

There are a few things every man should know. It is not good for man to be alone generally speaking, but we are better off being alone than being married to the wrong person. If we are going to marry we need to have a great appreciation for our wife. She is the unique blessing God has given only to us. We need to learn how to make her feel special because she is.

Every man should also know he can trust in God. When God says something is off limits it is for our own good. We do not need to experiment with everything we come in contact with. Trust God's word and leave certain things alone.

Man should also know that marriage is designed to be permanent. We leave our parents thus severing our initial home. We form a second home as we are glued to our wife and become one flesh. This union is only to be dissolved by death. Although Jesus allows divorce for infidelity, the goal is for couples to stay united until one mate dies. Man was instructed *not to put asunder what God has joined together* (Matt. 19:6).

Every man should know the major influence his wife will have upon him. Adam was influenced to sin by Eve. She failed in her role as *help meet* on that occasion. Our wife will have a major impact on us and our children. When we marry we must choose more wisely than Noah's generation (Gen. 6).

There are many things every man and woman should know. The most important is to know the Gospel. We have separated ourselves from God by our sins. In His love, God sent His Son to die for us. Through the sacrifice of Christ we can become justified before God again. This can only be done by obeying the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16). Learn the truth and then do what you have learned.

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Assemblies

Sunday:

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10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship

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Announcements

Tonight will be our extended song service. Bring your voices and praise God in song at 5:00.

Next week Brandon Hawk will be our guest speaker in the evening. This is our 5th Sunday, and we like to have guest speakers on the 5th. Brandon is a member at Greencastle.

The men are looking at repairing the parking lot. We have spoken to men in that line of work and are getting estimates and details. If you have any input see JC or Jerry.

We will be losing Becky. She has married and will be moving to a new location in Indianapolis. We look forward to her visits. Amanda will also be marrying and moving soon. Let her know how much you appreciate her before she goes. The girls parents and grandparents could use your encouragement at this time.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.

What Every Man Should Know

"18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: And whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto 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. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: 25 And they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

In the preceding passage (Gen. 2:18-25) we read of the creation of woman. She is described as a "help meet" for man. This means she was a suitable companion for him. She was a compliment to him. She was the proper person to fulfill his needs. But have you ever noticed the gap between God's proclamation and performance of making Eve? In verse 18 God recognized that it was not good for man to be alone. He professed He would make "an help meet" for man. But the actual creating of Eve did not take place until verse 21. So what is it that comes in between verses 18 and 21, and why is it there?

God created the animals before He made Adam, but they are mentioned again in verse 19 as coming from the ground. It seems God wanted Adam and us to realize how special Eve was. She was not made from the ground but from Adam's rib. Adam was aware of this as he meets her and calls her "*Woman*" (meaning *of man* or *out of man*).

Verse 19 goes on to tell us that these previously created beings were brought before Adam so he could name them. This would require some inspection and thinking on the man's part. Whatever he called them was good enough. God accepted his labels.

Verse 20 shows him completing the assignment and restates that there was not found "*an help meet for him*." It appears to me that God wanted Adam to realize he was alone. As he inspected and named the lion and lioness, the bull and the cow, the buck and the doe; he likely realized there was no female counterpart for himself. When Eve was made Adam again gave her a name, and God accepted the term.

Adam's comments end at verse 23 and God makes the law found in verse 24. *A man will leave his parents and cleave to his wife* was God's declaration. Adam had no physical parents to leave. He had no children to think about leaving him. He would have been incapable of making such a pronouncement. Jesus attributes the statement to God in Matthew 19:4-5 and that settles the author issue.

There are certain things God knows that He wants man to know. I believe He wanted Adam to understand he was alone before Eve. This understanding would give him greater appreciation for her.

Just prior to our text God put Adam in the garden and gave him the command to not eat of *the tree of knowledge of good and evil* (15-17). God did not want man to lose his innocence by learning about evil. Man only needed to trust God and appreciate His blessings. God knew it was best for man to stay as innocent as a child. This same type of trust in God is restored when we become Christians (Matt. 19:14).

Moving forward to Genesis 6. We see man embraced the evil and contaminated himself by marrying indiscriminately. The wickedness of man was great and God saw it (verse 5). One preacher said, "*Isn't it sad that men could not see what God saw.*" Now that evil is a part of our world we need to identify it in ourselves and others. We need to overcome it with goodness (Rom. 12:21).