

I. Transcendence & Equality

- A. Culture?
- B. Science?
- C. Worth (and therefore equal worth) can only be endowed Someone outside

II. The Biblical Story & Equality

- A. The arc of the biblical story
- B. Creation – male and female in the image of God
- C. Fall
- D. Redemption
- E. New Creation – wrongs righted and oppression overturned
- F. Rabbi Saul and the *Shelo Asani* prayer (Galatians 3:23-29)

III. The Equality of Men and Women

- A. Equal in their likeness to God.
- B. If you criticize the Bible as unfair to women, you borrow from the Bible to do so.
- C. If you look at people of the other sex as less than you and mistreat them, God is against you. (1 Peter 3:7)
- D. Husbands and wives must take care to cultivate individual relationships with God.
- E. If you look at yourself as less than others, lift up your head. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- F. No one exists for the use or disposal of another person.
- G. Equality before God frees us to serve. (Luke 22:26)
- H. Redemption is costly.