

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

The Gift Of
SINGLENES

The Gift Of
MARRIAGE

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Singleness/Marriage Bible Study Schedule

Date	Topic	Scripture
11/6/2019	Part I: The Gift of Singleness: Space to Love	I Corinthians 7:25-35
11/13/2019	Part II: The Gift of Marriage: God's Design for Marriage	Genesis 1:26 – 2:25

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Singleness/Marriage - Part 2

The Gift of Marriage: God's Design for Marriage Genesis 1:26 – 2:25

The Gift Of Marriage – Group Discussion

How would you design the foundation for a satisfying marriage? What essential materials would you use?

Natural Perks

- Companionship – Someone to share life with.
- Someone who can help me eat better and dress better.
- A cleaner house and Car.
- Having Someone to share good news with.
- Finally being free from answering the question "When are you getting married?"
- To fulfill sexual needs in the way God intends.
- To have someone to lean on in times of trouble/grief.
- To have children and a family (Remote, Dishwasher, Lawnmower, etc.)
- To help with driving directions

Spiritual Perks

- To have someone to pray with and pray for me
- To have a ministry Partner t hep fulfill God's calling
- To provide a Godly witness to the World trough my marriage and family
- Being able to share church and worship with.
- To be part of God's mission raise up the next generation of Christians
- To fulfill God's will for you to marry this person..
- To fulfill my partner's sexual needs in the way God intends.



The Gift Of Marriage – The Book of Genesis

Author: Moses is the traditional author. Genesis is part of the "Law of Moses."
– The first 5 Books also known as the Torah or Pentateuch

Date of Writing: Approximately 1440–1400 BC

Purpose of Writing: Genesis means "beginning," and records God's creation and the beginning of the time when the nation of Israel came to live in Egypt.

Summary The Book of Genesis can be divided into two sections: **Primitive** and **Patriarchal** History.

- **Primitive History:** (1) Creation (Genesis chapters 1-2); (2) the Fall of man (Genesis chapters 3-5); (3) the Flood (Genesis chapters 6-9); and (4) the dispersion (Genesis chapters 10-11).
- **Patriarchal History (Four Great Men):** (1) Abraham (Genesis 12-25:8); (2) Isaac (Genesis 21:1-35-29); (3) Jacob (Genesis 25:21-50:14); and (4) Joseph (Genesis 30:22-50:26).

Practical Application: The overriding theme of Genesis is God's eternal existence and His creation of the world. God created the universe, the earth, and every living being. But because of sin, we are separated from Him. But through one small nation, Israel, God's redemptive plan for mankind was revealed and made available to all. We rejoice in that plan.



Adam & Eve – Creation



Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Joseph

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Genesis 1:26 – 30 (NKJV)

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."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

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Genesis 1:31 – 2:5 (NKJV)

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

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Genesis 2:6 – 11 (NKJV)

6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

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Genesis 2:12 – 17 (NKJV)

12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.

14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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1. God created man and woman in His image (1:26). What various male and female characteristics help you understand what the image of God is?

A Male's Perspective

Worker. *Every boy and every man is on a quest. where he senses his larger purpose and destiny lie.*

Provider. *A man places great stock in providing for himself and his family .*

Risk Taker. *To seize and make the most of his opportunities, a boy or a man must be willing to take chances.*

Initiator. *All of this presumes a certain willingness and ability to “take the bull by the horns” and make things happen.*

Protector. *There's an obvious connection between protector and being active.*

Father/Husband. *being and example and teaching the Children*

A Women's Perspective

Values intimacy. *A woman cares more about being she finds the reason for her being in relationship.*

Wisdom/Discernment. *a woman does not enter into things indiscriminately. She chooses slowly and receives wisely.*

Prefers modesty. *she possesses something very precious. Modesty is fundamental to her nature.*

Caring. *She is inclined to the needy, or the hurting compassion and care.*

Uses words. *Women talk to communicate feelings and thoughts. As a result, women tend to use more words than men.*

