



God's Design for Marriage

God's Call To A Wife – Part 1

Week 5

Introduction

- **Worksheet answers are in red.**
- Homework?
- All Christians are to live for Christ and become increasingly Christlike
- God's call for a husband and wife are different commands for within the boundaries of the marriage.

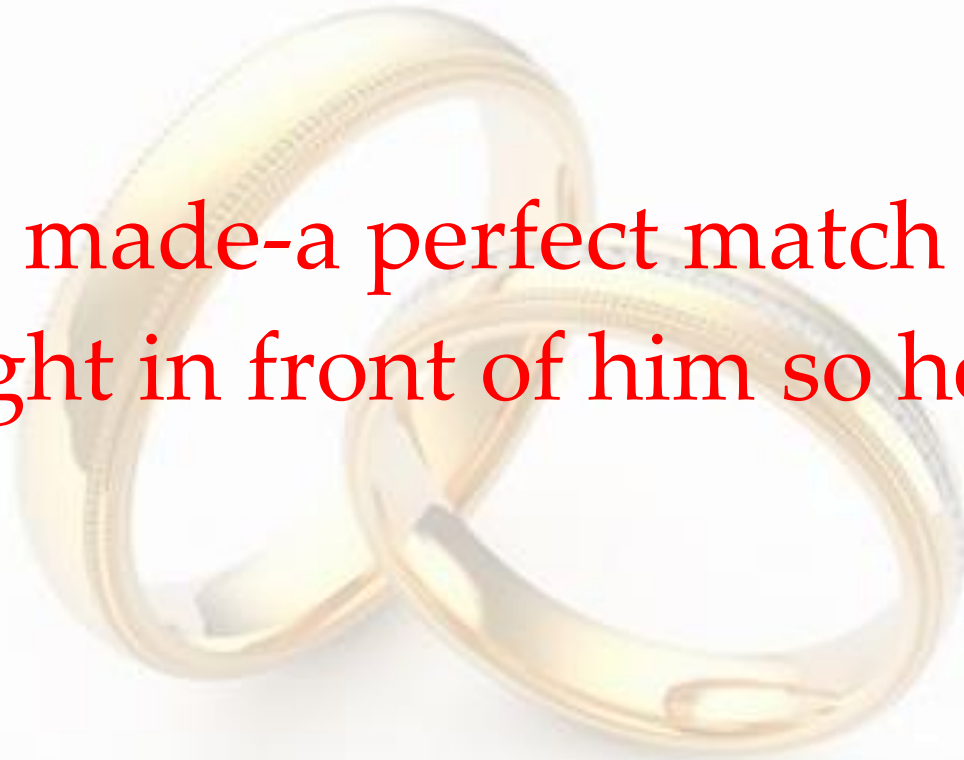
Review from Weeks 1 & 2

- Genesis 2 – Helper Suitable (fit, meet)
- Hebrew word is “neged” has 2 combined meanings:
 1. Conspicuously in front of
 2. Close correspondence between (wife and husband)

