



THE MUSIC OF MARRIAGE

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HOMES, WE NEED MELODY,
HARMONY, AND RHYTHM

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**“God created us differently so that He might
make us one. We aren’t just created to
sing in unity; we were also made to make
beautiful music through harmony.”**

—Adrian Rogers

Chapter One

HARMONY IN THE HOME

At one point, I had been thinking a lot about music. I decided it was time for me to sing a solo in church. I went to talk to our music minister about this.

I said, “Brother Jim, may I sing in church?”

He said, “Yes, pastor. You are the pastor. If you want to sing in church, you may.”

I then asked, “What song would you like me to sing?”

He answered, with a grin, “How about...*On a Hill Far Away?*”

In all seriousness, I don't know a whole lot about music. However, there are a few things that I do know. For example, I know that music is made up of three parts: melody, harmony, and rhythm. To achieve melody, you need to sing the same song. This is what husbands and wives need to do.

To achieve harmony, you sing different parts that sound good together. A husband and wife may sing the same song, but they don't sing the same parts. To achieve rhythm, spouses must sing together at the same tempo. To have sweet music in our homes, we need melody, harmony, and rhythm.

Let's look at what the Bible has to say about the music in the home. Consider the words of Genesis 1:27, and let's look at God's grand design.

God's Divine Design

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27). Male and female. God thought up the idea of boys and girls. We didn't think it up. The unisex idea was not created by God; it was born in Hell.

God made men and women, male and female. God did that by divine design. Both the man and the woman are made in the image of God. A woman is absolutely as valuable and as important, as gifted, and all of the other things, as any man could possibly be. Truly, the Bible teaches that God does not value one sex above another.

According to Paul in Galatians 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Now he's not talking about society. He's not saying that there's to be a blurring of the distinction between the sexes, but he is saying in Christ, male and female, bond and free, we're all one. We're all valuable.

Despite that, God has made us different. God made us different that He might make us one. And I thank God for the difference. I want us to celebrate today because it's our differences, not our likenesses, which bring us together as husbands and wives. How important is it that we be brought together as husbands and wives? The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9, “Two are better than one....” And that is so true.

Let's talk about that divine design. God created this design, the difference in the sexes. And He did this for a purpose. What is that purpose? As we look at Genesis 2:18, we read, “And the LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

This particular verse is toward the end of the creation. God considers everything that He has made. And he says, “It's good!”

Everything God created He would say, “That's good, that's good, and that's good.”

Then, God created man, and He said, “That's not good. Man does not need to be alone. I'll send someone to help him.”

At this moment in history, that's where the divine design began. God knew that man did not need to be alone. He needed help. So, God created the woman. This is where God's perfect composition started. The beautiful music of the home began in the Garden of Eden.

Three Reasons for God to Create Males And Females

As we contemplate God's divine design for the home, there are three reasons God created both males and females.

First, God created males and females for companionship. It is not good that man should be alone. None of the animals could satisfy the hunger in Adam's heart. Not even God Himself could meet the desires of man's heart for companionship.

Think about it. It's incredible. Adam had a face-to-face relationship with Almighty God in the Garden of Eden, and yet that could not satisfy the deepest need that Adam had. He had a longing for something more. So, God created the woman. In my own life, I thank God for the precious companion that He's given me in Joyce.

A second reason God created males and females was for cooperation. Notice what the verse says about the design, "I will make a helper" for him. Some translations use the word "*helpmeet*." Now the word "helper" in this verse is a noun; it is not a verb. God is not saying that He is going to give Adam some help. God could have given Adam a friend to help him pick fruit, a buddy, or somebody. No that's not the idea.

The idea of "*helpmeet*" is someone who is going to cooperate with Adam. Someone who will become a part of a team with him. Someone who will make him more than he could have been without that particular person. Someone to help Adam to reach his full potential.

Indeed, Adam could not have been what he ought to have been, in my estimation, at all, without Eve. In my life, I could

not be what I ought to be without Joyce. I'm blessed because Joyce has been this helper to me throughout my life, our married life, and our ministry.

When Joyce and I dated in high school, I was playing football and she was a cheerleader. One of the pictures that hangs on the wall of our home is a picture of her in her cheerleading outfit. Inscribed in the frame of that photo are the words, "To Adrian, I will always cheer you on."

This has been true for our entire marriage. Even as I left the home to go preach recently, Joyce threw her arms around me and kissed me. Then, she said, "There goes my preacher and my mighty warrior." She sent me out to preach with a kiss, a hug, and great words of encouragement. (I preach better because of the kiss!) God created women for companionship and cooperation.

Additionally, God created the woman to be a completion to the man. In Genesis 2:18, God says, "I will make a helpmeet for him" (KJV). To be a helpmeet is to be a fitting helper, someone to make up that part which is lacking. To be a helpmeet is to be the other half. Some will say, "the better half."

Indeed, it is not mere folklore that God took Eve from Adam's side. It is that something is missing until she is returned. And it is not by mere happenstance one speaks of the husband or wife as "the other half." We are half-people without our mates. That's the way God designed it. It is His divine design.

In musical terms, you might think of Adam as a violin; you think of Eve as the bow. And it is together that they make the music that they are supposed to make. She is to complete Adam. She is to make him better than he would have been on his own.

Also, women were created to be the completer, not the competitor. Women are to complete their husbands, not to finish them off. It's not meant to be a battle or a competition. God's idea was for us to come together and make each other better, stronger, and more dynamic than we would have ever been as singles.

Celebrating the Definite Differences between Men and Women

Because of God's divine design, He made a difference in the sexes. In Genesis 1:27, we read, "Male and female He created them."

It's true. Men and women are different. And we don't need the Bible to tell us that. Our differences are not just physiological, they are also deeply emotional and spiritual. Psychologists tell us these things.

For a long time, radical feminists have been trying to tell us that all of the differences, the emotional differences, and the psychological differences are only cultural. They are not only cultural. They are creational. And there's a difference, for example, in the way that the brains of men and women are wired.

Researchers tell us that boys have a predominant proclivity in the right side of the brain and for girls it's the left side. For this reason, boys tend to be a little more physical and women tend to be more verbal. For the most part, little girls will begin to talk quicker than little boys. Have you noticed these things?

Psychologists, like Dr. James Dobson¹ and others, have written much on the differences between boys and girls. For example, if you send a little boy off to a birthday party, what will he do? He'll rip and tear and pull the girls' hair and smear the cake and so forth. Little girls want to play the games like they are supposed to be played. That's because boys, by nature, are more aggressive.

Give the little girls a jigsaw puzzle and they try to put it together. You give it to a boy, and he may sling it across the room. Typically, when you give a little girl a doll, she wants to caress that doll, she wants to cuddle that doll. You give a little boy a doll, he'll make a hammer out of it. That's just the way he is. Boys and girls are different. God created them that way.

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