

The Bible Speaks To Husbands

By Jeff Sweeten

The struggle in our society to deal with changing roles in marriage should be lain squarely at the feet of husbands. The failure to live according to the Divine paradigm has produced a host of single moms, a generation of delinquent children, and a public willing to pass off every conceivable perversion as a “marriage.” If we are to reclaim a sense of godliness in design for a partnership that began in the Garden, men must step up to their God-given responsibilities. We are not evolved primordial slime, animals groping senselessly and experimentally for pleasure and propagation. We are divinely made after the likeness of God, and given distinctive roles in a one man/one woman relationship that is intended to last for life. And, men have a definitive role as leaders, providers, and spiritual guides in the family unit.

God’s design in physical intimacy predates human substitutions. The first marital adjustment was made shortly after Adam pronounced that “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:23-24). Shortly thereafter, a dereliction of duty on Lamech’s part was evident when he “took unto him two wives” (Gen. 4:19), which introduced the first multiple partner situation. Today, this sad commentary on human failure has escalated from unauthorized divorce and remarriage to partner hopping, and the sanctity of sexuality in

our society has become no more sacred than shaking hands. One purpose for the marriage bond is “to avoid fornication” (1 Cor. 7:2). A husband must realize that the physical privileges he shares with his spouse are only right and beautiful within that covenant relationship. In spite of a society that showcases nudity, men must commit to physical purity and “drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well” (Pro. 5:15).

God’s design in role-responsibility predates human innovations. Abdicating the role of leadership and authority in the home is simply an adulteration of God’s conception of permanent partnering. God delegated oversight and management to the husband. Husbands have the responsibility of charting a path for wife and children to follow. He must be the Moses in the marriage who patiently directs by divine revelation. So, Paul would say:

Husbands, love your wives... So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church... let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself (Eph. 5:25a, 28-29, 33b).

Additionally, this passage reveals the nurturing nature of the husband. Defining the

difference between faithfulness and infidelity, Paul would say: “But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Tim. 5:8). A man cannot hope to be a Christian husband unless he is willing to sacrifice himself for the security and safety of his spouse. Provision is a minimum requirement in a godly husband.

God’s design for spiritual guidance in the home predates human machinations. Relegating the duties of spiritual leadership to the wife is diametrically opposed to God’s plan. Husbands should take their cue from Jesus, who sacrificed everything for the eternal benefit of His bride, the church of Christ.

The world has a different view of the husband’s role. From “Mr. Mom” to homosexual civil unions, our country has digressed into a distressing state where the clear roles of husband and wife have been blurred beyond correction. Hollywood’s influence on the man-woman relationship is a popular topic in many movies, dealing death to marital sanctity and marital fidelity in general. Pop music embitters men and denigrates women to objects of pleasure to be randomly used and discarded. Even gossip

columnists are quoted as authorities in domestic conflict resolution.

It is a sad state that we find ourselves in today, where deadbeat dads must be forced through litigation to provide for their wife and/or children. It is pitiful that “church going” is perceived as a woman’s work. It is to the ruin of right living that family units are decimated by divorce. We must teach the world the proper, manly role of the husband as God has revealed him. We must invest in our husbands in terms of education and support, exercising discipline in the church in the form of training and correction. We must never apologize for demanding that God’s pattern be practiced; we must never compromise the divine mandate concerning the husband’s role in a marriage relationship, and we must never fail in commending those who attempt, however imperfectly, to live as godly husbands. To do less is to undermine the foundation upon which civil societies subsist and bring shame upon the church of Christ.

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You Don’t Meme It!

By Jay Launius

What is a “meme”? It is defined as “a unit of cultural information spread by imitation. The term meme (from the Greek mimema, meaning “imitated”) was introduced in 1976 by British evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his work *The Selfish Gene*.” For most of us it is known as a humorous image, video, piece of text, etc., that is copied and spread rapidly by social media users. Because most of my social media friends are “believers”, I see many memes that have spiritual connotations. These memes may contain a bit of scripture or a feel good proverb or saying and at first glance seem to be comforting and inspiring. However, many times, a closer examination of many of these memes may reveal an error, falsehood or a lie when compared to the inspired scriptures. Just because something sounds good and gives us a

warm and fuzzy feeling doesn’t make it right. Remember, man’s wisdom, no matter how good it sounds is not God’s wisdom (Isaiah 55:9; Philippians 3:17-19).

John wrote, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1). It is our responsibility to take care that we don’t spread false doctrine on our social media accounts and cautiously consider the memes that we share. We must be vigilant and aware of the influence we may have on others who may not be as familiar with the scriptures.

Upcoming Events

Tonight—Youth Devo at the Jobs’ home after evening service. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Oct 11—Teens Bible Basics at the building at 6:30pm

Oct. 15– Teens Game Night With Friends at 6:30pm

Oct. 17-20 Midtown will be hosting our Fall Gos- pel meeting with Mike Bonner. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend. Flyers are in the foyer. There will be a potluck luncheon on Oct. 17 after the morning worship and we will have a 1 pm service in lieu of the 5pm.

Oct. 24- Lupe and Ronnie would like to meet with all the ladies who are/want to participate in our "Food Committee" program. The meeting will be at 4pm in the fellowship hall.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests

Please keep the family of Charlie Mabe in your prayers. Charlie passed away last week.

Rieke Bass’ son Tim who is dealing with some medical issues.

Please keep Nancy Dorries and Vergie Shelton in your prayers as they recover from illnesses.

Lee FitzSimmons, brother of Mark and son of Jerry, is in DeTar Hospital.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Les Daltry, Scott DeDear, Ken and Sandra Marie, Mike McVey, Ann Pantel, Veroni- ca Serenil, Clark Withers, Dee Gilpatrick, Faye Henderson, Charlie Mabe, Sandy Malone.

Service Roster

Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday Morning

Announcements..... Bryant Siegel
Scripture Reading..... Kevin Sheeran
Song Leader Doug Jobs

Opening Prayer..... Will Burleson
Closing Prayer..... Steve Randle

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread.....Jesse Moser
Cup..... Leon Morales
Offering.....Mike Atkinson
Assist..... Dan Fielder
Assist..... Kirk FitzSimmons
Assist..... Steve Randle

Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Bryant Siegel
Song Leader Kevin Sheeran

Opening Prayer..... Leon Morales
Closing Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons

Lord’s Supper & Offering..... Jesse Moser & Leon Morales

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class..... Ronnie Scherffius
Song Leader Ken Dorries
DevotionalJames Cammock

Other

Usher.....Allen Clifton
Prepare Communion Bass Family

Congregational News

Birthdays

Clark Withers..... Oct. 14
Pam Clifton..... Oct. 15

Anniversaries

Ken & Sandra Marie Oct.12

If you have any prayer requests or upcoming events to be announced, please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030.

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ronnie Scherffius
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Preacher

Ronnie Scherffius

Weekly Reading

*“He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly.”
Proverbs 14:17a*

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of October 3, 2021

A.M. Bible Class.....58
A.M. Worship.....80
P.M. Worship.....56
Wednesday Bible Class.....59
Offering week of October 3, 2021.....\$ 3,730

Supported Works

Mani Pagidipalli *India*
John & Carla Moore *Bible Land Passages*
Anthony Scherffius *Southwest School of Bible Studies*

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