

God's love for women

Text

Eph 5:22-24 Wives submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

This text has brought much difficulty into many marriages because of basic failure to understand the heart of God Himself on the subject of women. The usual first approach to the text is to put all blame on the woman for the failure of men. Too often we look at the words and think in our hearts that God hates women and has made them slaves to their ruling husbands who has been given the power to lord it over them. This is just not true. So lets look at it differently.

Beginning at the time of creation we see God's attitude and find His purpose in the relationship of a man and a woman. Even the sequence of creation is enlightening. From the ground God formed all the animals, then He 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, over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God made man in His own image, in the image of God he created him. Male and female He created them. Genesis 1:24-27

So from the dust of the ground the Lord God formed man, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. The Lord God put the in the Garden of Eden and gave him the commandment concerning the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Genesis 2:7-17

The Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone, I will make him a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all the cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. Genesis 2:19-20

So before God made the woman, He had well established the fact that in all creation of living animals and created beings, there is nothing suitable as a companion for a man. With that fact well established, God then caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and God brought her to the man. Genesis 2:21-22

Notice that man was formed from the dust of the ground just like all other creatures, but the woman was made from a higher order being the living tissue of the rib taken from the side of man.

Adam had seen all the animals that God had made and had realized that none of them was suitable for him, but when he saw this naked little beauty he said, (Wow) "Now this is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." Genesis 2:23

God said, (Yes) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." They were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. This was in the presence of God Himself. Jesus added to the statement of God by saying, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." Genesis 2:24-25, Matthew 19:6, Mark 10:9

The nakedness of a man and his wife is not a sin being made in the image of God it cannot be sin. Sin is when you misuse and abuse what God has made or commanded.

Each step of creation was proclaimed good by God when it was done, but when the woman was present, God pronounced it "Very Good."

Excellence in the sight of God

Created a step more refined - very good

Gen 1:27 Created in the image of God, male and **female**.

Gen 1:31 God pronounced It was **very good** while they were both naked.

Perfect in original creation and purpose of God.

The Fall from perfection

Sin entered the world when the man and the woman disobeyed the command of the Lord God by eating of the fruit of the tree that God had specifically forbidden with a punishment pronounced before the deed was done.

After the couple disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, they realized they were naked, and shame entered the picture, feeling guilty and exposed they made aprons of fig leaves for coverings. But with guilty conscience, even with the fig leaf coverings they still felt naked, and when they heard the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

To God, their awareness of being naked was simply evidence of a guilty conscience and as such evidence of disobedience to His command. Remember, there was only one commandment given by God at that time.

After sin was addressed, God pronounced a punishment on the woman and said to her:

- I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception.
- In pain you shall bring forth children.
- Your desire shall be for your husband.
- He shall rule over you.

Most people say that in this pronouncement God demonstrates that He hates the woman and has made her a slave of the man. This simply is not true. **God loves the woman and has put her under authority for her own protection.**

Consider the end result; God has placed a desire in the heart of the woman to please her husband, and she finds it natural to desire to also please God. That will take her to Heaven. On the other hand, the man was given dominion over all of God's created earth and all that is in it including his own wife. Therefore with dominion given to the man over all that God has created on earth and over his wife, man does not desire to be pleasing to God, but rather demands that God must understand him and accept what he does. That attitude will take him to hell. Now you can see why there will be seven women in the Kingdom of God also called in Scripture the Kingdom of Heaven for a man, because all the other men didn't make it into the Kingdom but went to the Lake of Fire. Thus the women are in the Kingdom without their husbands and feel reproach because of it. Isaiah 4:1

The woman was placed under the authority of the man Gen 3:16

- Her desire for her husband.
- He shall rule over her.

Responsibility comes with authority Hosea 4:14

- The man is responsible for how he handles his God given authority.
- The woman is protected under her husband's or father's authority.
- God will not condemn the woman because the man has sinned. Hosea 4:14 God said:
 - ✧ I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, nor your brides when they commit adultery.
 - ✧ For the men themselves go apart with harlots and offer sacrifices with prostitutes.
 - ✧ Therefore people who do not understand will be trampled.

All commandments of God are for the protection of the woman.

She is Protected by the commandments of God, even from God Himself Num 30:1-16

The woman makes a Vow to God, it is vetoed by the father.

- She is forgiven
- He is responsible

She marries and makes a vow to God, it is vetoed by the husband.

- She is forgiven
- He is responsible

Man's authority and responsibility

- First, preeminent in creation, given dominion over all. Gen 1:26, Gen 1:28
- Head of the wife Eph 5:23
- She is under his loving care. Eph 5:25-33, 1 Peter 3:7
 - ✧ Love does no wrong Rom 13:10
 - ✧ Love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

The man's prayers affected by his behavior toward his wife 1 Peter 3:7, Malachi 2:13-14

- If a man mistreats his wife God will not listen to his prayers.

End result - seven women to one man in the Kingdom of God Isaiah 4:1

- Man given "Dominion" over all of God's creation on earth, he then desires also to have dominion over God and forfeits his right to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Woman given a heart of submission gains the Kingdom of Heaven.

Message is to the men, and the question to the men is:

What are you doing with and how do you behave toward the one loved by God and entrusted to your care?

- Do you behave treacherously toward her? Malachi 2:13-16 God is witness.
- Do you use her and abuse her for your own pleasure as is contrary to all Scriptures?
or
- Do you love her like Christ loves the Church and gave Himself for her? Eph 5:25-33
- Do you sanctify and cleanse her by the Word of God? Eph 5:23-33
- Do you Cherish her as a part of your own body? Eph 5:23-33
- Do you honor her as the more precious, delicate, and fragile vessel? 1 Peter 3:7
- Do you respect her as an equal heir of the Grace of Life? 1 Peter 3:7

Men are responsible for all relationships with women, even with immoral women.

1 Cor 6:12-16, Prov 2:16-19, Prov 5:3-9, Prov 6:24-29, Prov 6:32, Prov 7:5-27, Prov 22:14,

God only asks the woman to submit to the authority of her own husband. Is that too much to ask?

NOTE

If a woman is single and living alone without husband or father's authority over her, she is responsible for all her choices, she has no male covering for protection. Numbers 30:9