B. **Adam's TESTIMONY shows the oneness God desires in marriage** (v.23)
"This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh"
(Marital unity is identified by Adam)

Without revelation from God, Adam realizes that the woman was made from himself. His words express joy and astonishment at the corresponding nature and close relationship of Eve to himself.

Unity does not mean uniformity!
EX: a team has unity yet distinct positions
an army " "
a work place " "
Just as the church is one body made up of varying parts (I Cor. 12),

NOTE: There is a oneness (equality in nature) but a distinction in function implied in these verses.
One is the head of the home, the other is the helper.

Such headship is seen by the fact that:
1) Adam was created first (I Tim. 2:11-13
2) God named the race after the man (Gen. 5:2 .)
3) God gave Adam responsibility to "dress and keep" the garden prior to Eve's creation (2:15-17)
4) God made Eve from Adam (I Cor. 11:8 –
5) God provided Adam with a helper (I Cor. 11:9 - "Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.")
6) God held the man responsible for the sin in the home

C. **God's PLAN shows the oneness He desires in marriage** (v.24)
"Leave...and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh"
(Marital unity is instituted by God)

This verse shows that celibacy is not a higher or holier state than marriage.
1. **Make a Break with your parents**
("Leave" = shows that marriage is a priority relationship)
(Cut the apron strings!
2. **Make a Bond with your spouse**
("Cleave" = shows that marriage is a permanent relationship)
"cleave" = to stick or glue together. to be closely joined together.
Divorce is no option for the believer!

CONCLU: v.25 - Before sin entered the world, there was never an evil, lustful, selfish thought.
I Pet. 3:7 says that husband and wife are "heirs together of the grace of life"

God created marriage to illustrate the relationship and unity that Christ has with His bride (the believing Church) (Ephesians 5:29-32)

The First Marriage

(God's Design for Marriage - Genesis 2:18-25)

This account is not a fanciful fictitious story but the way it really happened, according to Jesus Christ (cp. Gen. 1:27 & 2:24 with Matthew 19:3-6, Mark 10:2-9).
The one who knows a machine, product, etc., best is the designer.
Model-T Ford
* Let the Designer Himself show you His plan for Marital Harmony!

I. God created Eve <u>FOR</u> Adam...

to express the Roles He desires for the Husband & Wife (v.18-20)

A. **Eve was Created to be Adam's Companion** (v.18a)
("It is not good that the man should be alone")

This is the only time in creation account that God said that something was not good (v. 10, 12 Earth=good; v. 18 Sun & moon=good; v. 21 sea life=good; and v. 25 animals=good)

"The skies without the luminaries and birds are incomplete. The seas without the fish are incomplete. Without mankind and land animals he earth is incomplete" (Hamilton, p.175).

The Apostle Paul states that singleness is "good" in certain cases (so a believer who has the "gift of celibacy" [Mt. 19:11-12; I Cor. 7:7-9]
In what sense was it not good for Adam to be alone?
1. No communication
2. No helper ("two are better than one" - Eccl.)
3. No ability to procreate on his own

God created man in God's own image and likeness - READ 1:26-27.
The Triune Godhead is a social being. God gave man a social nature that craved companionship.

We all need someone to share our joys and burdens, triumphs and defeats.
God designed the format of marriage to provide a setting for the most intimate fellowship between two people.

B. **Eve was Created to be Adam's Completer** (v.18b-20)
("I will make him an help meet for him")

1) Adam would see their distinctiveness from himself
(Different size, shape, & appearance)

2) Adam would see their impersonal nature
(You may talk to your dog or cat, but they don't talk back!)

God deliberately made Adam wait a while before He created Eve, so as to bring Adam to the realization that he needed a counterpart (and thus would appreciate her more once received). Singles, maybe this is one reason why God has not yet given you a spouse.

--He may want you to remember what it was like to be alone so that you will appreciate your spouse.
--He may want to mature some area of your life so that you will be better suited for the responsibilities of marriage.

God made it evident that man needed woman. She was to provide him assistance; be the "missing links" of his life so as to enable him ("complete him") to fulfill God's plan for his life.
"Help" - Ezer = to aid, assist
"Meet" - Kenegdo = suitable for, corresponding to similar but opposite

The woman would be "meet" or suitable (agreeable; matching) to man [not an inferior being]
"Completer" - man by himself is like cookies without sugar, like a car without a motor, like pie without fruit, like rice without beans; like coffee without cream etc. . . . He's only "half-baked"!!

"The creation of this helper will form one-half of a polarity, and will be to man as he south pole is to he north pole" (Hamilton, p.175).

Men and women are different emotionally (she cries more easily), psychologically (their interests differ), physically ("weaker vessel" - I Pet. 3).

This difference is not bad but good; Its by design.

The woman is what is missing in the man, and the man is what is missing in the woman.

MAN (DOER)	Woman (be-er)
1) achiever	1) helper
2) work-oriented (interested)	2) home-oriented (interested)
3) more independent	3) more dependent (needs frequent reassurance
4) provides for children	4) produces children
5) more rational	5) more emotional

It amazes me how opposites tend to attract.
A good wife will fill in your weak spots, will strengthen your areas of need.
God created Eve in such a way that she would correspond to Adam physically, socially, and spiritually (Ross, p. 126).

She would be the missing piece of the two-piece puzzle.

A wife finds her fulfillment in life by fulfilling her husband. Her needs are met in large part by meeting his.
"Woman goes to an incomplete man, completes him, and then receives the benefits of his completeness." (Jack Hyles)

"I will make him an help meet for him" - (v. 18) . . . "an help meet for him" (v. 20).
I Cor. 11:8-9 - For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

In this account of God's creation of woman, nothing is said of her being a "chiild bearer," first and foremost responsibility is to your husband (and vice versa).

II. God created Eve <u>FROM</u> Adam...

to express the Oneness (unity) He desires between Husband & Wife (v.21-25)

A. Woman's ORIGIN shows the oneness God desires in marriage
(v.21-22) "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman" (Marital unity is illustrated by creation)

"Deep sleep" = a divine anesthetic that made Adam oblivious to the surgery God was performing.
The Hebrew word translated "rib" refers to the "side" The word encompasses both the bone and the surrounding flesh; Hence, Adam's testimony: "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (v.23)
"He made" = to build, or fashion
The way God created woman reveals His design for a close union.

God could easily have created Eve out of the dust (as He created Adam), but He chose to make her body from his body . . .
to demonstrate the unity God designed for marriage
and to illustrate a woman's natural dependency on the man from whom she was created.

From the beginning, God instituted marriage to be a monogamous (one spouse) and heterosexual union.

God formed one woman from Adam's side, not a harem. (Polygamy is a sinful perversion of God's design).

God formed a woman not another man from Adam's side (homosexuality and lesbianism are a sinful perversion of God's design). [Their names were Adam & Eve not Adam & Steve]

Augustine said: "God did not take a bone from Adam's head from which to create Eve that she might be above him, nor a bone from his foot that she might be beneath him, but from his side that she might be beside him . . . close to his heart and yet under his arm for protection."

"God brought her unto the man" -
Every marriage must start with God.
(NOTE: they were both spiritual and godly. Unequal yokes are never God's will - 2 Cor 6:14 2.

Prov.18:22 - Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD