

“Women, Mothers & Families” Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-25

I. Created in God’s image -

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;... Genesis 1:26 A

Every human being, male or female is created in God’s image. Sin has distorted that image but in Jesus Christ we are being renewed in that image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness – Colossians 3:10 & Ephesians 4:24

II. Created for dominion –

... let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” Genesis 1:26 B

We are male and female called to dominion or rule over nature. This does not mean we intentionally destroy nature, but I believe it does mean we can build houses, roads, buildings and we can plant trees, and harvest grain, we can domesticate and now even eat animals.

III. Created male & female -

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26

vive la difference French phrase vive la dif·fé·rence vêv-lâ-dê-fâ-râ"s vē-və- : long live the difference (as between the sexes)

Every time I have heard this phrased used it was used in celebration of the difference between men and women. When we read God created us male and female, we see this difference as a DESIGNED and purposeful difference. Not an accident.

One of the obvious differences is a woman’s physical beauty –

² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were **beautiful**; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. Genesis 6:2 (NKJV)

Sara (Abram’s wife) was beautiful -

¹⁴ So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was **very beautiful**. Genesis 12:14 (NKJV)

Rebekkah also was beautiful -

¹⁶ Now the young woman was **very beautiful** to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. Genesis 24:16 (NKJV)

Rachel was beautiful -

¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were delicate, but Rachel was **beautiful** of form and appearance. Genesis 29:17 (NKJV)

There are many more references in Scripture to the physical beauty of various women, this is just one many differences between men and women! A few others I will discuss later in this sermon!

At least one of those differences is complementary and that is the difference in reproductive organs, which enables us to be mothers and fathers, carrying out God's first command -

IV. Blessed and commanded to be fruitful and multiply -

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)

1. *Note, being fruitful and multiplying is counted by God a blessing not a curse, people are wrong to think otherwise, children are BLESSINGS –*

Max Heine in "Children Blessing or Burden" puts it like this – Children Are BURDENS! "It is no exaggeration to say that they require everything from A to Z. They need to be Answered, Bathed, Combed, Diapered, Encouraged, Fed, Groomed, Helped, Instructed, Judged, Kissed, Led, Managed, Nurtured, Observed, Praised, Quietened, Reminded, Spanked, Trained, Utilized, Valued, Wedded, X-Rayed, and Yearned-for-Zealously!"

How many here who are mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, will say children are worth-the-effort BLESSINGS?

2. *It is because parents love and care for children when they are young that God requires children to honor parents when they are older –*

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12 (NKJV)

3. *Sadly, we live in a day when children are de-valued and "be fruitful and multiply" is ignored as a command, and denied as a blessing, consider the blessing Rebekah's family gave her as she left them to marry Isaac -*

⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them." Genesis 24:59–60 (NKJV)

- A. *We live in a day when two or three children is often considered too many, where myths of over-population and earth worship / Human-caused global warming / climate change frown on women who are Mothers, especially mothers of many children.*

- B. *But it is part of an older woman's calling to teach their daughters or younger women to love their children –*

⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, Titus 2:4 (NKJV)

- C. *Radical feminism has gone from teaching women that they ought to be more like men! To now saying men (transgender) can be women! The belief that a man can be a woman or a woman a man is rooted in the Theory of Evolution which counts human beings and the fact we are male & female ACCIDENTAL, just dumb luck we are able to reproduce, it is not design ... To me evidence of the foolishness of atheism – Psalm 14:1*

V. *The making of man (Adam) his job (calling) and responsibility –*

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV)

Because this sermon is about women and mothers, I am just going to say one thing about Adam / Man --- he was placed in a garden and given a TASK, to tend the garden – men are TASK ORIENTED by DESIGN!

VI. *The purpose, calling and making of woman, mothers & families -*

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” ¹⁹ 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. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:18–25 (NKJV)

1. *.18 “the woman was designed as a solution to man’s loneliness, she was created out of man, and for the man, and with ability to bear children, she was designed for relationships - admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, Titus 2:4 (NKJV)*

A Psychology Today article

A Short Journey Into Male and Female Brains Exploring gender differences in brain architecture.

- A. Interesting the Article talks of “brain architecture” Architecture implies DESIGN! (I don’t know if the author was / is a creationist, probably not)
- B. Mentions 100 differences between male & female brains.
- C. Biggest difference, females are more social creatures, they talk more and are typically better at relationships!



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2. Adam was tasked with naming animals, but he also named Eve, the Woman when she was brought to him - :19 – 23 &
Genesis 3:20 - ²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

3. R.C. Sproul when Adam first saw Eve ---- Wow! Man! 😊

4. Puritan Matthew Henry –
“That the woman was *made of a rib out of the side of Adam*; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.” Matthew Henry

5. Note, Fatherhood & Motherhood were part of God's design from the start –
²⁴ **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24**

- A. Note, marriage and “father” & “mother” are mentioned in Scripture in a context before Adam and Eve had children, telling us FAMILIES were always part of God's plan –
- B. Not every husband and wife, even male & female have children, but every child has a male (father) and a female (mother) This is important to REMEMBER! Law changes hearts!

Ryan T Anderson, in his book “Truth Overruled” about the Supreme Court decision to change the definition of marriage says, that we have changed the definition “To serve the Desires of Adults ... Not the Needs or Rights of Children.” **Laws change hearts and beliefs ... don't forget God's laws!**

On June 26th, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that same sex couples had all the legal rights of marriage that opposite sex couples had. Massachusetts and a few other states had legalized same sex marriage as early as 2004.

Yet, whichever of these dates you might chose, the following facts remain:

1. Same sex marriage is a new thing. Homosexuality is as old as **Genesis 19**, but claiming “marriage” for same sex couples is new.
2. Allowing same-sex couples to marry (legally recognizing these so-called marriages) is not an expansion of marriage but rather a re-definition of marriage.
3. The connection of marriage to “family” is clear in **Genesis 2:24** and the redefinition of “marriage” necessitates a destructive redefinition of family.

Biblical, Christian marriage has as at least part of its goal, fulfillment of God's first command & blessing, be fruitful and multiply, procreation – **28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:28 (NKJV) 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother ... Genesis 2:24 A (NKJV)**

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