

I. Evidence from nature

- A. Physiology – self-explanatory :)
- B. Linguistic capability
- C. General brain difference
- D. Evidence from society
- E. What do we do with this?

II. The Biblical Pattern of Difference in Role

- A. Why are men and women different? God made us that way.
- B. Difference of role is inevitable
- C. Who will decide who decides?

III. Within the home: a head and a helper

- A. The origin of man and woman (Genesis 1-2)
- B. Man made to *work*
- C. Woman made to *help* (see Exodus 18:4; Deuteronomy 33:7, 29; Isaiah 30:5; Ezekiel 12:14; Hosea 13:9; Psalms 20:3; 70:6; 89:20; 121:1-2; 124:8; 146:5; Daniel 11:34)
 - i. help without which the man cannot live or accomplish his work!
- D. Together made to *be fruitful and multiply*
- E. Creation: the key to understanding husbands and wives
 - i. marriage is not a man-made institution
 - ii. nor is it an institution only for Christians
 - iii. marriage is God-ordained: the story of Creation gives us crucial perspective on it
- F. Did I marry the wrong person?!
 - i. two factors in authority:
 - a) defined relationship
 - b) actual right exercise
 - ii. what if you are a wife who has a hard time following her husband's leadership?
 - iii. what if you're a husband who has a hard time taking responsibility?
- G. Within the church: male eldership

IV. Difference is Trinitarian

- A. The equality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (best summary: the Athanasian Creed)
- B. Even within the Godhead, there is difference of role. (Mark 14:36; 4:34; 8:28; Philippians 2:5-8)
- C. Submission is the path to glory. (Philippians 2:9-11)