

Submission To His Deep Sleep

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

Many years ago, Richard and I were married in London at a church where he was a pastor. I can remember still the sermon that was preached at our wedding. It was: *Together in Love, Life, and Labor*. The words also around our three-tier fruit wedding cake were: *Together in Him*. We had actually taken those words from that little text - **Where two or three are gathered together in My name . . .** So it was together in Him. The sermon I still remember, but the three-tier fruit cake? Well, that has long since gone!

A child of God has been bought at so great a price. The Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ paid that price and God has a unique plan for each of us. We were fashioned by our Creator in the image of God. We are different from animals in that we are made to be God-conscious in that He made us spirit, soul and body. With the fall of Adam by his rebellious sin of independence, the spiritual side became dead and the order became upside down, so it is now: body, soul and spirit. We go on and read in **Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in His own image,- God did the creating - in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.**

In **Genesis 2:18**, we read -

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

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 from the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

There we have a deep sleep falling on Adam and God made for him a woman. Isn't that amazing? For the ladies today, you know how awesome it was; how God made you as you are to be just as you are. It didn't take Him by surprise. What I love in it is the submissiveness of Adam, the first man, because he was willing to sleep in the will of God. Perhaps one of those evenings the Lord shared His desire in speaking with Adam in the cool of the garden and gave the vision of what He wanted to do. So Adam condescended to sleep in His divine will, while the magnificent Creator prepared a partner for him.

In **Genesis 2:22**, we read -

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

Adam looked at **23 And Adam said - *looking at Eve* - . . . she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.** In other words, he detected, when he saw Eve, his other self, or the

compliment of himself in mind and in heart and in will. Even in the area of the body, there was an affinity. . . . **This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh . . .** Remember, he had been naming all the various animals that God had created in the garden. You see, marriage is desired by God; it was God Who caused the sleep; it was God Who brought the woman to Adam; it was God Who had made the bones and flesh such that God saw that they were meant to cleave to each other.

24 **Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.** *Cleaving* is a matter of a shared life, a shared love. To submit to God's timing, He wants us to understand this sleep and to submit to this. It is all submission and not to lose patience. It will save your life, if you are at that stage of wondering who you are supposed to marry and or what you are supposed to do. It will save your life from frustration, heart-break and possibly even tragedy.

Hebrews 13:4 says - **Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled . . .** As for the loveliness and purity of the secrets of God's own handiwork, we are told in **Titus 1:15 - Unto the pure all things are pure.** The husband and wife should have the same relationship as the Lord with His bride, the Church. **Ephesians 5** tells us —

28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He**

that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.

A deep sleep. A deep sleep. Oh, dear one, are you willing to wait for God's time and plan? Are you willing to submit to Him and say, *Thank You for Your plan for my life, for You know all things as You made me.*

In Jesus' Name. Amen.