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Section: Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)

Roles in Marriage (Q30 &31)

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q31. Is man or woman more important than the other?**

No. Men and women are equal in dignity and value; both are created in the image of God.

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

1. **Man and woman are both created in the image of God and both truly have a human nature.**
2. **They are both commissioned to have dominion over the earth.**
3. **Man and woman are equal in their spiritual adoption and life in Christ.**

**-God makes no gender distinction on who He will save and redeem.**

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**Q30. What roles did God ordain for men and women within the family?**

God has ordained the role of the husband to lovingly lead his wife and family. God has ordained the role of the wife to joyfully submit to her husband’s leadership as his helper.

**Turn to: Ephesians 5:22-33**

* **Role of the Husband**

***Headship*** is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

**- Leadership in Spiritual Protection**

**- Leadership in Physical Protection**

**- Leadership in Spiritual Provision**

**Ephesians 5:28-29** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

**- Leadership in Physical Provision**

**1 Timothy 5:8**

**“Servant hood does not nullify leadership; it defines it.”**

**“Jesus does not cease to be the Lion of Judah when he becomes the lamb-like servant of the church.”**

* **Role of the Wife**

**Ephesians 5:22**Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

1. ***Submission*** is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband’s leadership and help carry it through, according to her gifts.

**Proverbs 31:10** An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

**Proverbs 31:11-12** The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

**1 Peter 3:5** “For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands.”

**Turn to: Proverbs 31:13-30**

**Ephesians 5:18b-21**