

Biblical Meaning of Womanhood

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This week on Mother's Day, we will take a look at what biblical womanhood is all about. Why did God make women? What was his purpose?

1. Meaning of True Womanhood

- God's ultimate purpose for the whole universe and all history and for YOUR life is to display the glory of Christ!
- In particular, his dying to make a rebellious people his beautiful bride.

Revelation 13:8 *"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."*

- So God had a plan in which Himself, Christ, was already slain before he made all the world and universe we see! Why?

Eph. 1:5-6 *"having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."*

- So, the beginning of understanding true womanhood is to understand the meaning of true manhood and womanhood

2. Womanhood was Not an Afterthought!

Eph. 5:25-27 *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."*

- God made the woman to display the glory of Jesus!

Gen. 1:27 *"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."*

- Our sexuality as men and women is designed to glorify the Son of God

To make it more clear, Paul continues in Eph. 5

Eph. 5:31-32 *"FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." 32 This is a great mystery,*

but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

- From the beginning, manhood and womanhood were designed specifically to display the glory of Christ in relationship to His bride, the church

3. A Word to those who are Married

Paul says in Ephesians 5:22-24, *“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”*

Headship – the calling of the husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like servant leadership, protection and provision in the home

Submission – The calling of the wife to honour and affirm her husband’s leadership and help carry it through with her gifts and strength

4. A Word to Singles

We are shown in the scriptures how the apostle Paul loved his singleness and the unique abilities it gave him to serve the Lord.

I Cor. 7:32 *“But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.”*

How Christ is glorified through your singleness:

- a. One acknowledges that the family of God doesn’t grow by natural, physical means, but by regeneration through faith in Christ
- b. One acknowledges marriage is temporary and gives way to the relationship it was pointing to all along- the church and Christ.

Marriage is a beautiful thing! But it’s not the only thing nor the main thing in eternity.

Matthew 22:30 *“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”*

So whether married or single, don’t settle. Use the gifts God has given to display the glory of the Son.

Questions:

1. In one sentence, what would you say is the propose of biblical womanhood?
2. In what way(s) does marriage display the glory of Jesus Christ?
3. In what ways does singleness glorify Christ?

Prayer: *“Father, thank you for creating me the (man/woman) you designed me to be to display the glory of Your Son, Jesus. With this in mind, I will embrace my masculinity/femininity with all that I have and all I am. As a married person, I pray my commitment and marriage would be a wonderful picture of the commitment of Jesus and his bride, the church. As a single person, I pray my life would be a testament that Jesus is the greatest “husband” of all and will be eternally. Thank you in Jesus’ name, amen!”*