocent and without shame***

22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said,  
“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

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

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