

**SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25**

**SERMON: Women's Lives Matter!**

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**POINT: MAN IS MALE & FEMALE TOGETHER IN MARRIAGE, HOME, CHURCH & SOCIETY**

**I. FROM THE BEGINNING** (Mt.19:4,8; see Gen.1:26f; 2:18f)

**II. THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN** (Gen.1:26f; 5:1; 9:6; see *Are Women Human?*, Dorothy Sayers)

**A. BEING: IDENTICAL** (Eph.4:24; see Rom.7:12; see Gal.3:28; 1Pt.3:7)

**B. DOING: COMPLEMENTARY**

1. helper (Gen.2:18f; see 1Sam.25:32f; Prov.31:10f; Acts 18:2f; Rom.16:3)

2. life giver (Gen.3:20; see 1Cor.11:12b)

3. ordered (Gen.2:7f; see 1Cor.11:7-12; 1Tm.2:13/14; see Col.1:15; see Mt.19:30)

**C. SUMMARY: TRINITARIAN** (2Cor.13:14; see Jn.14:26; 15:26 & Jn.16:14; 14:13; see Gen.2:24; 5:1-3)

**III. WOMEN'S LIVES MATTER IN THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH**

(1Tm.3:15; see *Women's Ministry in the Local Church* by Ligon Duncan & Susan Hunt)

**A. FAMILY SERVICE IN THE MIDST OF FAMILY NEED** (1Tm.5:14-16,4; see Gen.2:18f; 3:20; Prov.31:10f; Ps.113:9; 128:1f; Tt.2:5)

**B. CONTRACTED SERVICE IN THE MIDST OF MUTUAL PRESSING NEEDS** (1Tm.5:3f,9)

**C. EMERITUS SERVICE IN THE MIDST OF INEXPERIENCE** (Tt.1:5f; 2:3-5; see *1Tm.5:14*)

**D. DISTINCTIVE SERVICE IN THE MIDST OF THE DIACONATE** (e.g., official; 1Tm.3:11; see Prov.31:10f; 1Tm.5:14)

**E. PROPHETIC SERVICE IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS & DECAY** (*versus* kings, priests; 1Tm.2:11,12; 1Cor.14:34f; see Ex.15:20; Jdg.4:4; 2Kngs.22:14; Is.8:3; Acts 21:9; 2:17f; 1Cor.11:5; e.g., *media*; Kathryn Jean Lopez in *The Palladium-Times*; Dorothy Sayers; *WORLD*; see 1Pt.4:10,11; Mt.5:12,13)

**F. INSTRUCTING & CORRECTING SERVICE IN COMPLEMENTATION TO THE ELDERS** (1Tm.2:11,12; 1Cor.14:34f; see *Tt.2:3*; Prov.31:26; see Eph.6:4; 2Tm.1:5; 3:14-17)

**IV. FINAL ENCOURAGEMENTS & EXHORTATIONS**

**A. COMPLEMENTATION ALSO IN SINGLENES** (1Cor.7:25f,32f; see Lk.8:1f; Rom.16:1-3)

**B. MUTUAL LOVE & RESPECT** (Eph.5:33,22f & Tt.2:4; 1Pt.3:7; see Prov.31:28-31)

**C. WOMAN HAS HER OWN DOMAIN THAT, WITH THE MAN'S, IS A WHOLE** (Gen.1:27f; 2:18f,21; Prov.31:10f,11f,15,21,23; 1Tm.2,3; 1Cor.11)

**D. ABUSES: TYRANNY & NEGLECT** (Prov.31:11f,28f; see Eph.6:4; 5:29; Col.3:19,21)

**E. THE GOSPEL OPPORTUNITY OF SINGLE MOTHERS** (*widows*; 1Tm.3:11; 5:3f,11f,14; Tt.2:3f)

**F. COMMON PRINCIPLES & DISTINCT PRACTICES** (all above incl. Gen.1-3; Ex.20:1f; 1,2Tim, Tt. & see Rom.14,15; Jn.7:24)

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Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do?*** (see Acts 2:37f)