**Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline**

Week 1:  Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender

Week 2:  Biblical Masculinity Part 1

Week 3:  Biblical Masculinity Part 2

Week 4:  Biblical Femininity Part 1

Week 5:  Biblical Femininity Part 2

Week 6:  Manhood & Womanhood in the Home Part 1

Week 7: Manhood & Womanhood in the Home Part 2

Week 8: Manhood & Womanhood in the Church Part 1

Week 9:  Manhood & Womanhood in the Church Part 2

Week 10:  Manhood & Womanhood in the World & Workplace

Week 11: Gender Confusion

Week 12:  Answering Common Questions

Week 13:  Sex, Marriage, & Same-Sex Attraction

**For Further Study (Week 13):**

1. Todd Wilson, *Mere Sexuality* (Zondervan, 2017)

2. J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex* (Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2012)

3. Christopher Yuan, *Holy Sexuality: Sex, Desire and Relationships Shaped by God’s Grand*

 *Story* (Multnomah, 2018)

4. Sam Allberry, *Is God Anti-Gay?* (Good Book Company, 2013)

5. Ed Shaw, *Same-Sex Attraction and the Church* (Intervarsity, 2015)

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 13

***Sex, Marriage, and Same-Sex Attraction***

**I. Introduction:** Did God actually say?

* Today’s class: not focusing on individual commands on sex, but rather the whole biblical vision for marriage and sexuality

**II. God’s Design for Marriage and Sex:**

* Gen 1:27-28: Male & female he created them… “be fruitful and multiply”
* Gen 2:22-25 “They shall become one flesh”
* Eph 5:28-32: Marriage as a one flesh union (Song 6:3)

What is marriage? *A covenantal, bodily union of one man and one woman, open to the gift of procreation, symbolic of the relationship between Christ and the church.*

**A.** Marriage is covenantal

**B.** Marriage is bodily union

**C.** Marriage is a union of one man and one woman

1. Procreation is one of the designed ends for marriage

2. Marriage is a picture of two distinct parties in covenantal union

The lesson? *Marriage and sex are mutually interpreting realities.*

* True sex vs. counterfeit sex
* Making sense of chapters like Leviticus 18 and 1 Corinthians 6

**III. Sex as Fulfillment? The Example of Jesus**

* Fulfilling personal desires as the foundation for morality?
* The “sexuality of Jesus”

1. Jesus is a fully human man

2. Jesus took on a body capable of sex

* Jesus’ intimate friendships and real human sufferings
* Matthew 19:12: “Eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven”

**IV. Same-Sex Attraction**

1. Fallen people have fallen desires (Jer 17:9, Eph 2:3, Titus 3:3)
2. What if someone is “born that way?” (Ps 51:5)
3. All sins make us equally deserving of condemnation, yet some sins are particularly consequential denials of God’s design
4. A posture of compassion and speaking the truth in love

**V. Concluding Application**

1. We should honor marriage (Heb 13:4)
2. We should honor singleness (1 Cor 7:8)
3. We should cultivate strong friendships in the family of God