

Ephesians Series

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Angels, Creation, Authority?

Ephesians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 11:2–16; 1 Timothy 2:8–12



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled by means of the Spirit,”**

πληρόω plēroō
2 plur pres
pass impera
to fill; fulfill

*ἐν πνεύματι, en
pneumati, dative,
means, “by means
of the Spirit”*

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you along with all wisdom, **with the results that you are teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” [RD]**

Results:

Eph. 5:19, “with the result that you are speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Eph. 5:20, “with the result that you are giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph. 5:21, “with the result that you are submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

Review

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THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family

RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil Government

5. Tribal Diversity

BLESSES SOCIETY

6. ISRAEL

Bless the world

Promote stability, blessing, perpetuation of the human race

Discipline and punish and restrain evil

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- This pagan worldview has a myth about origins called “evolution.”**
- The pagan worldview derives its views on the meaning of life, definition of personhood, and value and roles of men and women from its view of origins and cobbles these together to fit an eclectic, utilitarian, and pragmatic worldview.**

What the Bible Teaches About

Fear of the Lord



Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”

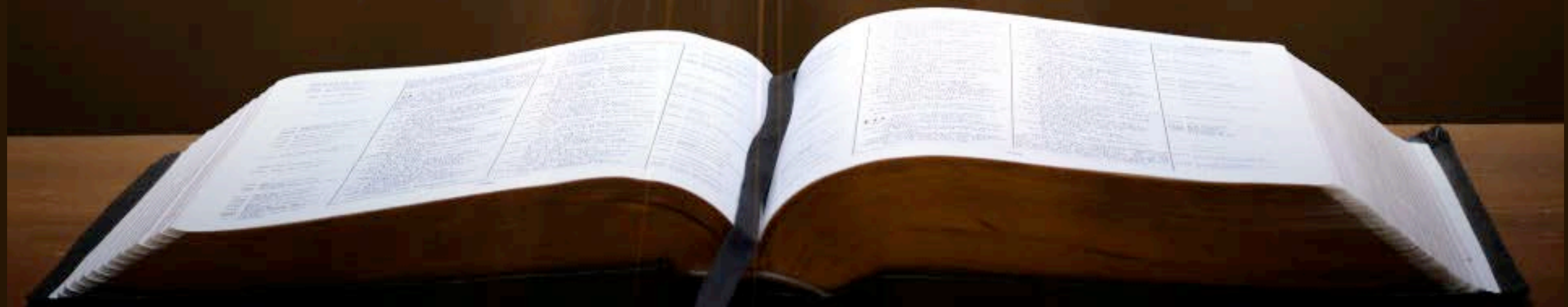
Human worldview (HVP): Everyone determines their own truth, reality, and are their own authority.

Divine viewpoint (DVP): God determines reality; God is TRUTH. Submission to authority matters.

Question:

How do we measure up when it comes to our respect for the authorities over us?

What the Bible Teaches About Spheres of Authority



HVP leadership: dominate, control

Matt. 20:25, “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.’ ”
[NKJV]

κατεξουσιάζω *katexousiazō*
3 plur pres act indic
to rule over in the sense
of misusing authority, or
to tyrannize

κατακυριεύω *katakyrieuō*,
rule over, subjugate,
conquer, be master of,
lord it over

DVP Leadership: Submit to the Lord, serve one another

Matt. 20:26, “Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Matt. 20:27, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— **δοῦλος *doulos* slave; servant**

Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” [NKJV] **διακονέω *diakoneō*, serve, support**

DVP leadership: Christlike humility

Php. 2:7, “Instead He emptied Himself by taking on the form of a slave [servant], by taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man human in His external form [true humanity], [RD]

Php. 2:8, “And by [or when?] being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” [RD]

Conclusion:

