## **Mother Eve Created**

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.—Genesis 2:24

For a time Adam was alone in the Garden of Eden. He had some companionship with the animals and the birds, but he was lonely for someone like himself. Eve was made from one of Adam's ribs; she was a part of him (Genesis 2:21,22).

Adam loved Eve. He helped her learn about their wonderful Creator and the blessings he had given them. And Eve loved Adam, and sharing his life in the garden. In her gentle way she would point out the beauties of God's handiwork which seemed even more beautiful because they could share them.

No wonder they were happy together! This was God's plan. He wanted men and women to marry and have children. He wanted them to love him and enjoy his blessings.

Many of the most beautiful stories in the Bible tell of brides and bridegrooms, marriages, parents, and children. Jesus is called a bridegroom in Matthew 9:15 and 25:1. The 144,000 saints are called a bride in Revelation 21:9 and 22:17.

In the kingdom there will be no weddings or newborn babies for the earth will be filled with people (Matthew 22:30). Then God's blessings will be for everyone on earth, fulfilling his plan just as he originally intended.

The saints are called children of God, joint-heirs with Christ, just as in a family arrangement (Romans 8:16,17). In Isaiah 9:6 Jesus is given the name of Everlasting Father because his death

and resurrection will make it possible for all people to live forever in the kingdom on earth.

The family arrangement is important to God and to mankind. Adam and Eve had many children, and because they were so near to being perfect, their children could marry each other and start their own families. And so the human family began to multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 1:28).



It was God's design for people to live in families.