

Course outline

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- Week 13: The Goodness and Beauty of God's Design

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Suggested reading

- Alastair Roberts, "The Music and the Meaning of Male and Female" (online)
- Alastair Roberts, "Natural Complementarians: Men, Women, and the Way Things Are" (online)
- Andrew Wilson, "Beautiful Difference: The (Whole-Bible) Complementarity of Male and Female" (online)
- J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex*
- Stephen B. Clark, *Man and Woman in Christ*, pp. 369–448
- Roy Baumeister, *Is There Anything Good About Men?*

CHBC Core Seminars Man and Woman in Christ Week 2



Week 2 – Man and Woman in Creation: A Biblical Theology of Beautiful Difference

Introduction

Four key concepts: (1) equality, (2) complementarity, (3) fertility, (4) diversity. Focusing on #s 2 and 4 today.

I. Natural Differences

Not absolutes but overlapping bell-curves. Trade-offs. Differences do not *determine* every aspect of our callings.

Domain	Men	Women
<i>Physical</i>	Significantly greater upper and lower body strength	Skin: softer, smoother, more tender
<i>Social</i>	Favor large groups and institutions; more assertive; compete openly; form same-sex friendships more quickly; friendships bonded by activity	Favor smaller groups and more intimate relationships; more nurturing; do not compete openly; form same-sex friendships more slowly; friendships bonded by talking
<i>Values, Goals</i>	Being capable; attaining respect	Being lovable; obtaining love
<i>Communication</i>	Aim to achieve status and avoid failure	Aim to achieve involved and avoid isolation; discern others' intentions more quickly and accurately, better at

		decoding nonverbal cues
<i>Recognition</i>	Not entitled to specifically manly respect unless he does something to earn it; manhood established by passing tests, esp. producing more than he consumes	Automatically worthy of respect; a girl who grows up automatically becomes a woman

II. Complementary Callings

From Genesis 1–2 to Ephesians 5:22–24: The creation order perceived and preserved.

From Genesis 2:15 to 1 Timothy 2:12: The creation order discerned and developed.

III. Diverse Expressions, Or, an Old Testament Theology of Female Strength

Five Figures

1. *Saviors of the Exodus (Exodus 1:15–21; 2:1–10; 4:24–26)*

2. *Rahab (Joshua 2:1–14)*

3. *Deborah and Jael (Judges 4–5)*

4. *Abigail (1 Samuel 25)*

5. *One wise woman who saved a city (2 Samuel 20:14–22)*

Three Lessons

1. *There are different types of power, authority, and influence. Soft power is still power.*

2. *Being a helper does not mean being passive or being a doormat!*

3. *Scripture frequently commends those who step in when appointed leaders fail, who refuse to be complicit in injustice, and who speak truth to power.*