



Sermon Notes

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Women Are Created For Living

Genesis 1:26-31

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Theme: Biblical view of womanhood/mothers day

Type: Topical/exposition

Thought: How do you see the role of women?

Introduction: God has made women to enjoy life with Him and His creation. Joy and the believer's life

cannot be separated. Charles Swindoll writes, "Joy is a choice. It is a matter of attitude that stems from one's confidences in God - that He is at work, that He is in full control, that He is in the midst of whatever has happened, is happening and will happen." The root word of "joy" means "delighting, rejoicing, gladness or benefit". The psalmist wrote "For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations." Psalms 100:5

Created For Life - God wants man to enjoy Him and the life He has given.

Life - (Webster) that property of plants and animals which makes it possible for them to take in food, get energy from it, grow, adapt themselves to their surroundings, and reproduce their kind: it is the quality that distinguishes a living animal or plant from inorganic matter or a dead organism.

God has made mankind a living soul/likeness, living for His glory. This was the first problem for Satan, that man made from the dust of the earth and the rib of that dust, had the ability to walk and talk with God and please Him with man's fellowship.

"image" - (tselem) "Likeness" - (demut) = man's function before God.

(These terms are synonymous.)

Man the crowning piece of God's creation.

Man's unique relationship with God.

Man was made for dominion Gen. 1:26

Man serves as God's representatives to govern earth.

Man could reason & has intellect, emotion and will.

Man was like God morally good and sinless.

Man could communicate with God.

Man had a conscience before God.

[Nephesh] - the soul, the feelings, passions, desires and appetites of any living thing. A breathing creature, a living organism; the invisible spiritual part of man.

A God consciousness.

LETTER FROM GOD ABOUT WOMEN

Author Unknown

When I created the heavens and the earth, I spoke them into being. When I created man, I formed him and breathed life into his nostrils. But you, woman, I fashioned after I breathed the breath of life into man because your nostrils are too delicate. I allowed a deep sleep to come over him so I could patiently and perfectly fashion you. Man was put to sleep so that he could not interfere with the creativity.

From one bone, I fashioned you. I chose the bone that protects man's life. I chose the rib, which protects his heart and lungs and supports him, as you are meant to do. Around this one bone, I shaped you..... I modeled you.

I created you perfectly and beautifully. Your characteristics are as the rib, strong yet delicate and fragile. You provide protection for the most delicate organ in man, his heart. His heart is the center of his being; his lungs hold the breath of life. The rib cage will allow itself to be broken before it will allow damage to the heart. Support man as the rib cage supports the body. You were not taken from his feet, to be under him, nor were you taken from his head, to be above him. You were taken from his side, to stand beside him and be held close to his side.

You are my perfect angel.....You are my beautiful little girl. You have grown to be a splendid woman of excellence, and my eyes fill when I see the virtues in your heart.

Your eyes.....don't change them. Your lips - how lovely when they part in prayer. Your nose, so perfect in form. Your hands so gentle to touch. I've caressed your face in your deepest sleep. I've held your heart close to mine.

Of all that lives and breathes, you are most like me. Adam walked with me in the cool of the day, yet he was lonely. He could not see me or touch me. He could only feel me. So everything I wanted Adam to share and experience with me, I fashioned in you; my holiness, my strength, my purity, my love, my protection and support.

You are special because you are an extension of me. Man represents my image, woman my emotions. Together, you represent the totality of God.

So man.....treat woman well. Love her, respect her, for she is fragile. In hurting her, you hurt me. What you do to her, you do to me. In crushing her, you only damage your own heart, the heart of your Father, and the heart of her Father.

Woman, support man. In humility, show him the power of emotion I have given you. In gentle quietness, show your strength. In love, show him that you are the rib that protects his inner self.

Did you not know that WOMAN you are special in God's eyes? Now we really know!

The history of humanity unfolds the tragic account of man's misuse and abuse of each other. Women have been the brunt of this failure of mankind. Humanity is not able to comprehend the great loss that comes from disobedience to God.

A brief history of the Woman's movement was in America will help us to understand this trend.

