

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Class Outline

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Week 13: Objections to Complementarianism

For further study:

1. Alastair Roberts, "Music and the Meaning of Male & Female," *Primer Magazine*, issue 3 ("True to Form")
2. Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger, *God's Design for Man and Woman* (Crossway, 2014)
3. Anthony Hoekema, *Created in God's Image* (Eerdmans, 1986)

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?

II. Preliminaries

- Gender: Our sexual differentiation and the dispositions and roles God has given us
- Sufficiency of scripture – 2 Tim 3:16-17:
 - All Scripture is breathed out by God... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for **every** good work.
 - Prescriptive / Descriptive
- A class for everyone, at every stage of life

III. Biblical Theology of Gender

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**:
 1. Essence
 2. Function
 3. Relational nature

Gen 2:15 & 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" (2:15) → Dominion / *forming*
- Woman: "Helper" (2:18)/"Life" (3:20) → 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."

- The fall brings about the distortion of created 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.

- Christ's work doesn't obliterate gender distinctions, 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)

IV. Conclusion: Egalitarianism, complementarianism, and where we're heading