

Morning Sermon October 25, 2020

*“Male and Female He Created Them”– Genesis 1:27-28;
Genesis 2:7 & Genesis 2:18-24*

- I. *The fact that God created us, male and female, is important to understand and remember in our current godless age -*
 1. *The fact God has created us, male and female, should be obvious, but it is not... I asked the question to the internet, “how many genders are there?” Here is the first answer I received -Here are all of them listed alphabetically with a description:*
 1. **Abimegender:** a gender that is profound, deep, and infinite; meant to resemble when one mirror is reflecting into another mirror creating an infinite paradox.

... I decided to NOT include the entire list of 112 genders here is the first and the last

 - 112. **Vocigender:** a gender that is weak or hollow.

Male and female were not included on this list as separate genders but both included under the cisgender ... and so are a subset of one of the 112 genders! What is horrifying, is people, politicians want to make laws according to all these “genders” ... it would be / is a hate crime if you don’t address a person according to THEIR chosen gender.

2. *Not only do so called “transgenders” challenge what the Bible says about gender, Feminists do –*
 - A. *The challenge is not only about equal pay... it is about many things ...*
 - B. *The challenge is even about the nature and reality of God -*

“Is God a man or a woman?” Was the first question I was given when I was aiming to be licensed with the “Christian Church Disciples of Christ.” That was back in 1990 ---

In her book, “Sexism and God-talk” Rosemary R. Reuther (a feminist theologian) redefines Biblical categories because she saw the Bible

not as given by the inspiration of God, but rather the result of distorted male left-brain thinking ...

Man, meaning males, she said created the concept of God in Heaven to control women; and so she argues females need a goddess (an imaginary one) and what better than “mother earth”, not a goddess that rules, but one we still need to worship! She calls this eco-feminism! Belief in man-made global warming, now climate change is an attempt to start a new religion to replace Biblical Christianity -

Here is what modern feminists HATE –

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

1. *God crating “man” in God’s image :26 ... A few interpreters, not many, interpret “man” in verse :26 to refer to only males, feminists jump on this...*
2. *God giving man dominion over the earth and the other creatures :26 & 28 ... According to feminism, and eco-feminism this DOMINION, mentioned twice in these three verses is the GREATEST sin, these verses along with Ephesians 5:22 (NKJV) ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Are considered by radical feminists the equivalent of rape and abuse, of women and of nature (mother nature)*
3. *God creating man, male and female :27. Creation implies design and purpose, Feminists fight God’s design for women!*
4. *Be fruitful and multiply :28 Challenged by those who believe the world is overpopulated! And / or those who deny procreation / multiplying is part of our design!*

II. God creating us male and female is a wonderful thing –

‘Wo – man!’ – RC Sproul’s interpretation of Adam’s first impression of the woman God made for him!

Definition of *vive la difference* : long live the difference (as between the sexes)

Men and women were designed by God to complement one another!

“the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

Matthew Henry

1. Man was created to be responsible –

A. Created from dust he should be humble – Genesis 2:7

B. Given a job, a duty and a rule (law) to observe, Adam was created to be responsible –

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ 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.” Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV)

C. He was our federal head, his fall (Not Eve’s) caused the downfall of the entire human race –

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

2. Eve, the woman, was created to be relational –

A. She was Adam’s companion; he is not alone –

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone;...*” Genesis 2:18 A

B. She was Adam’s “helper”

I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Genesis 2:18 B (NKJV)

C. She had, according to God’s design, a relationship position in the family –

²⁰ And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Genesis 3:20 (NKJV)

Oh, the God-given woman’s role –

³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Titus 2:3–5 (NKJV)

- Not the only thing a woman can do

- But a God-glorifying excellent role

III. Why are their problems between men and women? Answer: Sin and the curse due sin –

¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire **shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.**” Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)

The consequence of and the curse upon sin result in:

1. A wicked desire, to manipulate and control ... Your desire **shall be for your husband**

2. A hard, sometimes cruel response - **And he shall rule over you.**

All the above mentioned in my first point, flow out of this ---

IV. A better way, a more God-glorifying way –

1. Spirit filled and empowered –

¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV)

2. Each putting the other partner first, according to God’s original pre-sin design –

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, Ephesians 5:22–25 (NKJV)

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