

A photograph of a group of people dining at a restaurant. The scene is dimly lit, with warm, ambient lighting. In the foreground, a person's hand is visible holding a fork over a plate of food. The background shows several other diners seated at tables, some engaged in conversation. The overall atmosphere is intimate and social.

Glorify the Creator
Gen. 2:18-25

*“The Role of Marriage in
Glorifying the Creator”*

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23 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.**

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Review

This year our theme is...

Glorify the Creator

In order to glorify our Creator, we must first know what “glorify” means:

glorify

To praise the glory of (God), especially as an act of worship.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/glorify?s=t>

“The Role of Marriage in Glorifying the Creator”

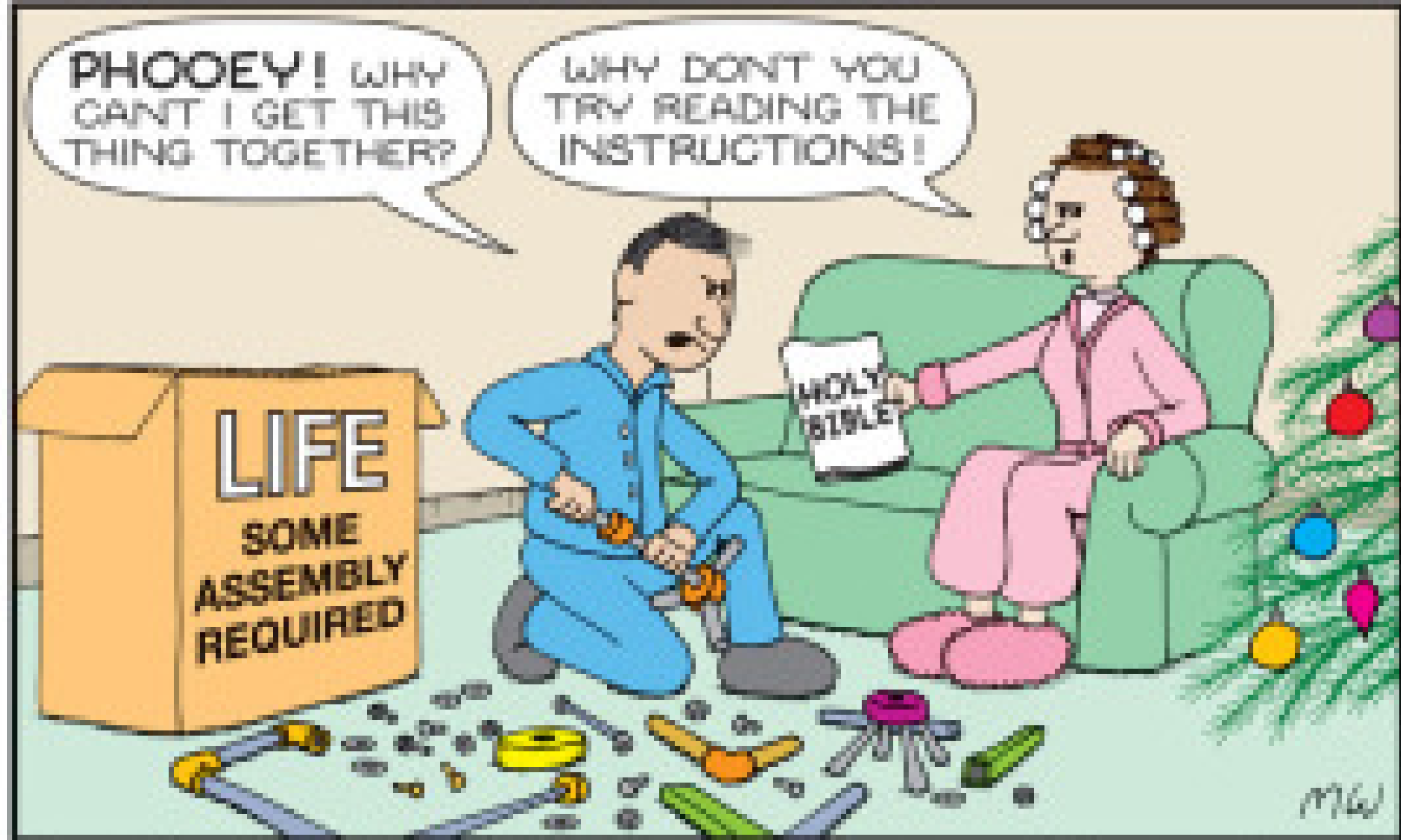
“Much assembly required!”



