

FAMILY MATTERS #3 - HELP OF THE FAMILY

GENESIS 2:15-25

The wife is one with the husband, the glue of the family, the keeper at home, and the "conscience" of the marriage.

I. GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE WIFE

- A. The (WORLD) has perverted and distorted God's design
- B. It is not good for the man to be alone (vs. 18)
 - 1. He had no (HELP) (MEET) for him.
 - 2. "Help" H5828 same root as (PSA. 46:1)
- C. God proved Adam's need (vs. 19-20)
 - 1. God filled Adam's need (vs. 21-22) Bone/Flesh
 - 2. One Team! Ex. Offense and Defense win games
 - 3. Goal: Adam to achieve success, not vice versa

II. GOD'S DEDICATION OF THE WIFE

- A. God formed woman FOR man, not man for woman (vs. 22)
 - 1. It is NOT politically correct 1 COR. 11:8-9
 - 2. But men should be careful! 1 COR. 11:11-12
- B. Adam slept and God brought Eve to him

III. GOD'S DIRECTION TO THE WIFE

- A. The wife's desire (stretching out, longing) GEN. 3:16
 - 1. A young girl's wedding plans, playing with dolls
 - 2. NATURAL for a woman to nurture! (1 TIM. 5:14)
- B. (SUBMIT) to God-given authority as a child of God
 - 1. Wives "submit" or "be subject" six times in N.T.
- C. Should be no surprise as submission is for ALL saints
 - 1. Unto a Pastor - (HEB. 13:17)
 - 2. Unto God - (JAMES 4:7)
 - 3. Unto Civil Law - (1 PET. 2:13)
 - 4. Unto Elders / Unto one another - (1 PET. 5.5)

IV. GOD'S DEVOTION FOR THE WIFE

- A. She is to be loved and provided for 1 TIM. 5:8
- B. She is to be defended and protected 1 PET. 3:7
 - 1. There is none so low, no one so callow, and no man so despicable as one who hits a woman.
 - 2. Men, open doors for women. Ladies, let them!
- C. God DEMANDS honor for widows (MARK 12:40) / JAMES 1:27
- D. Don't believe the devil's lies about the family

WORLD - Hollywood makes men the villains and women the heroes. TV shows make men buffoons and wives the only one that makes the home function; women drive dump trucks and men host cooking shows; women are the detectives solving murders and effeminate men run salons. It's "barbaric" to show a woman in need of help.

HELP (Webster's 1828) - Noun. Aid; assistance; strength or means furnished towards promoting an object, or deliverance from difficulty or distress.

MEET (Webster's 1828) - Fit; suitable; proper; qualified; convenient; adapted, as to a use or purpose.

PSA. 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

1 TIM 5:14 - "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

SUBMIT (Webster's 1828) - To yield, resign or surrender to the power, will or authority of another; with the reciprocal pronoun.

COL. 3:18 - Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."

HEB. 13:17 - "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

JAMES 4:7 - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

1 PET. 2:13 - "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;"

1 PET. 5:5 - "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

MARK 12:40 - "Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation."