

# Outline: Is God a Misogynist?

## I. What this Question Is Really About

- A. The issue isn't really about \_\_\_\_\_. The issue is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Our goal is to understand who God is \_\_\_\_\_ so we don't allow the culture to define who God is \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Why People Question God's Fairness

- A. There is a misunderstanding of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There is a misunderstanding of who God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. When we misunderstand the \_\_\_\_\_, we will misunderstand \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Why the Bible Seems to Describe Sexism and Misogyny

- A. What are sexism and misogyny?
  1. Sexism: when one gender (usually male) desires or encourages control or dominance over \_\_\_\_\_ (usually female).
  2. Misogyny: when there is a total disregard for women or there is an \_\_\_\_\_ against women, especially in policies and laws.
  3. These words are not \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Sexism and misogyny are both a direct result of \_\_\_\_\_ that shows up in our culture, but it is not the desire of God for the Christian faith.
    - a) **Genesis 3:16**-To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. **Your desire shall be contrary to your husband**, but he shall rule over you."
  5. God's original idea \_\_\_\_\_ is not the \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. What Helper Really Means in Scripture

- A. The Bible describes the woman as being \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the man.
- B. The Hebrew word for "rib" is actually translated to mean "**the entire side.**"
- C. So, Eve is not a \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam, she is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam.
- D. Scripture that says "bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh" underscores the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of man and woman (see Genesis 2:23)
- E. Adam was \_\_\_\_\_, but he was not yet fully \_\_\_\_\_. (see Genesis 2:20)
- F. God established order in the creation of man and woman, but God did not create man to have \_\_\_\_\_ the woman (Genesis 2:7, 2:15, 2:20-25).
- G. God designed us for \_\_\_\_\_ with others, but \_\_\_\_\_ entices us to control others.

H. Just because we see something happening \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mean that God condones or overlooks it when it comes \_\_\_\_\_.

## V. What Scripture Really Says about God's View of Man and Woman

A. God created man and woman to \_\_\_\_\_ to one another (Genesis 1:27).

1. **Genesis 1:27**-So God created **man** in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

a) The word man here refers to \_\_\_\_\_, not the male gender.

B. God's command to subdue the earth (Genesis 1:28).

1. **Genesis 1:28**-And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

a) This passage introduces the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ or partnership to fulfill God's purpose for the earth to be fruitful and multiply.

b) True subduing could only truly happen if Adam and Eve did it \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The creation of man and woman was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God as creator (Genesis 1:31)

1. **Genesis 1:31**-And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

a) Both male and female hold equal value as \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God.

b) \_\_\_\_\_ does not get credit for women having equal value. The Bible did that first.

c) Woman's role as helper was not an \_\_\_\_\_ role.

d) The Hebrew word for helper is \_\_\_\_\_. Same word is used of God (see Psalm 70:5)

(1) This word is a word of \_\_\_\_\_ and not subservience.

D. God didn't assign \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 3:16, Scripture is describing the consequences of sin.

1. A depiction of sin in society is not a description of who God is as our Savior. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ from sin not see us in sin.

## VI. What God Requires From Us

A. He requires us to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The word submit is viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ in culture.

B. He requires us to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The word serve is viewed in the world today as “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. Ways to shift our perspective
  1. Leaning on the \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) He offers us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)
    - b) We're commanded to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
- D. Just because Scripture describes sin doesn't mean we have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Just because Scripture describes sin doesn't mean God \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. Pure religion is to care for the \_\_\_\_\_, which includes women (see James 1:27)

**VII. What God Requires From Husbands**

- A. Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_-leadership (see Ephesians 5:25-30)
  1. What does Christlike service look like?
    - a) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ himself to the Church.
    - b) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ himself for the Church.
    - c) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ himself for the Church.

**VIII. Mutual Submission and Service**

- A. We are to consider others \_\_\_\_\_ than ourselves (see Philippians 2:3)
- B. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (see Galatians 3:28).
- C. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ right up to the point where obedience to human authority would involve disobedience to God.