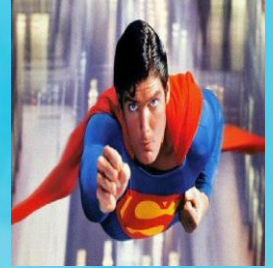
Wields “soft power” *which shapes humanity, family, marriage*

Mother/Wife. *Teaching providing for the Home and Family*

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- **Worker.** He doesn't slumber or sleep (Psalm 121)
- **Provider.** God provides for His Children (Phil. 4:19)
- **Leader.** He leads and guides me in the right way (Psalm 23:3; Prv. 3:5 – 6)
- **Risk Taker.** For God so Loved that He Gave His Only Son... (John 3:16)
- **Initiator.** He Loved us/me first (I John 4:19)
- **Protector.** There's an obvious connection between protector and being active.
- **Father/Husband/Mother.** Teaching/Providing for the home and the family of God (Psalm 68:5 – 6)
- **Values intimacy** – God knows us and wants us to know Him (James 4:8)
- **Wisdom/Discernment.** God's Wisdom is unsearchable and available (Prv. 4: 7 – 10; Jam. 1:5)
- **Prefers modesty.** Holy Is the Lord (Isa. 6)
- **Caring.** God Cares for us with an everlasting love. (I Pet. 5:7)
- **Uses words.** God uses His Word to create, bless and Save (John 1:1 – 14).
- **Wields "soft power"** God has all power (Matt. 28:18 – 20)



Note: *Both Male And Female – Although There Are Great Differences, Both Are Equally Made In The Image Of God.*

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2. Go declares all He has created is very good (1:31). This includes being male and female. how can God's "very good" help you accept and respect the uniqueness of your gender?

- Since both male and Female as God has designed it are Very Good – I am "very good" in the way He made me.
- I can appreciate (even if I don't always understand") the "very goodness" of the opposite sex.
- Regardless what the society, media, or culture says, the "very good" characteristics of my gender (not the sinful ones) are part of the very image of God.



Peanut Butter & Jelly

Note: *God, of course, is neither male nor female. He transcends all such categories. It is only as these two distinct halves of humanity come together that the image of God in man is most fully and completely revealed.*

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3. What responsibilities and resources did God give to the man and the woman (1:26 – 30; 2:8 – 9, 15 – 7)?

Responsibilities Given By God

Scriptures	Remarks
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.” (1:26)	To oversee and steward over all the animals that God has created
Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. (1:27)	To nurture one another and procreate - creating children and families to fill the earth.
Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. (2:15)	To keep and take care of (till) the garden. (the man has a J.O.B.)
...but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (2:17)	To know (Understand the difference) and obey God’s commandment not to eat of the forbidden tree.

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Resources Given By God

Scriptures	Remarks
Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image (1:26)	God Himself is the greatest resource.
male and female He created them. (1:27)	The man and the woman is a resource for and to one another
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.” (1:27)	Every animal God created is for to use for his good and God’ s glory (Serve people and use things)
And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. (1:29)	An unlimited supply and source of nourishment provided by God.
The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat. (2:8 -9; 15)	An unlimited supply and source of nourishment that follows God’s set order (seedtime and harvest)

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4. For the first time God declares something in His creation “not good” (2:18). Put yourself in the man’s place. How would the parade of animals intensify your loneliness?

- Adam while enjoying the beauty of God’s creation – he could see that each of the animals has a mate that is a complement to them.
- The animals are good and can provide some companionship, but not the kind that Adam needs or desires.
- There is not one of the animals that can understand or have an intimate conversation about life of about God.
- He can’t see how there would be more people like him – seeing that there is no mate.



Adam Naming The Animals In The Garden

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Genesis 2:18 – 22 (NKJV)

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

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.

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.

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Genesis 2:23 – 25 (NKJV)

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.”

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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5. What tone of voice do you think the man used in his reaction to the woman (2:23)?

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.”

