Manhood and Womanhood in Genesis 1–3

1. Introduction

2. Two accounts

two complementary accounts: 1:1–2:3 and 2:4–3:24

sameness and difference

God

Creation

Humanity sameness

difference

3. Male and female in the image of God

Chapter 1: sameness > Chapter 2: difference

Genesis 1:26–28

1:27 Line 1 So *God created man* in his own image,
Line 2 *in the image of God* he created him;
Line 3 *male and female* he created *them*.

Image of God

God is spirit (John 4:24) revealed as Father, Son, & Spirit of Father & Son

unity and complementarity

One God in three persons

(e.g., John 17; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 1).

sameness and difference

'*very* good' Genesis 1:31

4. Man and woman in the garden

man as firstborn – Genesis 2:7, 8, 15, 16

'It is *not* good for the man to be alone' Genesis 2:18

creation of woman

similar but different

'one flesh'

ordered relationship:

firstborn (cf. 1 Tim. 2:13; 1 Cor. 11:8)

'a helper fit for him' (cf. 1 Cor. 11:9)

her name and naming her (Gen. 2:23; 3:20)

initiating a new family (Gen. 2:24)

no inequality

marriage and church in New Testament

5. Man and woman out of the garden

reversal of God's created order of relationships

'and he ate' (v. 6)

LORD God calls man to account (3:9)

Adam ate *and* listened to his wife (3:17)

sentence directed at man – from dust to return to dust (3:19; 2:7)

representative head (3:17, 22–4)

every relationship affected

3:16 and 4:7 'desire' and 'rule'

6. The battle of the sexes

'feminism' is not new

equality, complementarity and order

marriage: loving headship & willing submission (Eph. 5:21–33; Col. 3:18–19; Tit. 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1–7)

church: leading and teaching by gifted, appointed men (1 Tim. 2:11–15; 1 Cor. 14:26–40)