



The Way Things Should Be

The Two Become One

IMPORTANT: This topic only relates to the family unit of a husband and a wife. It does not have relevance to any other set of relationships, situations or circumstances.

We read this in teaching #6 of this series: “Now, this is very important. Together, today’s Adam and Ezer are a single unit, set in place to function as the original humans were to function. They are to become one person¹ and operate as one.”

This oneness of the pair was first stated by our creator. This means that **it is specific to the marriage of men and women² and it has a divine purpose**. This was what God said :

Genesis 2:24 (NKJV) – *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

In the Classic Amplified it is rendered this way:

Genesis 2:24 (AMPC) – *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Now this word ‘flesh’ in the English translations causes confusion so that we miss the original intent of our Creator. ‘Flesh’ is an archaic word that has little relevance to the meaning of the passage to us today. Here’s how The Living Bible translates it more accurately:

Genesis 2:24 (TLB) – *This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife in such a way that the two become one person.*

Now that’s different!

You see, **the 2 people become one person**. So why the issue that the word ‘flesh’ causes?

Because God took part of the original Adam’s body³ with which he created Ezer, the flow-on of ideas is that ‘flesh’ in verse 24 means ‘body matter’ or ‘meat’. The Hebrew word used is *bāśār*, which has the following means according to Strong⁴:

“Flesh (from its freshness); by extension, body, person; also (by euphemism) the pudenda⁵ of a man: --body, (fat, lean) flesh(-ed), kin, (man-)kind, + nakedness, self, skin”.

This looks a bit like gobbledygook, so here’s what that this lexicon⁶ mumbo-jumbo means.

1 – “The two become one flesh”. The Hebrew word for ‘flesh’ also means ‘person’ or ‘body’ (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5)

2 – i.e. Living together in commitment to be joined together

3 – Genesis 2:23

4 – Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon (www.eliyah.com/cgi-bin/strongs.cgi?file=hebrewlexicon&isindex=1320)

5 – Medical term for a man’s genitals.

6 – The vocabulary of a person, language, or branch of knowledge. A dictionary, especially of Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, or Arabic.



'Flesh' sometimes means "blood relative"⁷, such as these:

Genesis 29:14 (NKJV) – *And Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.*

Genesis 37:27(NKJV) – *Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened.*

Because of this, the Hebrew phrase *she'er bâśâr*⁸ is rendered "blood relative"⁹.

The term 'flesh' can mean 'mankind' (humans) or 'living creatures'¹⁰. e.g.

Deuteronomy 5:26 (NKJV) – *For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?*

The same goes for the word 'bone' used by Adam (mkII) in conjunction with the word 'flesh'.¹¹ 'Bone' has meanings other than physical body parts which help us understand what was really meant by our statement in question ("they shall become one flesh").

First of all, we already saw the relationship of 'flesh' and 'bone' in describing kinship, here:

Genesis 29:14 (NKJV) – *And Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.*

Strong defines 'bone' like this:

'etsem; a bone (as strong); by extension, the body; figuratively, the substance, i.e. (as pronoun) selfsame: --body, bone, X life, (self-)same, strength, X very.

'Bone' ('etsem) can mean a person's body – e.g.

Job 2:5 (NKJV) – *But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!*

Job 20:11 (NKJV) – *His bones are full of his youthful vigor...*

Jeremiah 20:9 (NKJV) – *...But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones...*

'Bone' ('etsem) can mean 'the whole person' – e.g.

Psalms 6:2 (NKJV) – *Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.*

'Bone' ('etsem) can mean 'the substance of a thing' – e.g. ('body' in this next reference is 'etsem)

Exodus 24:10 (KJV) – *And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.*

'Bone' ('etsem) can mean 'full' – e.g. ('full' in this next reference is 'etsem)

7 – Vine's Expository Dictionary of OT Words (www.studydrive.org/dictionaries/vot/f/flesh.html?hilit=flesh)

8 – Leviticus 18:6

9 – Vine's Expository Dictionary of OT Words (www.studydrive.org/dictionaries/vot/f/flesh.html?hilit=flesh)

10 – Genesis 6:17

11 – Genesis 2:23



Job 21:23 (NKJV) – *One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and secure;*

Finally, ‘Bone’ (‘*etsem*’) can mean ‘same’ / ‘self-same’ – e.g. (‘same’ in this next reference is ‘*etsem*’)

Genesis 7:13 (NKJV) – *On the very same day Noah and Noah’s sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—*

So, expressions using ‘flesh’ and ‘bone’ are, and can be, signifying relationship or kinship rather than just physical meat and osseous tissue.

Therefore, the statement “*they shall become one flesh*” has much wider meaning in the Hebrew, and that needs to be strongly considered.

“One flesh” can now be considered to cover a variety of connections and these can be summarized as:

1. One sexually (one physical body)
2. One unit
3. One personality
4. One functioning unit
5. Wholeness
6. Oneness

(1) One Sexually

This relationship in a marriage union is the one most commonly understood by our phrase in question. This, however, is a very limited understanding. Its use comes from Paul’s statement about the spiritual implications of adultery with a prostitute where “the two become one flesh”¹². The inference is that sexual intercourse in adultery provides the same connection between a man and a woman as the activity does in marriage.

