



Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline

- Week 1: Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender
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- Week 11: Manhood & Womanhood in the World & Workplace
- Week 12: Objections to Complementarianism
- Week 13: Panel Discussion & Q&A

For further study:

1. God's Design for Man and Womanhood, Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger (Crossway, 2014)
2. The Accidental Feminist, Courtney Reissig (Crossway, 2015)
3. The Masculine Mandate, Richard Phillips (Reformation Trust, 2016)
4. Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism, Edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Crossway, 1991)

Questions and comments are welcome!

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 1

Introduction and Biblical Theology of Gender

I. Introduction

- What does it mean to be a man? A woman?
- Past expectations/stereotypes and present changes

II. Preliminaries

- Gender defined
- Relying on the sufficiency of scripture – 2 Tim 3:16-17:
 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for **every** good work.
 - Prescriptive / Descriptive
- Approaching scripture willing to be challenged and changed
- A class for everyone, at every stage of life

III. Biblical Theology of Gender

- Egalitarianism: Equality in *essence* and in *role*.
Complementarianism: Equality in *essence*, difference in *disposition* and *role*.

A. Creation

Gen 1:26-27:

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
And let them have dominion...."
So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

- The **image of God**: Essence; function; relational nature

Gen 2:15-24:

(v. 15, 18) "The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.... It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

- Differences between man and woman in Gen 2
 - Man: "Work and Keep" → Exercise dominion / *forming*
 - Woman "Helper," "Life" → Be fruitful / *filling*

B. Fall

Gen 3:16: To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

- Egalitarianism: The fall introduces sinful hierarchy.
Complementarianism: The fall brings about the **distortion** of previous roles, not the introduction of new roles.
- Because of the curse, we shouldn't be surprised at brokenness in gender and sexuality

C. Redemption in Christ

- Christ the perfect image of God (Col 1:15)

Gal 3:28:

There is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Egalitarianism: No distinction between male and female in Christ, so mutual submission is the rule.
Complementarianism: Christ's work doesn't obliterate roles, it **redeems** them (Eph 5, 1 Tim 2)

D. Restoration

- Creation will be set free from bondage (Rom 8:21);
believers will receive glorified bodies (1 Cor 15:37-49)
- Gender in the new creation