



[Genesis 2:21-24](#)

(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. (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.

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The warmth and beauty of this creation is fitting, a crown on all that [God](#) had created for the man and woman to prepare them for life in [the world](#). Adam's response shows his pleasurable agreement with this added gift.

Feminists take issue with Scripture's reference to Eve as a "helper" ([Genesis 2:18](#), 20), but there is nothing demeaning in the term. It simply means "one who helps." God Himself is referred to as our "help" several times (see [Psalm 115:10-11](#)). Remember, [Genesis 1:27](#) asserts, "So God created man in His own image, in the [image of God](#) He created him; male and female He created them." With both sexes created in God's image, neither can claim superiority.

With our knowledge of DNA, it makes perfect sense for God to have built Eve from a small portion of Adam's body because his body already had within it every means for Eve to be his perfect female match. Adam did not know this technical, biological reality, but he was still in naming-mode after his experience with the animals. So, when he saw her he said, in effect, "She is me!" meaning she is like him, not like an animal, naming her "woman." (In Hebrew, "man" is *ish* and "woman" is *isha*.) Each was made to be the perfect companion for the other. The concluding comment in [Genesis 2:24](#)—that a man and his wife are to become one flesh—reinforces this.

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Today, marriage is not at its most stable state in our Western cultures. Yet, God's intention is plain. When asked about divorce and remarriage, Jesus declares God's original intent in [Matthew 19:8-9](#). Mankind's marriage problems do not stem from God's creation of the institution. They lie in the hardness of heart of both men and women.

Jesus' clear statement is the reality that the modern demand for “equality”—especially from feminists—opposes, and such opposition affects the stability of marriages to such an extent that more than a third of all marriages end in divorce. Some remarry and divorce several times, throwing both family life and society into turmoil. The entire culture is badly fractured.

Feminist anger over God's making Eve for Adam reveals that they are anti-God in their outlook on marriage. They forget, or conveniently overlook, that Adam was made for Eve too, and in addition, that she was made from man, meaning that she was part of him. Genesis does not suggest in any way that she was created as man's servant. Adam himself perceived her as a delightful companion.

Are men and woman equal? The answer depends on the particular context. Generally, they are not equal in physical feats of strength, for instance, but they are equal in many ways, especially in mental and spiritual terms. Both are created in the image of God, which starts them on the path to being fit companions for each other. Both are under moral responsibility to God. No place in Scripture states either a man's or a woman's sins are the worse. Both men and women are recipients of God's grace and can be forgiven by the blood of [Jesus Christ](#). Both are equal in terms of being offered salvation and receiving eternal life and reward in God's Kingdom.

The true cause of marital problems lies in the ignorance of both men and women of their responsibilities within a marriage. Compounding this is another reality: the self-centered, carnal character of each personality involved. These two factors—ignorance of responsibility and selfish carnality—result in multitudes of mistakes and misapplications in many areas of the relationship, creating discouragement and anguish rather than satisfaction and [joy](#), as God intended.

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