

**May 12/13 Sermon summary**

**Scripture Reference: Genesis 2:18**

**Date: May 10, 2013**

**Title: "Woman" – Mother's Day 2013 (Series 1 of 3)**

**Focus: Woman in the image of God.**

**Intro:**

1. What it means to be a woman is often defined by what she has become not as how she was intended.
2. Culture, sin, opinion, time, have all corrupted the idea of what woman is to be. Humanity has allowed roles to define the nature of womanhood.

**Body:**

Woman is Important

God makes it clear that without woman, man is somehow diminished. Man was not created in isolation and it is "*not good*" that he exist in seclusion.

However, it was not until *after* creating the animals, naming them, and being placed in the garden, God declared, "*it is not good for man to be alone.*"

Woman's presence affords for man and by extension the family, something which cannot be found in work (the garden) or creation (the animals).

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Woman even plays a crucial part in man's inner person. Prior to the creation of woman, though he walked and interacted with YHWH man was describes as being alone.

Without woman man was in some manner, "alone."

Man needs to recognize woman's necessity.

Woman enhances man in a manner nothing else can.

It is good man shares creation with woman. While many acknowledge this in a sexual manner, its truth extends beyond that narrow context.

God Designed and Fashioned Woman as a:

*"Helper...."*

A Helper is not one incapable of accomplishing something alone. We have allowed this to seep into our understanding.

The image Genesis present is a helper as a co-laborer. Man and woman partnering together in the governance of God's creation.

As a helper she offers *assistance* and *support*. Woman *bears the load* of life with the man.

In so doing she is *profitable* to him.

God is referred to in this same manner

Psalm 121:1-2; *"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;*

*From where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth."*

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"....*suitable for*" man

What does "suitable" imply?

When used in the syntactical manner it is in Genesis it literally means "like what is in front of you."

Woman corresponds to man. She is equal and adequate to him.

Woman was also created in the image of God. She possessing all that God's image entails. She is his equal. One with who man can relate, reason, and work.

As an equal, woman is a direct correlation to man in ways animals or work is not.

Yet, woman is distinct from man. She offers characteristics he does not possess.

### **Closing:**

1. God reveals woman to be just as glorious and wondrous as man. She possesses everything needed to cause he to be the most fitting and appropriate companion for man.
2. Being such, woman brings to a relationship with man and to the home a unique contribution she has been endowed with by her creator.
3. Woman exceeds what society and culture has defined her.