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The wisdom of God is most beautifully exemplified in the production of our first Mother. Nothing can more irresistibly evince the intentions of Jehovah with regard to the intimacy and permanency of married life, than the mode by which she was admitted into existence; her introduction to our general progenitor; the gratitude with which he received her; and the irrefragable truth that the Lord uttered, which was intended to direct the affections, sentiments, and conduct of all succeeding generations. After Adam had assumed his prerogative of governing the inferior creatures, and had discovered that there was not found an help meet for him; Jehovah caused a deep supernatural sleep to fall upon him; while he slept, the Lord took one of his ribs, near the heart, the seat of our affections, and of it he formed Eve. She was not like him extracted from the dust, but was part of himself, of his own flesh; and this decision was established for all his posterity, that the wife should be regarded with as much love, and be treated with the same tenderness as the man's own body.