

Genesis 2:5-7

⁵When no **bush of the field** was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature

"It is not good that the man should be alone"

Concrete example of God knowing what is good for man

Helpmates

Helper does not mean servant, submission, or inequality. Rather it is partnership and companionship

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

God as Helper

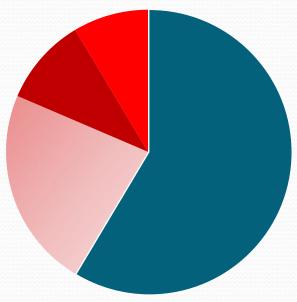
Deut. 33:7

Hos. 13:9

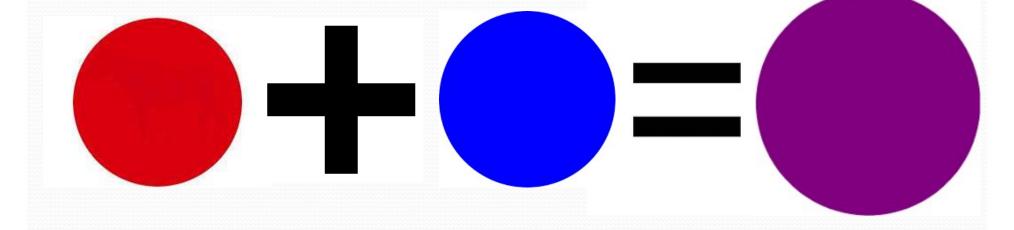
Ps. 10:14, 33:20; 54:4, 70:5; 72:12, 86:17, 115:9-11, 118:7, 119:173, 146:5

Helpmates

- Work/Blessing of God
- Is your marriage a contract or a covenant?



Marriage



Oneness

- Isolation is replaced with companionship and joy!
- 'Leave and Cleave'
- Oneness takes work