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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

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Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

— PROVERBS 3:5-6 KJV

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- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God's glory.

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship

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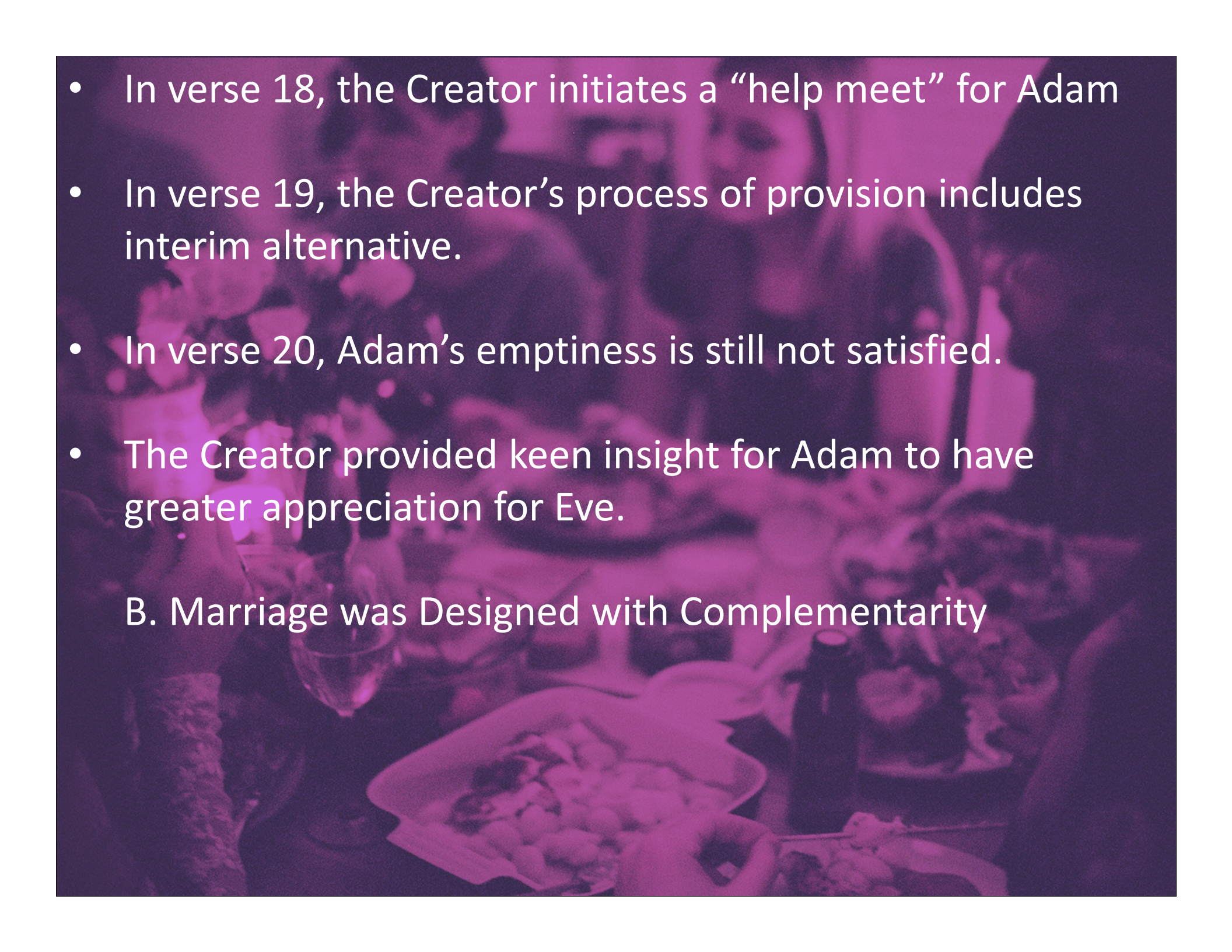
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1. The Initiative is from the Creator