1. 1848 Susan B. Anthony & Elizabeth Cady Stanton the pioneers for woman's right to vote
2. Lucretia Mott helped organize the Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls, N.Y. (Grievances against men)
3. 1860 Interrupted by the civil war
4. 1920 suffrage Amendment became part of the constitution
5. World war I women in the factories
6. Depression put them back into the homes
7. World war II went back to the factories and stayed
8. 1960- Civil rights movements
9. 1972 Equal Rights Amendment "Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged or denied by the U.S. constitution or by any state on account of sex."
10. Gloria Steinem made the following statements (1970's) "unite against male oppression" "these changes need to be made in our society:
 - (1) marriage & family are instruments of oppression -
no permanent bonds in matrimony
no distinction for homosexuals
 - (2) the housewife would legally receive a percent of her husbands salary. If not enough they could

strike.

- (3) 24 hour day care centers
- (4) liberalize the laws on abortion-abortion on demand.

GEN 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

GEN 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every east of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

2TI 3:1-7 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

creep - to enter in, to creep in, to run one's way in, implies an insidious method into households - homes

captives - "getting complete possession of", to take captive at spear point, to make a prisoner of war, to capture.

of gullible women - little women, silly or idle women, dominutive (rule, power, authority) and express contempt (bitterness, discontent)

Are you being carried along by culture? Historically, a woman's view of "beauty" reflected the moral condition of a nation. Her dress and demeanor greatly affected the fate of a nation. Her outward apparel and activities served as a benchmark for God's concern for a nation.

The role of women has become a battleground in society during the last several decades. The struggle for women's rights has escalated to a place of imbalance in society that threatens the future. In our day,

the efforts of the enemy began with secular society and worked back into the church, which so often catches the world's diseases and adopts the spirit of the age.

Some leaders and writers, in the name of Christianity, have gone so far as to teach principles that attempt to redefine, or even alter, biblical truths to accommodate the standards of contemporary thinking in the world.

Satan feverishly tries to upset the divine order in any way he can and one foundational way is by perverting male female roles and relationships.

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EPH 5:21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

God's process - submission to authority in a sin cursed world.

God established the principle of male authority and female subordination for the purpose of order and

complementation, not on the basis of any innate superiority of males.

1 Facing sin - man by nature disobeys God, falls short of God's best for our lives. In turn we fail and hurt those around us. Sin destroys our relation with God and man.

Man must realize that God alone has provided the victory over a sin cursed world.

Man must get under God's protective authority/order for the living.

1 Forgiving sin - the Bible is a book of redemption, God has provided the way of redemption. Only forgiveness of sin can restore our relationship with God and man.

1 Forgetting sin - is to be freed from sin's bondage and exercise the freedom to live to please God in our relationship with God and man.

1 Christ is the foundation in life (1 Cor. 11:3-12).

1 Christ is uniquely the head of the church as its Savior and Lord (Eph. 1:22- 23; 4:15; Col. 1:18; etc.).

1 Christ has redeemed and bought it with His own blood (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9).

1 Christ is head/ authority of every human being, believer and nonbeliever. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth," Jesus declared (Matt. 28:18).

1 Submission is to the Lord Jesus Christ - And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. (5:21)

The Manner of Submission - as to the Lord. (5:22b)

The Motive of Submission - For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, (5:23a)

The Model of Submission - He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. (5:23b-24)

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Life Principles:

Similarly, Jesus gives us that same unshakable joy: "Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22,).

1 No one can take us hostage by sin and steal our joy, demanding a ransom of Christian misery.

1 No one can blackmail the saints of God with bad behavior and threaten to nullify our love if we will not pay up with the sacrifice of our joy.

1 If our joy is lost, Christ is belittled, and what then has love to offer the beloved sinner?

1 How then shall we love sinners? Shall we be indifferent to their sin and peril? No. Let us not be content with sins, but let us be content with God in relation to sinners.

1 Can you distinguish between being content in circumstances but not being content with circumstances?

1 By faith we can believe God for His very best in our lives.

1 Every Christian woman will have the praise of God.