

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Origins - Part 9

Marriage: A Gift from Eden

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Origins. Our topic today: Marriage: A Gift from Eden.

New Scripture Song: "Behold, Bless the LORD" Psalm 134

Prayer

- 1) Not good for man to be alone
 - a) Genesis 2:18
 - b) Why is it not good to be alone even in an environment where everything is "very good"?
 - c) Is this expression "not good that man should be alone" just referring to marriage?
 - d) Some people see marriage as a loss of freedom and painful reduction in personal resources. How would you respond?
- 2) A helpmeet, companion
 - a) What is the significant of this term "helper"?
 - b) Why did God choose a different method for the creation of woman?
 - c) How did Adam respond when he awoke to meet his new companion?
 - d) What is the significance of Genesis 2:25?
- 3) Principles for a healthy marriage
 - a) Genesis 2:24
 - b) Mark 10:7-9
 - c) Ephesians 5:22-29
 - d) What lessons have you learned either by observation or by experience about how to maintain a happy and healthy marriage?
- 4) Protecting Your Marriage
 - a) Matthew 5:27-30
 - i) Share a testimony of someone who took drastic measures to protect a marriage.
 - b) I Corinthians 6:18-20
 - i) What do you do if you're in an environment where you can't flee?
 - c) Philippians 4:8
- 5) Hope for those who have fallen or suffered in a broken family
 - i) Psalm 147:3
 - ii) Psalm 51:10-13
 - iii) 1 John 1:7-9
 - iv) John 8:1-11
 - v) What encouragement would you give to someone who has experienced a failed marriage or failed family?
- 6) Marriage as a metaphor for Christ as His church
 - a) Ephesians 5:28-32
 - b) Revelation 19:5-9
 - c) How can we protect against infidelity in our relationship with Christ?
 - d) How can we be certain of Christ's unfailing love even if we wander away and are unfaithful to Him?