Why Paul regards this as “one flesh” isn’t clear in his writings because he doesn’t explain it to his readers. It follows then, that the readers knew the background to Paul’s teaching because of their Jewish or ANE¹³ culture.

The critical point to make here is that this is not the whole story, and should not be seen in that restrictive way.

(2) One Unit

When a man and a woman marry, they become a unit – a single entity. This eventually becomes a family when children are born, but the essence on the union of the father and mother are the unit that marriage creates.

(3) One Personality

Living together, a man and a woman become so engrossed in each other that their personalities merge. They understand each other – the way they think and the way they do things. They grow alike, think alike

12 – 1 Corinthians 6:16

13 – “The Ancient Near East was the home of early civilizations within a region roughly corresponding to the modern Middle East”. It includes Iraq, Turkey, Iran, Syria, Kuwait, Egypt and Armenia. (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Near_East)



and have similar desires.

NOTE: This type of ‘becoming one’ is only confined to the union where the man and the woman give themselves to each other, commit their lives to the union and to the eventual family, and put aside their own desires and plans.

(4) One Functioning Unit

When a married couple focus on the same goals, work as a team, and support each other to achieve the team plans, they function as a single unit – indivisible. They are a true team, backing each other up and supporting each other.

(5) Wholeness

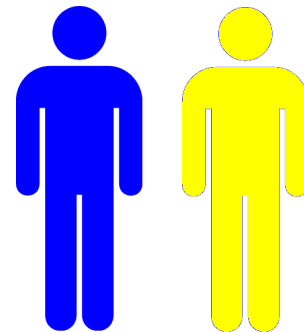
Adam originally was made in God’s image and likeness,¹⁴ and was given the full set of characteristics for this type of divine facsimile. I refer to him “Adam” and the Adam that existed after Ezer was created I call “Adam mkII”. Adam had the full compliment of God-like characteristics of this new species, including what we would call masculine and feminine. I’ve coloured him as green.

When Ezer was created from some of Adam’s tissue¹⁵, she had a similar body, but was given a couple of different organs which were for her reproductive capability. A set of characteristics were taken from Adam and placed into her. These we call feminine characters, while what remained in Adam we call male characters. The 2 were essentially the same species, but different. These differences I have identified as blue (male) and yellow (female).

Adam and Ezer together form a single unit. They cleaved¹⁶ to each other and purposed to remain together. This composite unit of a male and female we call ‘marriage’. In marriage, the male and female characters are brought together again, but in one team, not one person. This unit I’ve coloured green because the blue (male) and the yellow (female) together make the colour green.



ORIGINAL ADAM



ADAM mkII

EZER



ADAM mkII &
EZER MARRIED

(See the diagram on the last page)

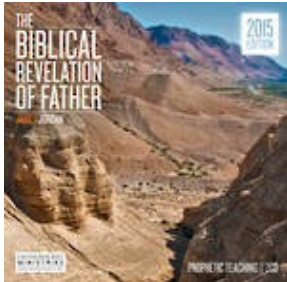
14 – Genesis 1:26

15 – Slab of tissue, not a rib. See Genesis 2:21 (NET)

16 – An archaic Biblical term for ‘clinging to one another’.



In marriage, the full complement of Original Adam's character is now present, but existing in 2 separate bodies. So, in a genuine Kingdom marriage there is wholeness in the relationship because the total God-like characters are now together for the unit's mutual benefit, and for the benefit of the children. So, completeness is achieved in a genuine marriage.



This is a critical state for a marriage to be in because the full complement of characters exhibited by loving Kingdom parents allows the children to grow up with the complete understanding of God's full character when both parents accurately represent him. Most of us have grow up without this accurate modelling. We've had imperfect fathers, and as a consequence, we haven't really understood the Father-heart of God. As a result, we've had to come under teaching that revealed it to us.¹⁷

We've also missed out of the Mother-heart of God¹⁸ because our mothers weren't perfect representatives of him. We desperately need teaching on this as well.¹⁹



(6) Oneness

“One person”²⁰ is not complete until it's oneness. ‘Oneness’ means they are one.

Oneness is being of one mind, one soul, and one heart. This is the same type of oneness that our Beloved King wants with us.²¹ The difference is that there is a spiritual oneness with Christ.

Today's Adam & Ezer's union is meant to be **total oneness in action**. We've missed out on this component of oneness because we've been taught about sexual oneness from Paul's statement²² and not about total oneness.



So, “The two becomes one” is not as simple or as clear cut as we've been lead to believe. There's much more to a marriage that we need to incorporate so that we live as sons of the Most High God in an authentic Kingdom marriage relationship.

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17 – Check our James Jordan's Father-heart teaching here: www.fatherheart.net

His YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UC6hpECxxmUnm8e2OBKUU4vQ

18 – See God's description of himself in Exodus 34:6-7 for some of the characteristics we regard as feminine

19 – Denise Jordan's “The Mother Heart of God” (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ZowEzbDLJQ)

Available on CD & MP3 here: www.fatherheart.net/results.html?q=mother

20 – Genesis 2:24 (TLB)

21 – See John 17:20-21

22 – 1 Corinthians 6:16

