



I Am Woman, Let's Restore

A Biblical Study on Womanhood

God's Good Design: Genesis 1-3

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1. Man and Woman Image God _____ (Genesis 1:26-28)

2. Man and Woman Image God _____ (Genesis 1:27)

3. Specific _____ for Woman's Creation: _____
(Genesis 2:18-25)



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4. Specific _____ for Man's Creation: _____ (Genesis 2:1-25)

"The man bears the primary responsibility to lead the partnership in a God-glorifying direction. The model of headship is our Lord, the Head of the church, who gave Himself for us." (from Raymond Ortlund, Jr. in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*)

Indications of Adam's role as head before the Fall:

- 1) Adam was created first, then Eve (2:7, 18-23)
- 2) Adam was given the responsibility of provision and protection (2:15-17)
- 3) God gave Adam the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:16-17)
- 4) Eve was created as a helper for Adam (2:18, 20)
- 5) Adam given the responsibility of naming the animals (2:19-20)
- 6) Eve was created from Adam (2:21-22)
- 7) Adam named Eve (2:23, 3:20)
- 8) Marriage is a one-flesh relationship, yet Adam's leaving established the home (2:24)
- 9) God named the human race "man" not "woman" (5:2)

Indications of Adam's role as head after the Fall:

- 1) The serpent came to Eve first to undermine man's role as leader (3:1)
- 2) Only after Adam joined in the rebellion were both their eyes opened (3:7)
- 3) God recognizes man as leader and spokesman (3:9,11)
- 4) God sent Adam out of the Garden and both leave. Man is seen as head of the relationship (3:23-24)
- 5) Adam represented the Human Race (even though Eve sinned first, we are counted sinful because of Adam's sin) (Romans 5:12-21, 1 Corinthians 15:22)

5. Woman _____ by the _____ (Genesis 3)

1) _____ child-bearing

2) Your _____ shall be for your _____

3) He _____ over you

6. Woman _____ by _____



Week 2 Questions to Ponder

1. Reflect on the talk, *God's Good Design*. How were you challenged most from this talk?
2. As you think about the gender confusion in the world, has it influenced the way you have been raised or the way you are raising (or already raised) your own children?
3. After listening to the talk, *God's Good Design*, how would you respond to friends who do NOT see the need and importance of raising daughters to be women and sons to be men? What advice would you possibly give them? The article referenced in the talk, "Oprah Winfrey: Agent of Moral Insanity," can be found at <http://www.albertmohler.com/2004/08/31/oprah-winfrey-agent-of-moral-insanity>
4. From our study of Genesis 1-3, what is the primary role of men? Of women? Are these distinctions in roles between men and women established before the fall of man, or are they a result of the fall? Explain.
5. We studied that one of our primary roles as women is "helper." (Come next week prepared to share what you have learned.)
 - a. For teenagers, follow through with your homework assignment, asking your dad and mom how you can cultivate this quality of helper more in the home.
 - b. For unmarried women, think of specific ways you can cultivate your helper-role in the different arenas of your life.
 - c. For married women, your homework assignment is to have a conversation with your husband, asking him how you can better serve him and assist him throughout the week.
6. One of the curses of the fall for women is that we would desire to control our husbands or take away his headship/leadership. Whether teenager, single woman, or married woman, how is this sin manifested in your life?
7. Read through the Danvers Statement and the chart showing the implications of your view of gender roles in all areas of life. How have the God-given roles of leadership (men) and suitable helper (women) been corrupted by sin? Write down any thoughts or observations from this.
8. Take some time this week to read through the Gospels, especially specific instances where Jesus interacted with women and referenced women in his teaching (i.e. Luke 10:38-42; John 4). Note his view of manhood and womanhood. Would you consider Jesus an Egalitarian or Complementarian?

