

## “Gender Insanity Opposed by Gender Light”

Judges 17:6

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### I. Western Culture Looks Like Israel’s During the Judges Period

- A. Everyone is doing what is right in their own eyes.
- B. This is leading to moral and cultural insanity, particularly in regard to gender.

### II. Recent Examples of Current Gender Insanity

- A. UK Mirror Headline (Dec. 28): “*Transgender man gives birth to non-binary partner's baby with female sperm donor.*”
- B. Merriam-Webster’s new entry for the pronoun **they** - “*a way to refer to a nonbinary individual, one who identifies as neither exclusively male nor female*”
- C. British schools teaching 5-11 year-olds that *men* have menstrual cycles.
- D. Dissention from such thinking is increasingly and routinely punished.

### III. Suring Up Biblical Gender Standards in Light of Gender Insanity Pressure

- A. Gender is a biological reality assigned by God, not a person’s choice.

*Genesis 1:27 - God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

- B. God’s imager bearers are not free to change their gender assignment.

*Deuteronomy 22:5 - “A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:14–15 - <sup>14</sup> Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him, <sup>15</sup> but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.*

- C. Since the genders of male and female reflect aspects of God’s Trinitarian nature and Christ’s union with the Church, gender fluidity is theological and doctrinal heresy.
- D. The foundational nature of gender makes it a necessary topic to return to frequently, especially given our culture’s insanity and hostility.

#### IV. Letting our Gender Light Shine

- A. We have more to do besides critiquing and resisting gender insanity.
- B. We have a King, a King who has directed us in how we might transform our culture.

*Matthew 5:14–16* - <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- 1. Christian men and women need to *faithfully* live out their respective genders in all of life.
  - 2. Christian men and women need to *joyfully* live out their respective genders in all of life.
- C. The world is watching.
  - D. Thankfully, our King forgives; and His Spirit enables.