

Biblical Headship (Ephesians 5:23)

I. Introduction

- A. Illustration: the *pushmi-pullyu*
- B. A cultural vs. a Biblical look at the roles of male and female
- C. *Men*, in particular, you need to know:
 - 1. What God designed you to be in creation
 - 2. Your proneness to sin because of the fall
 - 3. How Jesus redeems you from your fallen condition
- D. Outline of sermon from the book of Genesis chapters 1-3

II. Headship delegated to the man in creation

- A. Reminder of the context introduced by Eph 5:21 “*submission*”
 - 1. **Head** (*kephale*) means **authority** – Eph 1:22, Col 2:9-10
 - a. ongoing debate between Egalitarians and Complimentarians
- B. Headship rooted in Genesis (eg. 1 Co 11 & 1 Tim 2)
 - 1. Genesis 1:26-28 – *Dominion Mandate* given to mankind in general
 - 2. A look at man after creation, but before the fall
 - a. He is a *laborer* - Ge 2:15
 - b. He is the *recipient of instruction* from God - Ge 2:16-17, 1 Co 11:3, 14: 34-35
 - c. He is a *teacher* (presumably Adam taught Eve the commandment of God) - 1 Tim 2:11-15
 - d. He is a *communicator* and *definer* - Ge 2:19-20 (his authority is seen as he gives names – Ge 2:21-23)
 - 3. How is it that we have failed so miserably in these very 4 areas?
 - d. A charge for men to *work, learn, teach, and communicate*

III. Headship forfeited by man leading to the fall of humanity

- A. Adam abdicates his headship – Ge 3:1-5
 - 1. Satan takes over as *teacher* of the woman
 - 2. Eve takes over as *communicator*
 - a. Eve failed in that she addressed the serpent
 - b. Eve failed in not going to Adam for clarification
 - c. Eve failed in not knowing God’s law precisely
 - 3. Adam failed to equip, defend, and instruct Eve
- B. Eve was deceived, but Adam knowingly chose to follow her into sin
- C. Husbands be wary of the devil’s schemes against your wife!

IV. Headship inverted as a punishment for man’s sin

- A. Total Depravity sets in on Adam and Eve
- B. The serpent and earth are cursed, but Adam and Eve are punished
- C. God both preserves marriage and punished the couple in marriage
 - 1. Preservation through the promise of child birth
 - 2. Punishment through conflict associated with roles in marriage
- D. Examples of inverted headship in the Bible

V. Headship restored and redeemed in Christ