

Family Matters

SEEING YOUR HOUSEHOLD

AS A GIFT FROM GOD

GOD'S DIVINE DESIGN

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GENDER

GENDER IS A DIVINE GIFT OF GOD GIVEN TO US BEFORE WE WERE EVER BORN.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Psalms 139:13-15

For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul knows it very well.

*15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,*

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

MEN were made to:

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Genesis 2:7

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....Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

**MEN WERE MADE TO LOVE THE LORD AND LOVE PEOPLE,
STARTING WITH THEIR FAMILIES.**

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Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

MEN WERE MADE TO WORK AND TO CULTIVATE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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Genesis 2:16-17

“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

MEN WERE CREATED TO BE LIFELONG LEARNERS

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Genesis 2:16-17, 24

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”...Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

MEN ARE CALLED TO BE SPIRITUAL SERVANT LEADERS

WOMEN were made to:

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Genesis 2:21-22

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

WOMEN WERE MADE TO LOVE THE LORD AND LOVE PEOPLE, STARTING WITH THEIR FAMILIES

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Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

WOMEN (AND MEN) WERE BOTH MADE TO SERVE THE MISSION OF GOD

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Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

WOMEN WERE CREATED TO BE LIFELONG LEARNERS

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Genesis 2:23

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

WOMEN ARE CALLED TO BE SPIRITUAL SERVANT LEADERS
SOME DIFFERENCES

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

MARRIAGE:

Genesis 2:23-24

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

MARRIAGE IS ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN SERVING ONE
ANOTHER IN LOVE FOR A LIFETIME

Matthew 19:4-6

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

SEXUALITY:

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

SEX IS A BEAUTIFUL GIFT FROM GOD FOR ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN TO ENJOY IN THE BOUNDS OF MARRIAGE

THE DAY EVERYTHING WENT WRONG

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

1. They believed _____ over God's _____
2. They put _____ over _____
3. They put _____ over _____

WHAT HAPPENED?

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Genesis 3:7

And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths

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Genesis 3:16-17

*To the woman he said,
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you."
17 And to Adam he said,
"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

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Genesis 3:19

*By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return*

Genesis 3:23

therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

WHAT DID GOD DO ABOUT IT?

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Genesis 3:15

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

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Genesis 3:21

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

SIN WAS THE PROBLEM AND A SACRIFICE WAS THE SOLUTION!

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

EVERY FAMILY PROBLEM IS A SIN PROBLEM,
AND JESUS IS THE SOLUTION!



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