- A Voice Of Excitement/Fulfillment – Finally This Is Now... “
- A Voice Of Commitment – Bone Of My Bones. Flesh Of My Flesh
- A Voice Of Acknowledgement - Woman – Taken Out Of Man (Part Of Me – I Am Not Complete Without Her)



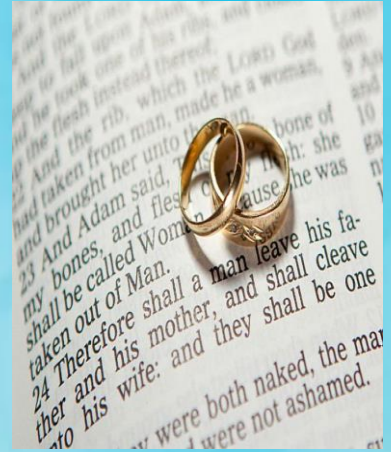
Adam Said, “Wooah, Man!!!!!!”

Insight: Adam, when awaking, possibly felt the missing rib – and then seeing the woman made from his rib and realized this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

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6. What marriage principles do you draw from verse 2:24?

- Marriage Is a Divine Institution Given by God as a Part of the Created Order.
- Marriage Is the Union of a Man and a Woman to Become One Flesh.
- The Man and Woman Have Different Functions in the Marriage Relationship.
- Sexual Relationships in the Marriage Relationship (One Man-One Woman) are a gift of God.
- Man and Woman in the Marriage Relationship have been joined by God
- Husband and Wife are to Love and Cherish each other as gifts from God
- The differences between men and women are to compliment not to cause conflict.

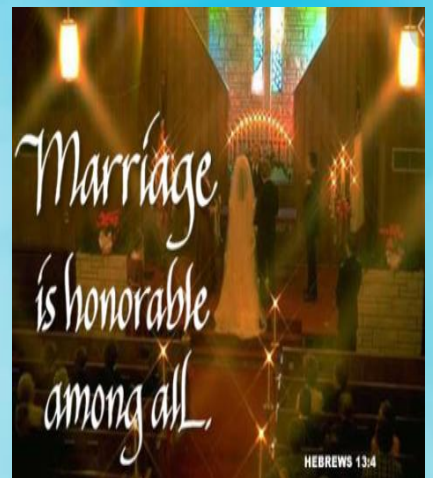


Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Gen. 2:24)

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7. Why was there no shame or self-consciousness between the man and the woman (2:25)? Why do you think that fact is noted here?

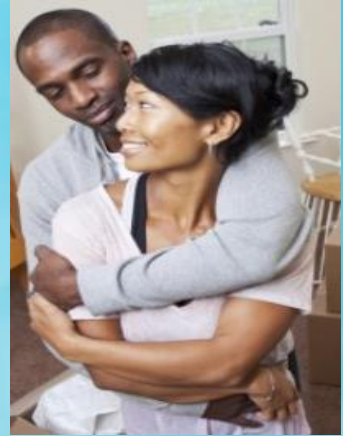
- It shows the Honor and Holiness of God - Ordained Marriage – as He has designed it
- Because it was without sin (Before the Fall of Man)
- They were both in close relationship with God and with one another.
- They knew they were made for each other and that marriage is “very good”
- This Closeness and intimacy is a picture of our relationship with God



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8. How has this passage helped you see that God provides for our emotional, physical and spiritual needs in His marriage design?

- God has uniquely Created man and woman with different Characteristics to meet one another's needs
- God has designed male and female for companionship, procreation and mutual enjoyment.
- The Woman was created to help the man accomplish God's will for his life in the earth.
- The Man was created to provide, protect, and be the priest for the woman and the family.
- Man and Woman in married relationship are picture of Salvation As they share serve and Worship God together



*Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.
Mark 10:9*

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Keys For Living

- Regardless of what the government or the society says, God has forever set the design for marriage as one man and one woman for life (Cf. Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:4 – 6).
- Marriage is God's way of using the differing gifts and characteristics of men and women to complement one another, bring children into world - all for His Glory.
- A God-designed marriage is an example and representation of the relationship that Jesus has with His church – The Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:31 – 32).