

FELLING THE GIANTS WITH FIVE SMOOTH STONES

Smooth Stone Number One: A Biblically Defined and Empowered Family

(Genesis 1:28; 2:24; I Samuel 17:38-40)

*"Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, ³⁹ and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand and **chose five smooth stones from the brook** and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine." (I Samuel 17:38-40)*

❖ UNDERSTAND THE DESIGN OF THE FAMILY

The family was designed for COMPATIBILITY and COVENANT. And it was designed for COMMUNITY and CONTINUITY!

❖ EMBRACE THE DIRECTIVE OF THE FAMILY

God has Directed the Family to Display the Life of the Trinity as well as Directed the Family to Develop a Legacy for all Time. With this, God had in mind three specific things:

- That of Bearing the Image of the Creator

Paul reveals to us in Romans 12:1-2 the following:

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

- The Purpose of Revealing the Unity of the Godhead

When we look at what the Bible has to say on marriage, we clearly see that marriage is a picture of deeper realities. For example, we see:

- ▶ The Wife as a Picture of the Holy Spirit

After God creates the man and puts him in the garden to cultivate he says:

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." (Genesis 2:18)

Our first allusion to the Trinity in Genesis 1 says:

*"Let us make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness"* (Genesis 1:26)

This is the foundation for why it is not good for the man to be alone: God was not alone so His image bearers should not be alone.

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:23)

This sets up the foundation for them joining in marriage and becoming “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

For our purposes, one of the most significant details is the word “helper” used to describe the woman in Genesis 2:18:

*“It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a **helper** fit for him.”*

The term “helper” also happens to be the title that Jesus uses to refer to the Holy Spirit in John chapters 14-16. Here’s what Jesus has to say about the Spirit in John 14:26:

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

That verse in itself is an amazing witness to the Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit are all present.

- ▶ The Wife as a Picture of Christ and the Husband as a Picture of the Father

One of the most interesting verses on the concept of “Headship” in the Bible is I Corinthians 11:3, in it we read:

“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.” (I Corinthians 11:3)

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand." (John 3:35)

- Extending the Glory of the Father into All the Earth through Procreation

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28)

And then we find one chapter later, God says,

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

Jesus reaffirmed the creation-kingdom mandate through the family in Matthew 19:4-6.

"He answered, 'Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.'" (Matthew 19:4-6)

So the marriage/family mandate and the bringing forth of children is critical to fulfilling the plan of God for His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.