

Feminity and Motherhood Gen. 1:2, 28-30





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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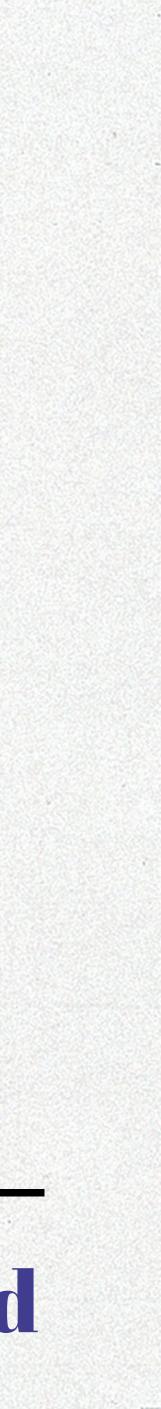


God expresses Himself with feminine imagery Motherhood is an expression of The Divine!

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**

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Masculine Providing **Fierce Warrior Building/Engineering Disciplining/Anger Exploration/Danger**



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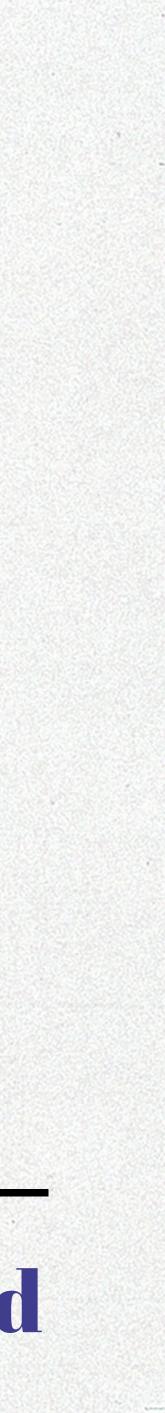
Eph. 5:15-21

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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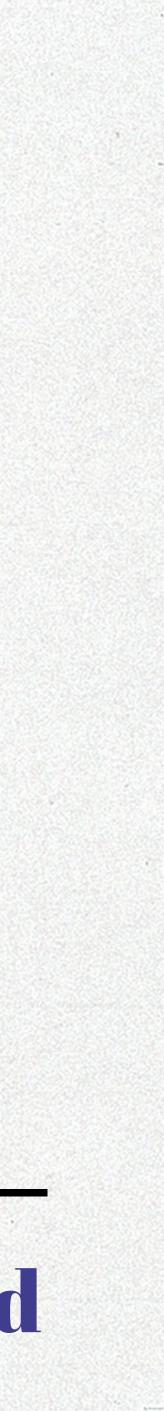
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1 Pe. 3:1-6 (Wives)

- 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"

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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?