Gen. 2:18 And the LORD God said, ***It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.***

2. The Interim of Choices

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- A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, dining. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the image.
- In verse 18, the Creator initiates a “help meet” for Adam
 - In verse 19, the Creator’s process of provision includes interim alternative.
 - In verse 20, Adam’s emptiness is still not satisfied.
 - The Creator provided keen insight for Adam to have greater appreciation for Eve.

B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity

Gen. 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

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1. The Complement to Adam was yet to be Provided

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Complementarity

1. The quality or state of being complementary.

Complementary

1. Forming a complement; completing.

Complement

1. Something that completes or makes perfect:

2. The quantity or amount that completes anything:

3. Either of two parts or things needed to complete the whole; counterpart.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/complement>

2. The Completer of Adam was very Personal

Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

- Adam was created from the dust.

Gen. 2:7 And the LORD God **formed** man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Rom. 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that **formed** it, Why hast thou made me thus?

Original Word: πλάσσω

Transliteration: plassó

Definition: I form, mould, as a potter his clay.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4111.htm>

1 Tim. 2:13 For Adam was first **formed**, then Eve.

- Eve was created and made as a part of Adam, personally.

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made** he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Original Word: בָּנָה

Transliteration: banah

Short Definition: made, built

<http://biblehub.com/hebrew/1129.htm>

- Eve was a “special edition” that complemented Adam.
- Eve was **built** to be Adam’s bride.

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

- Eve is a type of the Bride of Christ.

3. The Closeness to Adam was very Practical

Gen. 2:23 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.**

- They had everything in common – Same Creator, DNA, location, etc.

Male chromosomes – XY

Female chromosomes – XX

- Adam was truly a part of Eve's life.
- Eve was the "WOW" factor of Adam's life.

