

Course outline

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Suggested reading

- Abigail Favale, *The Genesis of Gender*
- Alastair Roberts, "Rescuing Christian Masculinity" (online)
- Bobby Jamieson, "Sexual Assault and the Hope of the Gospel" (CHBC Evening Service Sermon)
- Justin & Lindsey Holcomb, *Rid of My Disgrace: Hope and Healing for Victims of Sexual Assault*
- Sharon James, *Gender Ideology: What Do Christians Need to Know?*
- Jim Hamilton, *God's Glory in Salvation Through Judgement*, pgs 78-87

CHBC Core Seminars

Man and Woman in Christ

Week 3



Week 3 – Man and Woman in a Fallen World

Introduction:

“It was not this way in the beginning...” (Matt 19:8)

I. Genesis 2:25-3:6: Temptation and (Dis)order

“Shrewd” serpent and “nude” Eve / Adam

Testimonies *to* and reversals *of* created order:

1. The woman was dependent on Adam for learning God's command (2:16-17, 3:1-4, 11)
2. The woman was targeted because of her *influence* (2:23, 3:6, 17, 1 Cor 11:7)
3. Influence moves from serpent → woman → man (3:1, 3:17)
4. Adam is held responsible (3:9, Num 30:1-16, Rom 5:12)

II. Genesis 3:7-19: Alienation and Judgement

Shameless nakedness → shameful nakedness (2:25, 3:7)

Pattern in judgment: Creation order reiterated, with new complications:

- Serpent:
 - put back into subjection, but now more severe and painful (3:14-15)
- Woman:
 - put back to the task of childbearing, but now more painful and dangerous (3:16)
 - put back to Adam-orientation, but now with a frustrated desire for inordinate submission or control (3:16, 4:7)
- Adam:
 - put back to the task of working the earth, but now with toil, weeds, and dust-destiny (3:17-19)

Alienation:

1. Each from God (3:8)
2. Each from one another (3:12, 16)
3. Eve from her body (3:16)

4. Adam from creation (3:17-19)

For Further Study: Ongoing Complications in Genesis

Complication	Example
Inordinate Control	Sarah's plan for Hagar (16:1-4), Lot's daughters plan for their father (19:30-38), Tamar's trap for Judah (38:14)
Marital Disharmony	Sarah blame-shifting with Abraham (16:5), Rachel's dispute with Jacob (30:1-2)
Husband Oppression	Abraham's use of Sarah for his protection (12:10-20; 20:1-13), Isaac's use of Rebekah for his own protection (26:6-11), Jacob's hatred of Leah (29:31)
Pain in conception & childbirth	Rachel's death while birthing Benjamin (35:16-20)
Barrenness	Sarah (11:30), Rebekah (25:21), Rachel (30:1)
Sexual Dysfunction	Abraham and Hagar (16:3-4), Men of Sodom (19:5), Lot and his daughters (19:8, 30-38), The rape of Dinah (34:2), Reuben and his father's woman (35:22), Onan and Tamar (38:8-9), Judah and Tamar (38:11-18), Potiphar's wife (39:7-18)

IV. The Story of Today: Old Alienation, New Manifestations

Pornography

Spousal oppression and abuse

Unchosen singleness

Male "deaths of despair"

Body Image Issues & Gender Dysphoria