



The Gospel Ministry of a Husband, Part 2

24th in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 5:25-33

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Introduction

In this passage, we learn biblical practices and postures of the ministry of a husband.

Five practices and postures of a husband according to Ephesians 5:25-33:

- 1) A husband should see how Scripture presents his role as a gospel-based ministry of great worth and great responsibility.

- 2) The ministry of a husband must reject all forms of power and privilege.

- 3) In humility and earnest, a husband receives the assigned role as the “head” of his wife and family.

- 4) A husband’s love of his wife is a specifically Christ-like way of seeing and serving her.

- 5) A husband must not bend the knee to either extra-biblical cultural roles that reject essential mutuality or unbiblical cultural egalitarianism that rejects natural distinctions.

Response

May the Lord bless the marriages in our church family.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) How would you define the command to a husband to love his wife, or explain it to someone being introduced to a biblical view of marriage for the first time?
- 2) How should a husband practice “headship” in a way that does not minimize or deny his wife’s equal status as an image-bearer of God and co-heir of God’s Kingdom?
- 3) What does it mean to say that a husband’s love of his wife “is a specifically Christ-like way of seeing and serving her?”
- 4) How can a husband truly be the head of his home, which includes a real sense of authority, and yet reject all forms of power and privilege?
- 5) What are some poor examples of husbands being taught or practicing Christian headship in their marriages? How do those examples reject essential mutuality between male and female?
- 6) How do these texts and others in Scripture present the role of a husband as a beautiful ministry to a wife, a family, a church, and a community?
- 7) What are some things a married couple can do to put into practice the things we learned in this text over the last few weeks? How can we all better support the marriages of our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Philippians 2:5-6 (Mon); Matthew 20:25-28 (Tues); 1 Timothy 5:8 (Wed); Ephesians 6:4 (Thurs); Colossians 3:21 (Fri).