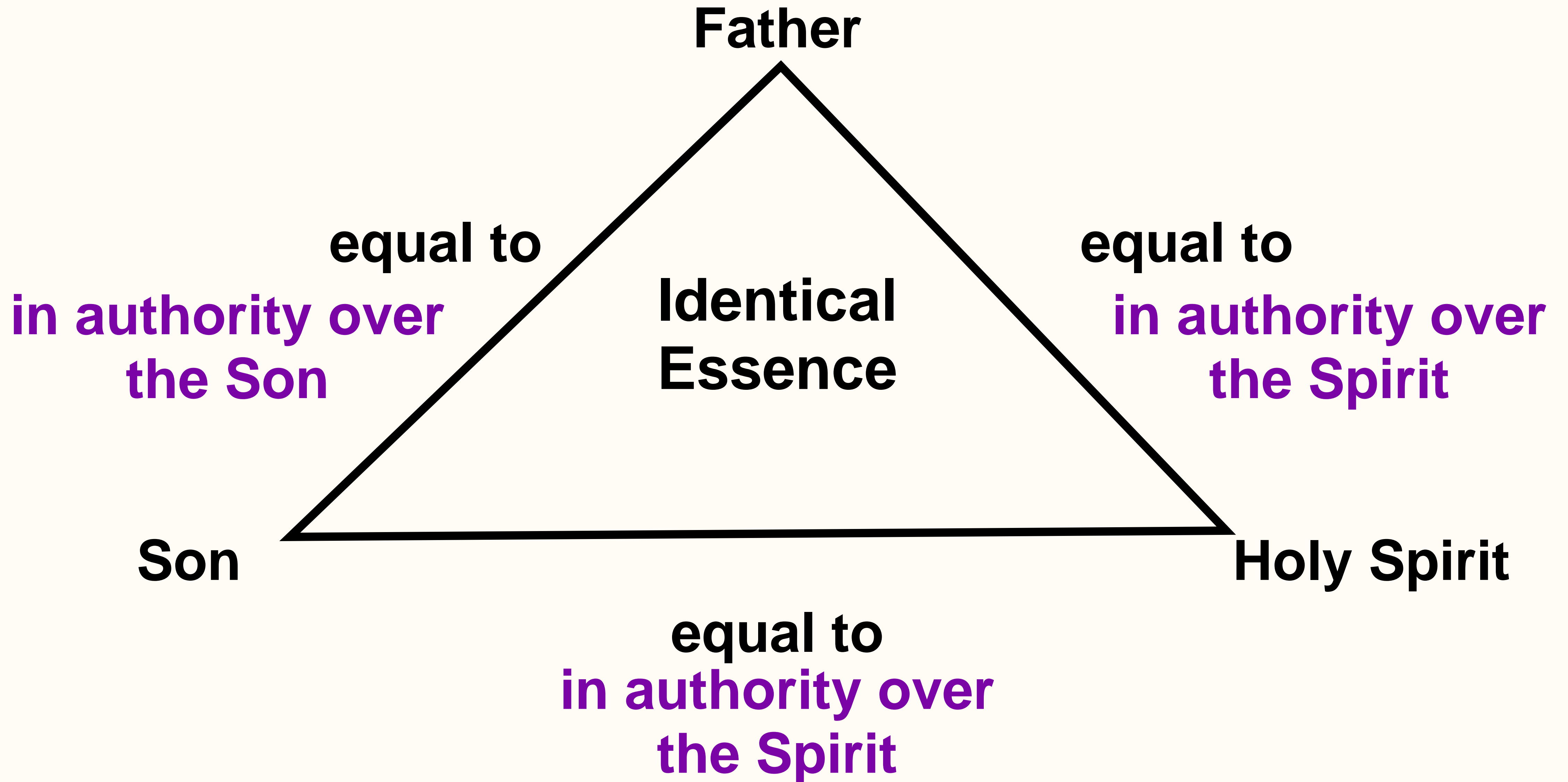
- 1. God institutes spheres of authority within the creation.**
- 2. Because of sin, legitimate authorities frequently misuse and abuse that authority, they exercise their authority in an illegitimate manner.**
- 3. Does this mean that those who are under those authorities have the right to disobey those authorities?**

What the Bible Teaches About

Authority: Authority is Eternal in the Trinity



Authority in the Triune Relationships



Why Does the Bible Place Such an Emphasis on:

**Authority
Leadership**

**Obedience
Disobedience
Rebellion?**

This was the original sin when Satan sinned, he rebelled against God the Creator.

Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(Yahweh)

INFINITE SOVEREIGN YAHWEH

2nd level
creature
(man)

- finite limited man

Rebellion against *legitimate* authority then is asserting that we the finite creature know more about what is best than God.

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, *submit* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”

ὑποτάσσω *hupotassō*

**basic meaning is: to submit to one’s control; to yield to one’s admonition or advice: absolutely
~BDAG: “Of submission in the sense of voluntary yielding in love”**

In the New Testament (NT) we find:

- 1. Jesus submitting to parents (Luke 2:51);**
- 2. Slaves submitting to masters (Titus 2:9, 1 Pet. 2:18);**
- 3. Christians submitting to secular authorities (Rom. 13:1, Titus 3:11, 1 Pet. 2:18);**
- 4. Church members are to submit to church leaders (1 Pet. 5:5);**
- 5. Believers are to submit to God (James 4:7, 1 Cor. 15:28b);**
- 6. Believers to Christ (Eph. 5:24).**

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

אָדָם *ʾadam*-1

**comm masc sing abs
man**

**a. collective: mankind,
people, human**

(~HALOT)

b. an individual man

c. in Gen. 1:26–30

collective, mankind

זָכָר *zakhar*

**comm masc sing abs
male, as distinct from
female**

נְקֵבָה *neqevah*

**comm fem sing abs
female**

Conclusions:

- 1. The creation of human beings is not an accidental development over millennia, but a planned, intentional creation by God designed to fulfill His intended purpose for human beings.**
- 2. God created the human race in His image. This distinguishes humans from all other creatures.**
- 3. Both male and female are equally in God's image, and were also created to work in different roles over creation.**

Conclusions:

- 4. Definitions of humanity that have a starting place other than revelation, i.e., start with human reason or experience without accepting the divine revelation, will distort, confuse, disrupt, corrupt, and fall far short of their understanding of what makes us human, and what make men and women equal.**

Conclusions:

5. The five-fold commands related to humanity's mission apply equally to male and female as image bearers.

Gen. 1:28, “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.’ ” [NKJV]

Consequences of Sin

Instantly rebellion brought spiritual death, fear, distortion.

Impacts and corrupts the entire universe.

Impacts and corrupts the biology of physiology of the animals.

Impacts and corrupts the relationship between human beings.

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’ ”

Conclusion:

Gen. 3:16 is the basis for the battle over authority: the woman is inclined in her sin nature to desire control over the man, and the man is inclined to exercise his authority in a domineering, tyrannical way.

Conclusion:

- 1. In the sinless original creation there was an authority relationship within the marriage, but there was perfect harmony in the marriage team in serving God.**
- 2. Sin fragmented and corrupted everything including the souls of the male and female, especially in ways distinctive to their original roles.**
- 3. The NT reveals the only way to reverse and recover is through regeneration and spiritual growth, submission to the headship, “authority,” of Christ.**

Do these NT verses teach:

1. That God intended to establish male authority in the relationship between Adam and Eve in the Garden before sin; (the complementarian view)

or

2. That the authority within marriage is something that entered into human marriage only as a result of sin (the egalitarian view).

The Challenge From the World (kosmic thinking, HVP, Satanic thought).

Egalitarianism (from the Fr. *egal*, meaning equal or level)

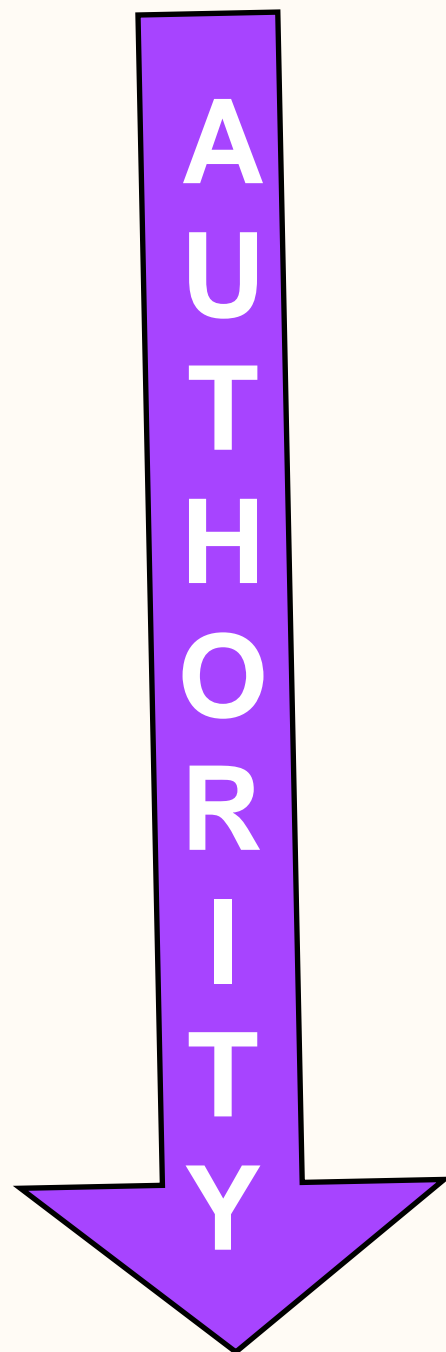
The view that God created males and females as equals in both nature and function.

