

# **The Family and the Home**

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We welcome you to this series of Bible studies concerning the family and the home. It is the purpose of these lessons to assist truth seekers and growing Christians in a better understanding of the family and the home as revealed on the pages of the word of God.

Please take your Bible, look up the Scriptures listed, fill in the blanks where called for, and answer any questions. These lessons are based on the King James Version of the Bible.

**“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. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:23-24).**

If you have any questions or comments as you study these lessons, write them down so you can remember to mention them at the right time and place. Write your name on your material as you will want to keep it for future study.

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## The Home in the Beginning

### Introduction

1. The home is almost as old as man himself. One of the first things God observed about Adam was that he was alone. “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Gen. 2:18).
2. The home has been in existence ever since. Let’s take a look at the home in the beginning.

### Discussion

#### I. The Home In The Beginning Was Of Necessity

- A. Man, by himself, was alone and “God said, It is \_\_\_\_\_ that the man should be alone...” (Gen. 2:18).
- B. Man needed an “help meet for him” (Gen. 2:18).
  1. The words “help meet” suggest one suitable for the needs of man.
  2. The woman was to be a helper for man.
- C. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the \_\_\_\_\_ created for the woman; but the \_\_\_\_\_ for the man” (1 Cor. 11:8-9).
- D. Paul said, “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have \_\_\_\_\_ wife, and let every woman have \_\_\_\_\_ husband” (1 Cor. 7:2).
- E. Animals were not suitable. Genesis records that “out of the ground the Lord God formed every \_\_\_\_\_ of the field, and every \_\_\_\_\_ of the air...but for Adam there was \_\_\_\_\_ found an help meet for him” (Gen. 2:19-20).
  1. Beasts were not suitable for man as a companion.
  2. The third book of Moses says, “Neither shalt thou lie with any \_\_\_\_\_ to defile thyself therewith...” (Lev. 18:23).
- F. The home was needed for mankind to multiply. One reason for the first home was that, “God said unto them, Be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth, and subdue it...” (Gen. 1:28).

#### II. The Home In The Beginning Was A Miracle

- A. With divine anesthetic, “God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept” (Gen. 2:21). Do you think this was a miracle? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Divine surgery took place as God “took one of his \_\_\_\_\_, and closed up the flesh instead thereof” (Gen. 2:21). God was the first surgeon, from this standpoint.
- C. From the rib of Adam, “\_\_\_\_\_ he a woman, and brought her unto the man” (Gen. 2:22). Adam and Eve were created full-grown and were not babies as we were.

**III. The Home In The Beginning Was A Divine Home**

- A. There are three divine institutions mentioned in the Bible: The home, the Lord’s church, and civil government.
  - 1. The home is the oldest of the three.
  - 2. The home is divine because it was established by God Himself.
  - 3. God performed the first marriage ceremony as He “brought her unto the man” (Gen. 2:22). God joined them together (Mt. 19:6).
  - 4. It is then said, “Therefore shall a man \_\_\_\_\_ his father and his mother, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ unto his wife...” (Gen. 2:24).
    - a. The beginning home teaches us that if marriage is to be successful, a man must “cut those apron strings” from his parents.
    - b. The woman must do the same or there will be problems in the family.
- B. Marriage is honourable. A marriage based on Biblical principles is valuable and precious in the sight of the Lord.
  - 1. The Hebrew writer penned these words, “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God will judge” (Heb. 13:4).
  - 2. Finish the sentence: God recognizes and approves the marriage of those who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. The Home In The Beginning Was For Life**

- A. In the beginning home, God made one man for one woman for life.
- B. Read Matthew 19:1-9 and answer these questions:
  - 1. Did God, in the beginning, make them male and male or male and female? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. What does this do to those who insist on same-sex marriages? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. List the Lord’s teaching on marriage and divorce under each of the three dispensations:
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. What does the phrase, “but from the beginning it was not so” mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 5. What one exception does Jesus give for divorce and remarriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**V. The Home In The Beginning Was The Place To Rear Children**

- A. Children today are reared in just about every place except where God intended.
- B. Genesis chapter four records the first children being born to Adam and Eve.
  - 1. God made no other arrangement for the upbringing of Adam and Eve’s children.
  - 2. Paul wrote the Ephesians, “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath:

- but bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).
3. Every child, if at all possible, needs a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. The Home In The Beginning Was To Fulfill Man’s Needs**

- A. God told the first parents, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...” (Gen. 1:28). The home in the beginning became the place, the only place, for man and woman to fulfill their bodily needs.
- B. The desires of man and woman are to be fulfilled within their own home or family.
1. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “let every \_\_\_\_\_ have his own \_\_\_\_\_, and let every \_\_\_\_\_ have her own \_\_\_\_\_” (1 Cor. 7:2).
  2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 and explain. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- The home in the beginning did not allow for Adam and Eve to just live together. The trend today is for folks to just live together unmarried. This is sinful and will not be tolerated by the Lord!

**Conclusion**

1. We need to study about the beginning home to see how God wants our homes to be today.
2. Parents need to be teaching their children about the home as God would have it.