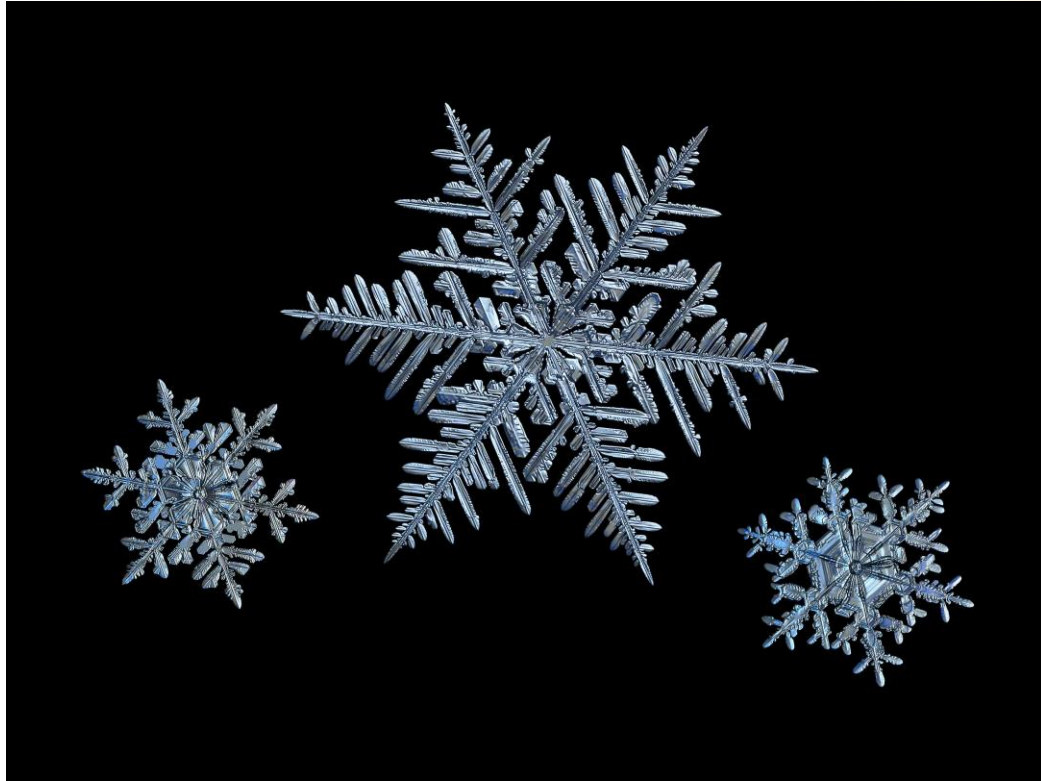
Review from Weeks 1 & 2

- Wife:

- Uniquely made-a perfect match for husband
- Placed right in front of him so he cannot miss her



Suitable, Fit, or Meet (Heb. *neged*)



1. Perfectly and Uniquely Made to
Correspond to Him



2. Conspicuously Placed Right in
Front of Him

Review from Weeks 1 & 2

- Encounter with Satan Genesis 3:1-6
- Satan creates subversion
 - Gets Eve to gaze at the temptation
- Eve ate, "...and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."
- Adam was **right beside Eve** and watched all of this but didn't intervene.

What Eve's Curse Tells Us About Her

- Greatly multiply = double use of multiply
 - “I will multiply the many multiples in the painful toils of pregnancy”
- “In painful toil you will birth children”
- Your desire shall be toward your husband
- He shall rule over you

Controversial 3rd Phrase of Eve's Curse

- NASB (and others)
 - “Yet your desire will be for your husband”
- ESV
 - “Your desire shall be contrary to your husband”

Controversial 3rd Phrase of Eve's Curse

- Hebrew

- “Your desire will be (**preposition**) your husband”

- (**preposition**) ≡ Movement or Motion Toward

“Motion Toward” means what???

- Interpretation #1

- In her desire Eve will be reaching out to seek something from Adam.

- Interpretation #2 (ESV)

- In her desire Eve will be reaching out against Adam.

Interpretation #1



Interpretation #2



What About “Desire”? (according to Dave)

- Not sexual.
- Hebrew “*teshuqah*” ≡ A strong desire
 - Morally Neutral
- Gen. 4:7- Sin is crouching at Cain’s door and its *desire* is for him, but he must master it.
- SS 7:10- Bride is relishing the fact that her husband’s *desire* (sexual) is for her.

According to Dave

- Interpretation #1: A wife's desire is for **love**, **affirmation**, and **value** communicated to her by her husband.
- She wants to please him.
- Dave, isn't that true for everyone? So what's the difference?

God Made Wives For the Husband

- It Helps provide a way for husband to discern his wife's spirit/heart
- Some people use the term “**Responder**”
- For example, the High Priest questions
 - Does husband understand her weaknesses and sympathize with them?
 - Is wife confident that he is approachable?

God Made Wives For the Husband

- If the answer is “NO”, a wife MUST let her husband know, otherwise
 - She is not being honest,
 - She may be living in fear, which is husband’s responsibility, and
 - Husband may never know, and continue as he is.

Genesis 29:31-35 Leah vs. Rachel

- Leah has the first 4 of Jacob's children
 - Reuben – “Surely now my **husband will love me**”
 - Simeon – “The Lord has heard that I am unloved”
 - Levi – “Now my husband will be attached to me”
 - Judah – “I will praise the Lord”

Luke 1:25

- Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, has a child in her old age;
- “God has taken away my **disgrace** among men”

Bearing Children

- Children were one way a wife was affirmed
- Barren women's wombs had been "closed by the Lord", and whether spoken or unspoken, these women were considered as less than, or as a disgrace.

Curse on Eve – 4th Phrase

- Your husband shall rule over you.
- Either way – interpretation 1 or interpretation 2, this is a curse.

Two gold wedding rings are shown, one slightly behind and to the left of the other, both resting on a white surface. The rings are simple, smooth bands. The word "QUESTIONS?" is superimposed over the rings in a large, black, serif font, underlined.

QUESTIONS?