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Genesis 2: 18: [Living Bible] AND THE LORD GOD SAID, "IT ISN'T GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE; I WILL MAKE A COMPANION FOR HIM, A HELPER SUITED TO HIS NEEDS."

A FATHER and his SON were riding in their CAR ~~down a ROAD~~ - - when all of a sudden the car went OUT OF CONTROL and SMASHED into a TREE. RESCUERS soon arrived - - and they found that the FATHER had been KILLED. The SON was SEVERELY INJURED. An AMBULANCE came to the SCENE - - and the BOY was RUSHED to the HOSPITAL. The DOCTOR at the HOSPITAL LOOKED at the BOY, GASPED, and EXCLAIMED: "MY GOD, THAT'S MY SON." WHO was the DOCTOR?

It's not as much of a RIDDLE as it used to be - - but PEOPLE still have TROUBLE with it. The DOCTOR, of course, was the BOY'S MOTHER.....There are still people who CANNOT get USED TO THAT. They do NOT think of WOMEN being INVOLVED in the PROFESSIONS. Some of them CANNOT GET USED to the IDEA of WOMEN doing ANYTHING OUTSIDE the HOME. Indeed, to some PEOPLE a WOMAN DOCTOR appears to be something of a VIOLATION of the LAW of NATURE.

It may feed some MALE EGO to think of WOMAN as just ANOTHER CREATURE to be HIS TOY

and to FULFILL his NEEDS - - to be a SEX OBJECT - - to be CONFINED to the HOUSE - to be regarded as SOMEONE INFERIOR. Some MEN act that way - - and I don't BLAME the WOMEN'S LIB PEOPLE or anyone else for PROTESTING AGAINST THAT. Those MALE IDEAS - - which are NOT really MASCULINE - - have NO SUPPORT from the BIBLE! The fact is that Jesus Christ, God's Son, born of a WOMAN, - - - treated women as FULL-FLEDGED HUMAN BEINGS - - with an INDIVIUALITY ALL THEIR OWN - - with IDEAS all their OWN - - and with POSSIBLITIES for SERVICE to GOD and to HUMANITY that are UNIQUELY ALL THEIR OWN.

There is not a MAN ALIVE who does not OWE HIS EXISTANCE to HIS MOTHER. REAL MEN are always ready to ACKNOWLEDGE that ~~his~~ their MOTHER gave ~~him~~ them more than just MERE EXISTANCE. They ~~will~~ "RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED!" If she was a REAL WOMAN - - she helped to FORMULATE HIS CHARACTER and his PERSONALITY. She helped him to EXPRESS his INFANT THOUGHTS. She TAUGHT him to REVERANCE GOD and to PRAY. She watched over him when he was SICK. She helped him MAKE CRUCIAL DECISIONS - - often SHOWING MORE UNDERSTANDING of the HUMAN CONDITION than he could POSSIBLY GET from his FATHER. She helped him GROW UP and BECOME A MAN!

Men would be MIGHTLY LONELY ALL BY THEMSELVES. That is the way it was with ADAM. He gave names to every LIVING CREATURE - - to all the CATTLE, and the BIRDS of the AIR, and to every BEAST of the FIELD - - - - but still, there was NO HELPER FIT for HIM.

God KNEW how LONELY a MAN CAN GET. And in His GREAT UNSELFISHNESS, God caused ADAM to SLEEP UNUSUALLY HEAVY one night. And when he AWOKE, ADAM DISCOVERED that his LONELINESS was GONE. He was NO LONGER ALONE. The Lord God took one of Adam's RIBS - - and with the SKILL of an ETERNAL SURGEON - - He CREATED WOMAN. Then the Lord God brought this GLORIOUS STRANGER to ADAM and said, "ADAM, IT IS NOT GOOD FOR YOU TO BE ALONE."

