

Scriptural Principles of Man and Woman Roles

Siloah Lutheran Church is committed to preaching and teaching the Holy Scriptures in their truth and purity as God gives us strength, guidance, and opportunity. We are also committed to letting Scripture direct the way we conduct all our operating practices that facilitate our mission. Our current review of the Scriptural principles of man and woman roles is undertaken **to help us make the most effective use of the gifts God has given to all our members.** May he bless our study to his glory and the good of his church.

Lesson 1

Our understanding begins with creation.

Objectives

- To review the elevated position of human creation in God's creation week,
- To understand the "image of God" distinction that set Adam and Eve's creation apart from everything else created,
- To understand the distinct design God had in mind for males and females.

I. God's creation: an orderly progression (Genesis 1,2)

As we quickly review what God created on each day, think about why he created in the order he did.

Day One (1:3-5):

Day Two (1:6-8):

Day Three (1:9-13):

Day Four (1:14-19):

Day Five (1:20-23):

Day Six (1:24-31):

What does this order tell us about God?

II. The image of God (imago dei) Gen. 1:26

On day six God makes humankind "in our image," a characteristic that distinguishes Adam and Eve from the rest of creation. How do we understand what it means that the first humans (and us) are created in the image of God?

Intellect

Morality

Social (fellowship)

What further evidence do we find that shows God clearly put humankind in a superior position? (See Genesis 1: 26, 27 and 2:7).

III. Design principles

A silly question: If you need to pound a nail, why don't you use a saw or a pliers?

Engineers and inventors are guided by this principle: "Design precedes purpose."

Read Genesis 2:18-22. What was God's purpose in creating Eve?

If God saw that Adam's aloneness was "not good," why wouldn't he create another Adam or, maybe, some other animal?

God's design for human life in the form of two biologically distinct sexes is summarized in two characteristics:

1.

2.

Why is the fact that God's design for man and woman took place before the fall?

What do we know is true about the design after fall?