The interchangeability of roles.

The Biblical View

Complementarian

The view that God created males and females as intrinsic equals in nature and humanity, but with different roles which complete, complement, or enhance/improve the other.

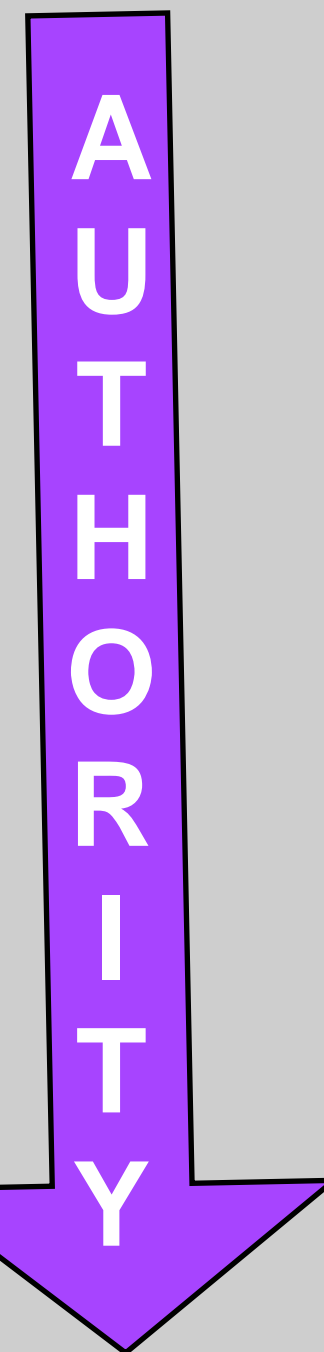


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Male-Female

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MANKIND
Male-Female

Post-Fall

Sin-Corrupted

Spiritually Dead
World

All Human
Authority
Relationships
Corrupted

1. The order of creation with the male created first indicates God's design and intention for male headship in the marriage relationship.

1 Tim. 2:12, “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

1 Tim. 2:13, “For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Tim. 2:14, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”

2. How the woman was created also showed this authority relationship.

1 Cor. 11:8, “For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

1 Cor. 11:9, “Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

1 Cor. 11:10, “For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

1 Cor. 11:11, “Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.

1 Cor. 11:12, “For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.”

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Paul's reasoning was based on a theology of creation rather than on social and cultural considerations. His statement that woman is from the substance of man, and man's need was the reason she was created (vs. 8) clearly reflects the narrative of Genesis 2. Man's position of authority over woman is based on his priority in creation and thus on his being the image of God.

**~H. Wayne House, *The Role of Women in Ministry Today*.
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Angels in 1 Corinthians

1 Cor. 4:9, “For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.”

Angels in 1 Corinthians

**1 Cor. 6:3, “Do you not know that we shall judge angels?
How much more, things that pertain to this life?”**

1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”

Luke 15:7, “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:10, “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

1 Tim. 3:16, “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.”

Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,”

1 Tim. 5:21, “I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.”

The original sin was the rebellion of Satan:

Ezek. 28:15, “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

Ezek. 28:16, “By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.”

**For every believer, our response to legitimate authorities,
is part of our testimony to the angels, both fallen and elect.**