

God Designed Marriage

Genesis 2:4-23

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D. M. S. Watson, "Adaptation," *Nature*, Vol. 123, p. 233 (1929): "Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists, not because it has been observed to occur ... or can be proved by logical coherent evidence, **but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.**"

[Emphasis added]

George Wald, (Harvard University evolutionary biochemist and Nobel Laureate writing in *Scientific American*) said this: "When it comes to the origin of life, we have only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility... Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved one hundred years ago by Louis Pasteur, Spellanzani, Reddy and others. That leads us scientifically to only one possible conclusion -- that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God...I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution."

As our Creator, God has made certain choices for us that we are obligated to live by.

I. Man was created to be in relationship with God. (v. 15)

"What does the Lord your God require from you but...to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord's commandments?" (Deuteronomy 10:12)

"to fear [a biblical synonym for "worship"] God and keep His commandments. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

II. Man was created with freedom to obey or disobey. (v. 16-17)

III. Man was created to be in relationship with an ideal companion. (v.18-20)

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
LORD, do not delay. (Psalms 70:5)

How blessed is the one whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
(Psalms 146:5)

Hebrew: Ishshah – woman / Ish – man.

The woman was *made of a rib out of the side of Adam*; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.

- Matthew Henry