

## Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline

Week 1: Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender

Week 2: Biblical Masculinity and Femininity

Week 3: Manhood & Womanhood in the Home

Week 4: Manhood & Womanhood in the Church

Week 5: Objections to Complementarianism

Week 6: Gender Confusion

Week 7: Panel Discussion & Q&A

*For further study:*

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

*Questions and comments are welcome!*  
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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 1

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## ***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**

- 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.
- Approaching scripture with openness and willingness to be challenged and changed
- A class for everyone: Biblical manhood and womanhood applies 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.

- *Egalitarianism*: Equality in *essence* and in *role*.
- *Complementarianism*: Equality in *essence*, difference in *role*.
- The **image of God**:
  - Structural – Who we are
  - Functional – What we are called to do
  - Relational

Gen 2:15-24:

(v. 18) "...It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

- Differences in role/purpose for man and woman in Gen 2

#### 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, Eph 4:24)

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. Consummation

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