

GENESIS

SESSION 13

FROM THE DUST

Read Genesis 2:18-25

- 1 Is God's statement in verse 18, "it is not good for man to be alone" a contradiction to what was said of creation in chapter 1 verse 30?
- 2 The fact that Genesis describes Eve as being made from the rib of Adam can sound like a fairytale. It definitely isn't something that happens every day, (yet science can grow human body parts like skin and cartilage and bone in laboratory settings). However, as fantastic as it sounds, consider how this unique creation of Eve—as the completion of mankind and "helper"—clarifies the relationship that God intended for man and woman.
- 3 Based on Genesis 2, what is a biblical definition of marriage? How does Adam's & Eve's marriage come about? How is their marriage confirmed and made official (e.g. is there a marriage ceremony or formal saying of vows prescribed by scripture)?

LEVITICUS 20:13-16

If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no depravity among you. If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

I CORINTHIANS 6:9-12

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. "Everything is permissible for me"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"-but I will not be mastered by anything.

- 4 How do Jesus' words in Matthew 19:4-6 show that marriage is no casual union or mere tradition?

- 5 What is the implication in the last verse of this chapter which says that Adam and Eve were both naked and felt no shame? Is nakedness good or bad? Is shame a bad thing?

A DEFINITION OF “HONOR & SHAME” BY NELL HELMCAMP, A 102-YEAR-OLD MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION: *“Do the right thing and take care of others even if it means you do less for yourself. And ‘shame’ is when you fail to do this with your life.”*