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**Sexual Fulfillment**

Gen 2:20-25 The Basics

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

24 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.* 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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Man and the She-Man > FOR THIS REASON:

That wife that is of God's making by special grace, and of God's bringing by special providence, is likely to prove a help-meet for a man. 2. From God, as his Father, Adam received her (v. 23): "This is now bone of my bone. Now I have what I wanted, and which all the creatures could not furnish me with, a help meet for me." God's gifts to us are to be received with a humble thankful acknowledgment of his wisdom in suiting them to us, and his favor in bestowing them on us. Eve was a piece of him, and was to be his companion and the wife of his covenant. Further, in token of his acceptance of her, he gave her a name, not peculiar to her, but common to her sex: She shall be called woman, **Isha, a she-man, (Ish, a man)** differing from man in sex only, not in nature—*made of man, and joined to man.*

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- This is about "returning" together through the sexual relationship.
- Literally the two become one through intercourse.
- Key is the oneness of the two unique creations as husband and wife.
- The oneness reflects > two whole people being joined one.
- The sexual relationship MUST reflect both the ish and the isha if true unity is to be achieved.

○ ONE STEP FURTHER:

The physical anatomy of men and women allows a oneness to happen.

The ISH is the giver of life; the ISHA is the receiver and nurturer.

The ISHA receives and the ISH deposits life.

## Covering

The place of protection or hurt is ultimately in the sexual relationship.

Why?...Remember:

Men= Emotionally Modest/ Physically Immodest

Women= Emotionally Immodest/Physically Modest

Our differences require us:

Men> **Create** a physically safe place for sex with our wives.

>Physically safety for a woman means safe on many levels.

That is why women “know” if the door is locked, or the phone is ringing right in the middle of sex.

>They are sharing their lives and preparing to receive life from the husband.

Women> **Create** an emotionally safe place for sex with our husband.

>Too many emotional requirements cause him to look elsewhere to “just be himself”.

> Too many emotional hoops to jump through will wear him down. Balance! His emotional tank overflows after the physical time.

> Life flows out of him and with it comes the sharing of his life.

Both husband and wife need to feel safe and valued.

>When his need for sex (his way) is mocked and put down it stops up the emotional release valve connected to the one flesh relationship

>When her need for sex (her way) is mocked and ignored she is not prepared to receive life ....since she only sees death or nothing of value.

BOTTOM LINE:

Eph 5:15-18

15 Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. NIV

- In a healthy marriage we chose to share our intimate lives with each other.
- Understanding the Lord’s will is understanding Covenant Oneness.

Eph 5:25-33

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. NIV

- This is the ultimate focus. With this in place the “mechanics” of sex have a strong foundation to build on daily.
- The sexual relationship reflects what you allow Him to do.