

What is the biblical perspective for marriage?

God reveals reality concerning what it means to be a man/masculine and what it means to be a woman/feminine

We don't want to wed culturally based ideas with biblical teachings for marriage, and how the man and the woman are to view and interact in their roles in marriage.

The clear teaching of Scripture is that God has designed distinction in role for men and women.

The proponents for social change have militantly communicated through all the media resources over the last 50 years that equality means **no role distinction**

Satan's Kosmic System

1 Corinthians 2:8 (NKJV)
4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

This perspective has been repeated and repeated so many times that it has drastically changed the way even Christians view their roles in marriage.
Drastically impacting the way Christian men and women think about who they are as men and women and who they are in their relationship together in marriage.

Clear indication is that Christian marriage operates on the same Kosmic system of thought that the rest of you wed and date. There is no difference in the way you view marriage.

When man and woman join in marriage, there are two sin nature's crying **me first**

The solution:

Colossians 3:16-4:1 (NKJV)

16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**

Ephesians 5:18

be filled with the Spirit,

5:18-19
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Authority

Marriage

1. **How and why God's gender is communicated in relation to man and woman**

2. **How much has human viewpoint influenced our thinking on marriage?**

*3. **Marriage a divine institution:**

*a. God defines it; God ordained it; and God has given us principles and direction in Scripture on how to have a successful marriage.

*i. **What is a successful marriage?**

Happiness?
Passion?
Romance?

1. Is marriage an outdated form of patriarchal enslavement of women, as the feminists view it?
2. As Christians we understand, that marriage was created and established with a purpose, with goals and with objectives. It was given **defined roles** before Adam's sin.

*4. **So what are the issues in God's original intent for marriage ?**

Authority:
God has a divine order for human relationships that's built in to the very creation of man in God's own image
As in Mankind

*a. **A summary of God's creation of the human race, and their purpose**

i. **Genesis 1:26-30 (NKJV)**

26 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

1:27 i. אָדָם (ʾĀdām, אָדָם) = Str 130 TWOT 22a-1. LN 3:1-9:21 person, human, i.e., a single human being of either sex (Fr 49:31[28-30]), see also vs 2. LN 9:3-9:10 **humanity**, mankind, a class of being created by God without regard to sex, with a focus as a class of creature, distinct from animals, plants, or even spiritual beings (Ge 1:26; 3 LN 8:9:4-8:9:21 verb: אָדָם 13 (M)

26 Then God said, **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness,** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So **God created man in His own image;** in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

both men and women are equally created in the image of God

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food."
30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so.

31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**.

ii. **Man is a finite representation of God:**

They have mortality, where they can think God's thoughts after him.

They have volition, where they can choose to follow God.

They have conscience, so they can understand right from wrong.

As created there is no distinction in terms of the male and female's essence as being 1

However there is distinction in their roles.
But that does not mean, that one is inherently superior to the other

*b. **The sixth day in greater detail:**

i. **Genesis 2:1-25 (NKJV)**

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.
2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.
5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;
6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.
8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.
9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree good for food and pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.
11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
12 And the gold of that land is good. Sardinium and the onyx stone are there.
13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.
14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

When God created the man first, He's establishing man as the authority

Authority existed before the fall

Though it can become perverted, we must learn to submit to it as God teaches in His word

Authority existed even in the Godhead. The father is the ultimate authority within the Godhead

God establishes distinct roles

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

19 Out of the ground the Lord God made every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.
20 So **Adam** gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. **But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.**

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called **Woman**, Because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **they shall become one flesh**.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

*5. **Distinction in authority:**

a. **John 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

b. **Galatians 4:4-7 (NKJV)**

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

c. **1 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)**

3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

d. **John 5:19 (NKJV)**

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

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John 5:26 (NKJV)
26 Then Jesus said to the Father, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things."
28 And he who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

John 8:28-29 (NKJV)
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Volition is the deliberate intentional employment of that system of thought that best suits the conclusion I prefer to arrive at, or I'm determined to arrive at.

Man created before woman

Helper: someone who assists him in achieving a goal or objective