

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MEN, WOMEN, MARRIAGE, & FAMILY

A. GOD'S CREATION OF MALE & FEMALE (Gen. 1:27-31)

1. God created humanity as _____ genders or sexes equally sharing _____.
(Gen. 1:27-28)

- *What are some of these differences?*

- *What are some characteristics of masculinity and femininity?*

2. God _____ the first human couple and considered them with their differences to be _____. (Gen. 1:28, 31)

B. GOD'S CREATION OF MARRIAGE (Gen. 2:18-25)

1. God is the _____ and _____ of marriage. (Gen. 2:18-25; Ps. 127:1; Pro. 24:3-4)

- *What does this indicate about the institution of marriage?*

2. The term _____ in Genesis 2:18 is not demeaning since it is used to describe _____. (Ps. 33:20; Isa. 50:7; Hos. 13:9)

3. The woman was created by God to _____ the man. (Gen. 2:18-20)

4. Though Adam had _____ in terms of his position and role in the marriage relationship, he and Eve both had _____ standing and inherent worth before God. (Gen. 2:21-23; 1 Cor. 11:3)

- *How do we know Adam had headship?*

- *What does headship not mean?*

5. According to Ephesians 5:22-33, a wife is to _____ her husband by _____ to his headship, and husbands are to _____ their wives as _____ loved the church and _____ Himself for it. (1 Peter 3:1-7; Col. 3:18-19)

- *Who is the ultimate example of submission to follow? (Luke 2:51; 1 Peter 2:19-25)*
- *Why is this to be done? (Eph. 5:30-32; Titus 2:4-5)*
- *How can this be done? (John 15:4-5; Gal. 5:16, 22-23; Eph. 5:18)*

6. God created marriage to be a _____, _____, and _____ covenant between a husband and wife. (Gen. 2:24-25; Mal. 2:14)

- *What are God's purposes for marriage?*
- *Was Jesus a "progressive" regarding sexuality and morals? (Matt. 5:27-28; 19:3-9)*

C. GOD'S CREATION OF CHILDREN & FAMILY (Gen. 4:1-2)

1. God is not only the creator of the institution of marriage but also of the _____ that includes _____. (Gen. 1:27-28; 4:1-2)

2. Children are to _____ their parents, being _____ their authority. (Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20).

- *How is this being challenged in our day?*
- *What should we remember regarding all of this?*