

“Back to Basics, Pt. 2 – Manhood and Womanhood”

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15; 1 Peter 3:7

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I. Men and Women Reflect God’s Image in Unique Ways (Gen. 1:26-28)

- A. Both the first man and first woman were made in God’s image.
- B. Yet man and woman were not made identical to each other:
 - 1. Man was made to reflect God in a way unique to him.
 - 2. Woman was made to reflect God in a way unique to her.

II. Men and Women Have Each Been Uniquely Designed and Commissioned (Genesis 2:15, 1 Peter 3, etc)

- A. Adam was made to work and keep the garden of Eden.
 - 1. To work the garden was to bring forth its provision.
 - 2. To keep the garden was to guard its inhabitants from enemies.
 - 3. Adam was designed and commissioned to provide and protect.
 - 4. In this way, Adam reflected the Lord, our ultimate Provider and Protector.
- B. Eve was created to multiply Adam and his efforts.
 - 1. This included the bearing of children and the nurture of those who were young.
 - 2. This would have included supporting Adam at home while he labored to provide and protect.
 - 3. In this way, Eve reflected the Lord, our true Creator, Nurturer, and Sustainer.

- C. Adam and Eve were each uniquely equipped for their assignments.
 - 1. For Adam, this included the physical and emotional strength necessary for providing and protecting.
 - 2. For Eve, this included the physical and emotional equipping for multiplying, nurturing, and supporting.
- D. These differing designs and commissions are still with humanity today.

1 Peter 3:7 - Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

- 1. Women remain generally weaker than men.
- 2. This includes being weaker emotionally.

1 Peter 3:6 - as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

- a. Women are not designed with the strength necessary for providing and protecting.
- b. But a woman’s great emotional sensitivity enables her to better perform the tasks for which she is designed.

→ Application for God’s Equal Image Bearers

- Men – you were created to nobly provide for and protect those weaker than you, specifically women and children.
- Women – you were created to be provided for and protected, while also multiplying and supporting the provision and protection of men.

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