

D2 – The Home: Bearing God’s Image in Unity and Love

Introduction (Romans 12:2):

1. What is the Image of God?

a. Genesis 1:26-28

- i. Dominion over the created order
- ii. Differentiation - both in God and in man
- iii. Unity - seen both in God and in man (Gen 2:23-24)
- iv. Displayed in all the earth

b. The rest of the Old Testament

- i. God’s restriction on image destroyers
 - Gen 3:1-24

- Gen 4:8-11
- Gen 9:5-6

ii. God's restriction on image makers

- Ex 20:3-5

c. Jesus is the image of God

- Col 1:15

i. Self-giving love

- Ph 2:6-8

ii. Unity

- Jn 10:30

2. Mankind as God's image bearer

a. Created in the image of God

- Gen 1:26-27

b. God's image in man corrupted

- Gen 3

c. Restored to bearing God's image in Christ

- Ro 8:28-29

- Jn 17:20-23

- Col 3:14

3. Bearing God's image as biblical women

- a. Complementarian view of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood
 - i. Spiritual equality before God and each other
 - ii. Role differentiation in our families and in the church

- b. Survey of spiritual equality and role distinction
 - i. Old Testament
 1. Spiritual equality:

2. Role Differentiation:

- Gen 2:18-23
- Gen 2:15; 3:2
- 1 Ti 1:12-13

- Gen 3 - Sin distorted their God-given differentiation. Sin didn't introduce it.

ii. Gospels - Jesus' ministry

1. Spiritual equality:

- Used illustrations relevant to women, e.g., Mt 13:33; 24:41; Lk 15:8-10
- Revealed Himself as Messiah to women, e.g., Jn 4:25-26
- Taught women, e.g. Lk 10:38-42
- Healed women; touched them and allowed them to touch Him, e.g., Lk 8:43-48; Lk 13:10ff
- Sent a woman as a witness to His resurrection, Jn 20:1-18

2. Role differentiation:

iii. New Testament epistles

1. Spiritual equality:

- Gal 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Ac 18:26 (Priscilla and Aquila)

- Phil 4:2-3 (Euodia and Syntyche)
- 1 Pe 3:7 (wives are fellow heirs of the grace of life)

2. Role distinction:

a. Bearing God's image in the church

- Ac 20:28; 1 Co 11:1-16; 14:34-36; Ep 4:11-13; 1 Th 5:12-13; 1 Ti 2:8-15; 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Heb 13:7, 17; 1 Pe 5:1-3

b. Bearing God's image in marriage

- Ep 5:22-33

Conclusion - Bearing God's Image and the Wellspring Disciplines