

“Back to Basics, Pt. 3 – Fighting our Role Rejection”

Genesis 3:16

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I. Necessarily Qualifiers to Last Week’s Content

- A. Though generally weaker than men, women show remarkable strength in many contexts.

Proverbs 31:17 - She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

- B. Women can and do contribute to the provision efforts of men.

Proverbs 31:16, 18 - ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard...¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

- C. Women are more than multipliers, nurturers, and sustainers.

II. Our Design and Leadership

- A. As those designed to be providers and protectors, God has given men the responsibility of leadership over humanity’s core institutions.

1. In the Family

Ephesians 5:23a - For the husband is the head of the wife

2. In the Church

1 Timothy 2:12a - I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man...

3. In the State

Isaiah 3:12 - My people—infants are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, your guides mislead you and they have swallowed up the course of your paths.

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- B. Given God’s creation design, these leadership roles are not arbitrary.

III. Our Inclination to Reject and Corrupt God’s Design for Us

- A. A curse was introduced in Gen 3:16:

Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.

1. The key to understanding the above is found in Gen. 4:7b

Gen. 4:7b - "...sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you [Cain], but you must rule over it."

2. Sin wanted to *control* Cain, but he needed to *dominate* it.
- B. Women are now sinfully inclined to control and supplant men.
1. This is seen in marriage.
 2. But it exists in all of society, for all of history.
 3. All women deal with this to one degree or another.
- C. Men are now sinfully inclined to dominate, use, and abuse women.
1. This too is seen in marriage and everywhere else.
 2. This happens sometimes as a reaction to the supplanting efforts of women and other times for the sinful sport of it.
 3. All men are inclined this way at some level.
- D. The divine judgement of this perpetual war between the sexes has introduced untold misery into this world, touching both sexes.

IV. The Good News

- A. Christians have been forgiven of these sinful inclinations.
- B. Christians are called, and now enabled, to reject them.