

Not the Boss of Me: The Freeing Truth of Biblical Submission

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*Traditional view of submission not necessarily the biblical view. How so?

*God has a plan for the world's people is for their blessing and His glory: to bring all people under the Lordship of _____.

*How? Through bringing people groups with their family units to worship Him. *"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the _____ of the nations will bow down before him..."* Psalm 22:7 NIV

God's order for the family is revealed in three ways: A. In Creation B. In His Character C. In His Command

A. God's Order for the Family Revealed in Creation

God's Special Creation: Humans *Gen 1:26: *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness and let them rule over the fish...birds... and over the cattle and over all the earth, ...'"*

ōManō=ōAdamō: In this context refers to _____. *Gen 1:27 NASB: *"And God created man ["Adam"] in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule...over every living thing.'"*

Humans were *created* in God's image. Like a mirror, in some way humans reflect God. What does this mean? An image-bearer: 1. It is not the real thing. 2. R_____ the real thing. 3.

R_____ the real thing. 4. Bears c_____ of real thing. Both male and female ōManō are created in God's image

Now, let's go back to Adam before Eve was created. He was in an ideal setting but God was not done.

*Genesis 2:8 NASB: *"And the LORD God planted a garden... and there He placed the man whom He had formed. Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it."*

*Genesis 2: 16-17 NASB: *ōAnd the LORD God commanded the man.... From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...ö* Note when the command was given!

Adam's Need for Companionship

*Genesis 2:18 NASB: *"Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.'"* Who noticed Adam's need for suitable companionship?

*Genesis 2:20 NASB: *"And the man gave names to all the cattle and to the bird..., and to every beast..., but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him."** What conclusion did Adam draw about the companionship of the animals?

God's Plan Fulfilled

*Genesis 2:22 NASB: *"And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man." Woman is derived from Adam for Adam. How did Adam respond?*

*Genesis 2:23 NASB: *"And the man 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.'"*

*Two Persons, One Life- Genesis 2:24 NASB: *"For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."*

Evidence of Husband's Ultimate Responsibility for the Family

1. Adam created _____.
2. Adam given command to _____ before Eve is created.
3. Adam named _____.
4. Adam named Eve.
5. Eve is presented to Adam by _____ (first marriage).
6. Man is instructed to _____ family and _____ to wife (start new family unit).

Problems in Paradise

**1 Now the serpent . . . said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' " 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You shall not surely die! God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*
Genesis 3:1-5 NASB *Note: The man had shared with his wife God's command not to eat

Role Reversal: Gen 3:6b, 9 NASB: *"She took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."* Adam was held responsible by God as leader: *"The man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then **the LORD God called to the man**, and said to him, "Where are you?"*

Blame Game: 12 *The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate.... Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; cursed . . ."* Gen 3:12-13, 17 NASB (boldface added)

Failure in First Marriage

1. Adam fails to _____ and _____ his wife from temptation.
2. Roles are _____ and she leads him into sin.
3. God first holds _____ responsible for the sin.
4. Adam _____ God for giving Eve to him and blames Eve for the sin.

Sad Consequence

1. Wife will seek to take _____.
2. Husband will seek to _____ his wife. Gen 3:16

B. God's Order for the Family Revealed in God's Character

*Father and Son: Equal in Essence/Nature: *"I and the Father are one."* John 10:30 NASB

Son Subordinate in Function: *ōI go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.ö* John 14:28 NASB

*Son and Spirit: The Son went away so the Spirit would come; the Son sent Him (16:7). Spirit doesn't speak on His own initiative, but what He hears, and discloses what is to come in relation to Father and Son (16:13).

*Order Includes Cooperation and Mutuality: The Father speaks through Son to the disciples (14:24). The Son sends the Helper Spirit from the Father (15:26). God models within His character the mutuality husband and wife can have.

*Order Includes Mutual Honor: The Father honors those who serve the Son (12:26), and loves those who love and believe in the Son (14:21, 23; 16:27). The Father is glorified in the Son (14:13), and glorifies the Son (17:2). The Spirit glorifies the Son by disclosing all that is the Son's to His disciples (16:14).

C. God's Order for the Family Revealed in Command

"Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ... Wife must see to it that she respects her husband." Eph 5:22-24; 31-33 NASB

*Wives Submit and Respect

1. Wife respects and submits to husband's leadership as ultimately responsible to God
2. As submitting to the Lord
3. Mindful that marriage a picture of Christ and His Church

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, . . . that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless." Eph 5:25-27 NASB

*Husband Loves and Sacrifices: 1. As Christ loved Church 2. Sacrificially 3. For her best 4. As his own body

*Husband is Umbrella of Protection for Wife

*Husband and Wife are Equal in Essence: *There is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*²⁹ *And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.* Gal 3:28-29 NASB Husband and wife are one in Christ, co-heirs in Christ, co-rulers over the earth.

*Wife has Unique Role

1. Life-giver, home-builder, nurturer: *"Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living."* Gen 3:20 NASB

2. Mentor to Younger Women: *"Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,⁴ so that they may encourage the young women . . ."* Titus 2:3-4 NASB

3. Blessing to Her Husband: *"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband..."* Prov 12:4 NASB

*God has a plan to bring all people under the loving authority of His rule and He does this through the family.

*A wife whose husband loves her as Christ loves the church willingly lays down her rights to follow his leadership, as a co-partner in bringing the whole earth under the loving authority of the Lord Jesus Christ!

*This is the freeing truth of biblical submission.
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*Reference: *God, Marriage, and Family*