C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

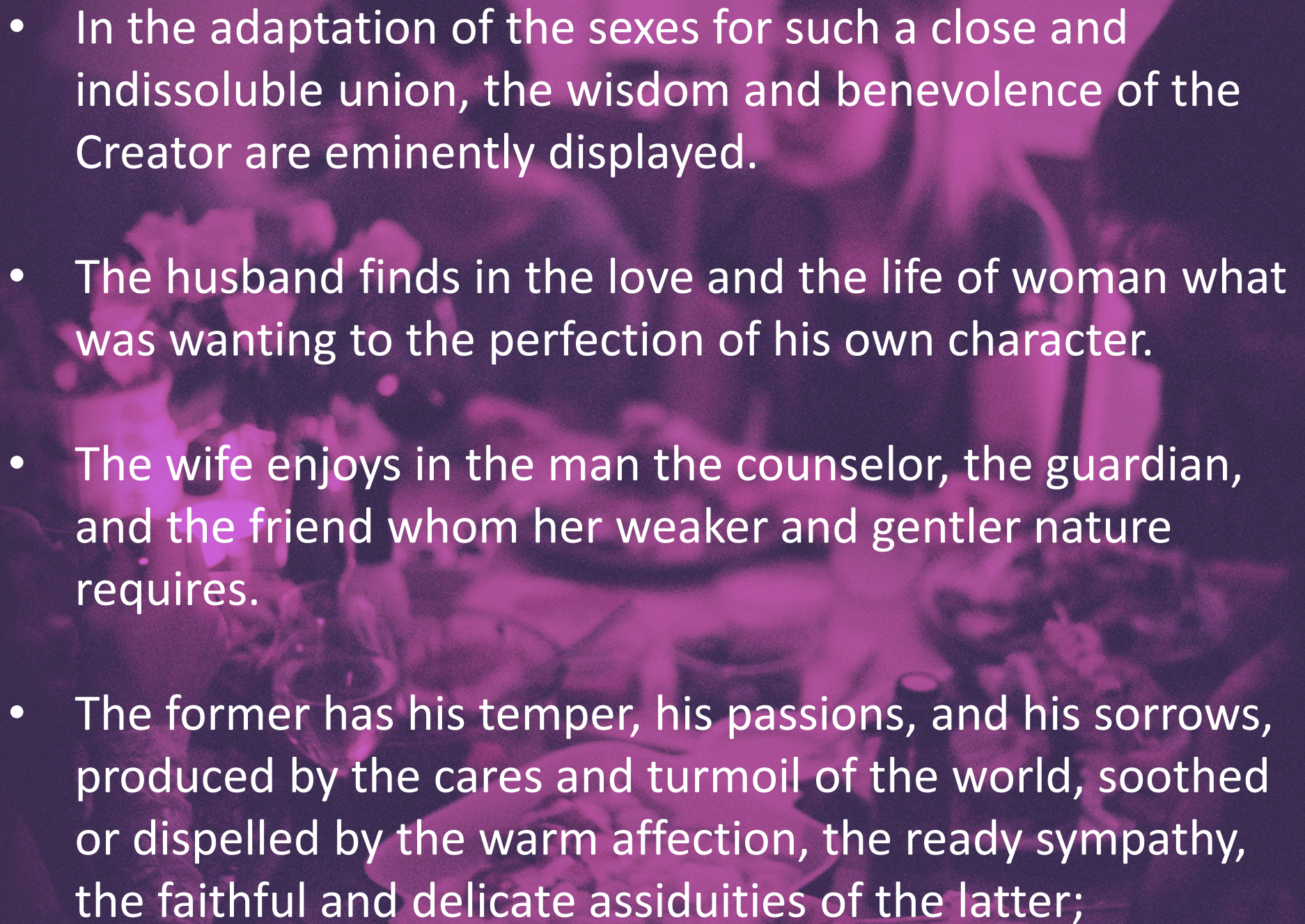
- The Creator's plan was one man, with one woman, exclusively.
- The unity displayed in the innocent intimacy of marriage is the ecstasy of pure relationship.

