

Morning Sermon May 13, 2018

“Moms: Masterpieces of Our Maker” Genesis 1:26-28

The are basically two views today regarding how human beings, including mothers, came into existence. The evolutionary viewpoint tells us: 1. The universe popped into existence out of nothing. 2. Life sprouted out of non-life. 3. This life, a simple, one cell being, gradually by time and chance, given enough time they say anything can happen, became Mom ... 4. All of this happened without any direction or PURPOSE, our lives only have meaning if we imagine they do ...

I. God created us all, and designed Mothers –

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 NKJ)

1. *God – infinite, eternal, unchangeable! An infinitely intelligent, Tri-Personal Being: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit said - "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness*

The New Testament gives insight to what being made in God's image means - and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24 NKJ)

and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, (Colossians 3:10 NKJ)

We are created in God's image in:

*A. Knowledge – we are smarter than the animals, primarily, we can know God – **John 17:3***

B. Righteousness – we have a conscious, an understanding of right and wrong – for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience

*also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) (Romans 2:14-15 NKJ)*

C. Holiness – we were created for a relationship with God –

“Lord, You have made us for Yourself, and we can find no rest until we find rest in YOU!” Augustine

... for God is love. (1 John 4:8 NKJ)

Elizabeth, the Russian atheist – “Love is irrational.”

2. *The Psalmist David, speaking of God's knowledge and creation said –*

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and *that* my soul knows very well. (Psalm 139:13-14 NKJ)

His son Solomon said the Lord founded the earth with “wisdom” – The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; (Proverbs 3:19 NKJ)

3. *Such wisdom is seen too in the extreme complexity of both the male and female reproductive systems, including the womb – see David Menton's “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” DVD.*

The time and chance, evolutionary argument applied to the human womb, or brain is basically this: if you blow up enough libraries eventually the flying / falling pieces of books, wood, concrete and whatever else will fall into a giant, perfect dictionary, with no word misspelled and all words in order. Darwin lived before the discovery of DNA, and before the existence of microscopes that show us the complexity of the human cell, or any living cell for that matter – we are too complex to have come about by chance!

II. Part of that wonderful complexity is the maternal instinct, which even animals have ...

male and female He created them. "Be fruitful and multiply

"The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's? ¹⁴ For she leaves her eggs on the ground, and warms them in the dust; ¹⁵ She forgets that a foot may crush them, or

that a wild beast may break them.¹⁶ She treats her young harshly, as though *they* were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern,¹⁷ Because God deprived her of wisdom, and did not endow her with understanding. (Job 39:13-17 NKJ)

1. Ostrich – what is her problem, she does not care for her unborn “young” – why? Because God deprived her of wisdom, And did not endow her with understanding. - :17
2. Stork is a kindly mother, storks are known for their extreme care of their young

Two Sunday nights ago I applied these verses to abortion, people say God will judge us for it, but I say “Abortion is the judgment!”

And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; (Romans 1:28 NKJ)

Because in the early 1960s we took prayer and the Bible out of our schools and government, we did not like to retain God as our knowledge, God has given us over to a debased mind ...

Evolution means the womb came about by chance, dumb luck, it has no purpose, it was not meant to produce children – God tells us that at least one of the purposes of marriage was – He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. (Malachi 2:15 NKJ)

Yet, now the so-called best and brightest fight against offspring in connection to any purpose: not for marriage, certainly not for women, even not for the womb -Aliza Shvarts, the Yale art student who won fame or infamy for her project of using aborted fetuses (her own aborted babies) for her artwork wrote “it is a myth that the ovaries and uterus are “meant” to birth a child. Yet, her idea is absolutely correct if you believe the atheist / evolutionary, everything came about by chance, theory. How different this mindset is from blessing her family gave Rebekah –

And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, may you become *The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them.*" (Genesis 24:60 NKJ)

Women are designed by God with the capacity to be mothers, even those mothers who for whatever reason do not have their own

biological children – they can be spiritual mothers, Amy Carmichael is an example of that ... God as our Maker means God had a design in making us male and female - 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 NKJ)

III. Seek God, seek His wisdom –

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5 NKJ)

1. Solomon was rewarded greatly when he sought it –
"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (1 Kings 3:9 NKJ)

And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. (1 Kings 4:29 NKJ)

2. Solomon preaches calamity to those who avoid it –
Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.²¹ She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:²² "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge.²³ Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,²⁵ Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,²⁷ When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.²⁸ "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, (Proverbs 1:20-29 NKJ)

In Proverbs, and also Psalm 127 the VALUE of children is preached as “WISDOM” not primarily to women but to men –

Proverbs 31 tells men about the virtuous woman / wife She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: (Proverbs 31:26-28 NKJ)

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