

God Created Man Male and Female

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Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- I. God repeats over and over the fact that He created man in his own image.
 - A. He really wants us to understand this fact.
 - B. It is a foundational fact that He wants us to work from in understanding the reason for our existence, and our purpose and role in life.
 - C. Man is made in the image and likeness of God and man is male and female.
 - 1. He is not speaking of man as the males only, but as both male and female, because mankind is both male and female.
 - D. All the attributes of God could not be completely expressed in the male alone – it takes both male and female to form the image of God.
 - 1. There are distinct attributes of God that are dominant in the nature of a male but much less manifested in a female. (courage, strength, dominion)
 - 2. Likewise, there are attributes of God that are dominant in the very nature of the female that are much less visible in the male. (Tenderness, nurturing, embellishing)
 - E. Only in the union of male and female is the image of God complete, thus it is called "Holy Matrimony."
 - F. This is God's design and plan for the life of man on earth and life is not complete otherwise.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Proverbs 18:22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Ephesians 5:31-33 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

- G. The only exception is those very few who consecrate themselves to the service of God alone.

Matthew 19:12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

- II. Male and female are reference points for us in understanding life, direction, purpose and God himself.
 - A. They are opposites, just as everything else in God's creation is.
 - 1. Our reasoning is based on simply discerning and choosing between two things that are opposed to one another.
 - 2. There is hot and cold, up and down, right and left, north and south, east and west, positive and negative, light and dark, day and night, good and

evil, right and wrong, clean and dirty, ...and there is no end to it; everything in God's creation is set over against its opposite - or its image.

- B. An image is the opposite of its source.
 - 1. Mirrors and cell phones show the image in reverse when you look into them.
 - 2. Two right hands do not match when placed together face to face, it must be a left and right.
 - C. God made man male and female and this is God's divine order and design; this is the foundation and constant for living life here on earth and understanding God.
- III. Since this principle of opposites is what creates order and literally holds God's Creation together it is the basis from which all the forces of evil work to destroy the works of God.
- A. Confusion is the opposite of order and God is not the author of confusion - in those who belong to him and obey him. (1 Corinthians 14:33)
 - B. The basic goal of Satan is to cause confusion, which by definition is:
 - 1. In a general sense, a mixture of several things promiscuously; hence, disorder; irregularity.
 - 2. A blending or confounding; indistinct combination; opposed to distinctness or perspicuity.
 - 3. Want of order in a society.
 - C. Confusion is the breaking down of absolutes and order.
 - D. Satan always begins his attack right here with male and female - this is the distinction that he works on the hardest to break down and confuse.
 - E. The decline and decay of every civilized society begins here with this matter.

Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

- IV. When the God ordained distinctions are blurred or erased between male and female then the God ordained relationship between the two has no guides or boundaries and no bearings to work from.
- A. God made great distinctions between male and female and they are much more than physical.
 - B. These distinctions are divine attributes assigned to male and female by nature itself.
 - 1. They are not choices to be made by the individual.
 - 2. They are not subject to "rights" of an individual.
 - 3. A feminine man and a masculine female are unnatural and ungodly.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

- C. A godly person will desire to be what God has made them to be and will not be kicking and fighting against God's order and design for their life.
- D. The breakdown always begins with the idea that women are inferior to men which breeds resentment and strife between men and women.
- E. Then the first step after that is physical appearance which begins with the female becoming more masculine in her appearance; her hair, her clothing, and it is followed immediately by her ambitions and desires to live in the role of a man instead of a woman.
- F. She is liberated from her God-given role by her rebellion against God's authority and from there she rejects and rebels against all authority over her life.

1. Immorality follows immediately because there are no rules, no boundaries, no guide, and no authority anymore.
 - G. She thinks she is freed from the bondage of being a woman, but she has reduced herself to nothing more than a toy for ungodly men.
 1. Ungodly men do not resist this tendency of the female because it makes her much easier prey for him.
 2. She refuse to submit to a man, so he doesn't have to worry about submitting himself to her; he can have what he wants from her with no commitment and no strings.
 - H. Love as the basis for the relationship is now out of the picture and the relationship is reduced to that of barnyard animals.
 - I. It leads to the whole divine order of God being turned upside down.
- V. But man was not designed to live this way and confusion follows in every aspect of life.
- A. The children are desolate and have no purpose for living, and cannot find their way.
 - B. Man needs a wife, and a wife needs a husband, and they cannot be happy and fulfilled under any other arrangement; God made us that way.
- VI. Knowing this we should resist anything that even resembles a breaking down of the distinction between God's divine design of male and female.
- A. We should be diligent to make clear and maintain the differences, in appearance, in behavior, and in the stations of life.
 - B. We should honor the proper roles and teach our children and others by example.

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