Two Became One

Ken Chapman · Genesis 2:18–24

INTRODUCTION

- That word joined or cleave there is literally what happened in that chemical process when those two pieces of plastic came in contact with that glue.
- Jesus here teaches us about the union of marriage and about the permanency of marriage when he talks about when two are joined together, let not man separate.
- He takes us back to a story where actually one became two to illustrate that in marriage two will become one.

1 The Order of Creation

Genesis 2:18–20; 1 Corinthians 7:2–4; Philippians 2:3–4

- The first thing that I think we notice in this story is the order of creation.
- But notice what it says at the very end of verse 20. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.
- One of the lessons that we can apply to our marriages in the order of creation in Genesis chapter 2 is that marriage was intended to meet the needs of each partner.
- In marriage, God intends for us to supplement and complement one another to meet those needs.
- Every Christian principle that applies to how we are to treat other people applies in marriage.
- It takes some wisdom and it takes some humility to be able to try to see the needs of the other and recognize that in marriage, that is my chief responsibility is to meet those needs.

2 The Method of Creation

Genesis 2:21–23; Ephesians 5:28–31

- Adam says, verse 23, this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man.
- God, in this act of taking one to make two, illustrates that in marriage God takes two to make one.
- We learn from the method of creation that husband and wife should feel, should act, and should love as one.
- So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
- I don't think Paul is just saying, apply the principles you apply to yourself to your wife. I think he's saying, you are one body.
- Me harming my spouse is harming myself because she's a part of me.

3 The Result of the Creation

- God saw that it was not good for man to be alone. What did God create? Who did God create to remedy that lack in his creation?

- God teaches us by words, we know that, but God also can teach us by his actions.
- When God saw that man was alone, and he remedied that by creating one woman, that tells us God's plan. One man for one woman for life.
- That teaches us that marriage is to be between a man and a woman.
- It also teaches us this claims to the contrary, notwithstanding, that men and women are different. And God intended it that way.
- If we'll appreciate rather than antagonize over the differences that we have, and allow those differences to work.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Can we help you as you seek to draw closer to God this morning, as you render obedience to that gospel? Can we help you in any way?**

MY NOTES