ADAM - - over-whelmed by God's GOODNESS and GRACIOUSNESS and by EVE'S BEAUTY - - HUMBLY ACCEPTED HER as God's PERFECT GIFT to him - - - a HELP-MEET - a COMPANION, a WIFE, a LOVER, a MOTHER. And God looked on that which He had MADE and saw that it was VERY GOOD.

Then ADAM said, "THIS AT LAST IS BONE OF MY BONE AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE

SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN, BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN." "THEREFORE A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND CLEAVES TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY BECOME ONE FLESH."

Is it any WONDER that we HUSBANDS and CHILDREN CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY? The HUB of the HOME and the FAMILY TURNS and REVOLVES around MOTHER. There is NOTHING SECONDARY or INFERIOR ABOUT HER! She is NOT LESS AMBITIOUS, or LESS INTELLIGENT, or LESS OBJECTIVE than MEN. She is NOT a SECOND CLASS CITIZEN or a SECOND GRADE PERSON either in BUSINESS or in the CHURCH.

The reason why LUTHERANS keep the WORD "OBEY" in their MARRIAGE CEREMONY is NOT to indicate that somehow the WIFE is INFERIOR or SUBSERVIENT. Rather it is to indicate the KIND of RELATIONSHIP that the CHURCH has with it's LORD. Christ is the BRIDEGROOM and the CHURCH is His BRIDE. Talking to WIVES about their RELATIONSHIP in the HOME, St. Paul said that they ought to have the SAME ATTITUDE to their HUSBANDS as they have to the LORD. "THE HUSBAND," HE SAID, "IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, HIS BODY, AND IS HIMSELF ITS SAVIOR. AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST, SO LET WIVES BE SUBJECT TO THEIR HUSBANDS."

There is NOTHING DEMEANING or DEROGATORY about THAT ROLE. There is NOTHING DEMEANING or DEROGATORY about the CHURCH having a LOVING, and yet, a still REVERANT RELATIONSHIP TOWARD CHRIST. There is NOTHING SUBSERVIENT about THAT! It is a WONDERFUL RELATIONSHIP of LOVE - - and it IMPLIES LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES ! The CHURCH has LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES to DO for CHRIST - - and WOMEN have LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES to do for MANKIND! It is NOT a question of INFERIORITY - - it is a question of LOVE!

A woman gave BIRTH to JESUS CHRIST - - and He died for HER as He DIED for EVERY ONE ELSE. I HONOR the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - - but I WORSHIP HER SON, JESUS CHRIST, my LORD! He DIED for me and He DIED for YOU! LOVE forced Him to DO THAT - - and any WOMAN ought to be able to UNDERSTAND THAT. WOMEN, above all, know how HARD it is to FORGIVE - - they KNOW what it TAKES to FORGIVE! They often take the 1st steps when ONLY FORGIVENESS WILL DO! You women and mothers may UNDERSTAND GOD FAR BETTER than some of US MEN - - how He FEELS - - how MUCH it COST HIM to DELIVER UP HIS SON for US ALL - - how GREAT His LOVE IS to be able to FORGIVE US.

GOD CREATED WOMAN to be a MATCH for MAN - - NOT in COMPETITION to him - - but to be COMPLEMENT HIM, to COMPLETE the PATTERN of HUMAN LIFE. That is NOT an ACCIDENT! God PLANNED IT THAT WAY! Woman is NOT a SLAVE or a THING to be TRADED OFF - - she is "A COMPANION - - A HELPER SUITED TO MAN'S NEEDS."

God GAVE HIS SON to be BORN of a WOMAN - - and that SON is the SAVIOR of BOTH MEN and WOMEN - - He is the SAVIOR of BOTH PARENTS and CHILDREN! He wants us to have a FULL, FREE LIFE NOW and FOREVER! HE COMES TO MEET US in this BLESSED SACRAMENT of HIS BODY and HIS BLOOD. He wants US to KNOW HIS LOVE! He wants us to KNOW HIS FORGIVENESS! He wants US to LIVE TOGETHER in PEACE - - NOW and through ETERNITY!!! Amen!!!