

Mother's Day Weekend!

Femininity and Motherhood

Gen. 1:2, 28-30

The Gift of Femininity

God is the Author of Femininity

- It is not “secondary”, “inferior” or “less than”

Gen. 1:2, 28-31

- “hovering” = “brooding”, like a mother hen
- “man” = “adam”, male and female
- Both male and female are imager-bearers of the Lord

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God expresses Himself with feminine imagery

- Motherhood is an expression of The Divine!

Is. 49:15

- “Can a woman forget her nursing child?”

Hos. 13:8

- “I will spring upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs”

Matt. 23:37

- “How I’ve longed to gather you like a mother hen her chicks...”

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A balanced picture of the Lord's qualities (generally speaking):

Feminine

Nurturing

Fierce Protector

Creative/Artistic

Gentle/Soft

Nesting/Safety

Masculine

Providing

Fierce Warrior

Building/Engineering

Disciplining/Anger

Exploration/Danger

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Eph. 5:15-21

- Submit to one another.

Eph. 5:22-33

- Submission looks like... voluntary allowing male to lead.
- Submission looks like... dying to your self that she may live.

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1 Pe. 3:1-6 (Wives)

- Inward qualities expressed outwardly are praised
- If and since Christ is first, humbly following His lead follows

1 Pe. 3:7-8 (Husbands)

- “weaker” = “precious, like fine bone china”

Women: celebrate the gift of the feminine! You are a reflection of the Lord! Be wary of the ways the world wants to demean your femininity.

Men: be wary of the ways the world wants to demean femininity. Celebrate the ways God reveals Himself to you through the feminine.

(bonus) Husbands: What is your ROLE?