

Homework for the week of January 14th (to be completed by January 21th)

Some people argue that the fact that the woman is called Adam's "helper" in Genesis 2:18 and 2:20 implies that he has authority over her. Others argue that it implies equality between the man and woman, or even superiority of the woman over the man. In order to get clarity on this question, look up the other 19 uses of this Hebrew word (listed below) and observe what "helper" means in these contexts. Then answer these two questions:

1. What is the significance of the woman being called a helper?

2. What is the significance of the man needing a helper?

The 19 other uses of the Hebrew word for "helper" (ezer, עֵזֶר)

Exodus 18:4	Psalm 115:11
Deuteronomy 33:7	Psalm 121:1
Deuteronomy 33:26	Psalm 121:2
Deuteronomy 33:29	Psalm 124:8
Psalm 20:2	Psalm 146:5
Psalm 33:20	Isaiah 30:5
Psalm 70:5	Ezekiel 12:14
Psalm 89:19	Daniel 11:34
Psalm 115:9	Hosea 13:9
Psalm 115:10	