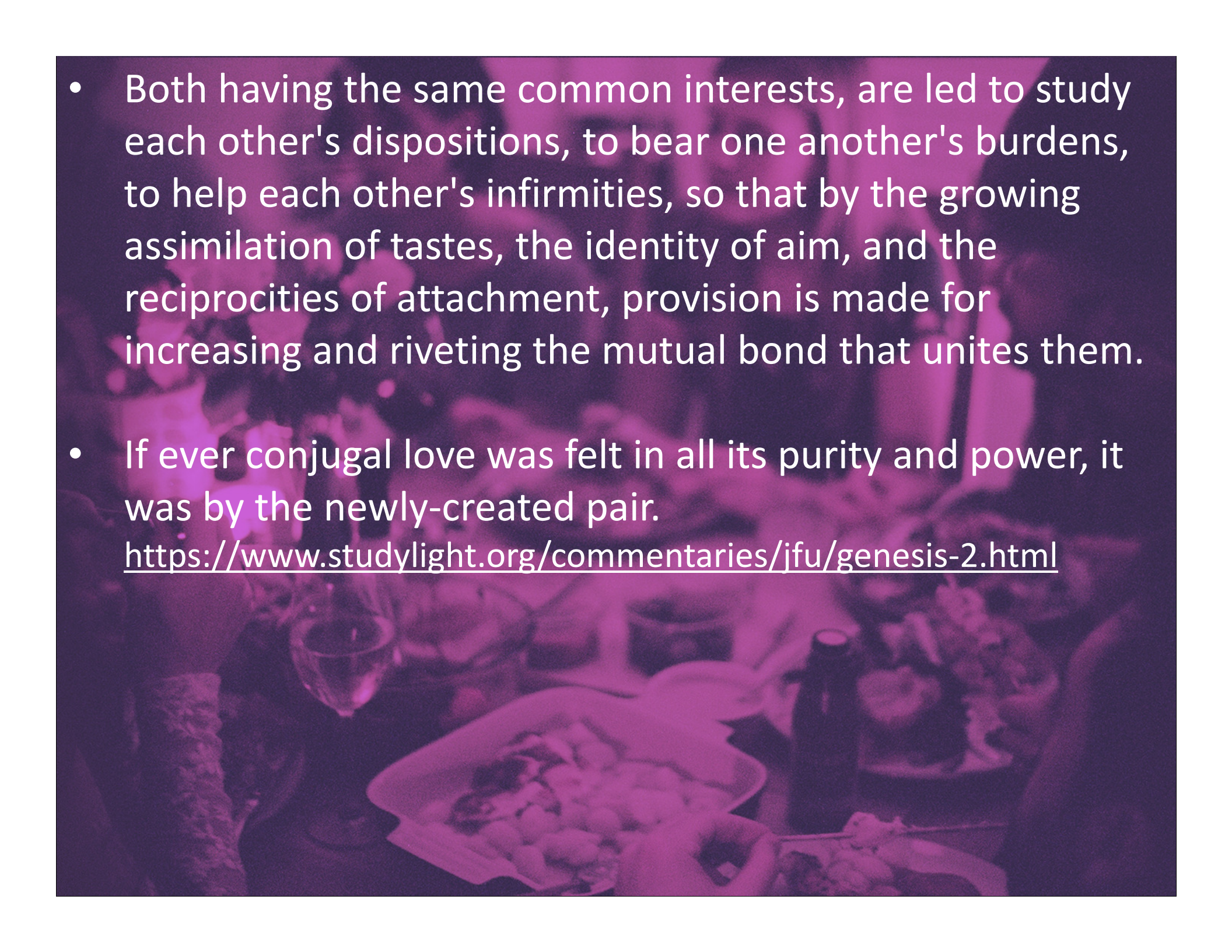
Heb. 13:4 **Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:** but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

- God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

The following is from Jamieson, Robert, D.D.; Fausset, A. R.; Brown, David. "Commentary on Genesis 2:4". "Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible - Unabridged".

<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/jfu/genesis-2.html>

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- In the adaptation of the sexes for such a close and indissoluble union, the wisdom and benevolence of the Creator are eminently displayed.
 - The husband finds in the love and the life of woman what was wanting to the perfection of his own character.
 - The wife enjoys in the man the counselor, the guardian, and the friend whom her weaker and gentler nature requires.
 - The former has his temper, his passions, and his sorrows, produced by the cares and turmoil of the world, soothed or dispelled by the warm affection, the ready sympathy, the faithful and delicate assiduities of the latter;

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- Both having the same common interests, are led to study each other's dispositions, to bear one another's burdens, to help each other's infirmities, so that by the growing assimilation of tastes, the identity of aim, and the reciprocities of attachment, provision is made for increasing and riveting the mutual bond that unites them.
 - If ever conjugal love was felt in all its purity and power, it was by the newly-created pair.

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Conclusion

Rightly understood, therefore, a marriage entered into before God involves three persons:

1. A husband
2. A wife
3. God.

For this reason, it is not self-interest, human advantage, or an unfettered commitment to personal freedom that governs the marriage relationship, but the husband and wife's joint commitment to conduct their marriage based on God's design and sovereign plan.

<http://www.frc.org/brochure/the-bibles-teaching-on-marriage-and-family>



The importance of marriage from God's perspective is found in the first miracle done by the Lord Jesus Christ – at the marriage in Cana:

Jn. 2:1 And the third day **there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee**; and the mother of Jesus was there: ...

11 **This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee**, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

**MARRIAGE IS THE TRAINING GROUND FOR
SOCIETY'S FUTURE**

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