

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ."

Col. 1:28



"The Curse: Woman"

Gen. 3:16

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- God now turns to the woman.
- 4.14 billion males
- 4.09 billion females
- Ratio is 101 males per 100 females
- Women are expected to outlive men by 5.3 years.
- **Note:** He does not say, "Because you have done this", like He said to Satan and the man. Why? Because she is not ultimately responsible.
- The curse on woman will be in the 2 areas where she seeks her greatest fulfillment:

Her children

Her husband

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1. Her children.

- The curse will be felt in giving birth.
- The woman will have children and with each birth she will have pain. Great pain. She will suffer.

Doctors which treat women's reproductive health:

- Gynecologist
- Obstetrician
- OB-GYN
- Gynecologic Oncologist
- Nurse-Midwives
- Specialists who deal in menopause
- Reproductive endrochnologist
- Specialists in infertility issues.
- Specialists in mammograms, bone density, and woman's mental health.

Eve never had to go through hormonal changes later in life which would lead to night-sweats, hot flashes, mood swings, depression, panic disorder, tiredness, weight gain, migraines, sleeplessness, brain fog, osteoporosis.

Think of Eve if no sin in the world –

- No fertility issues.
- No cramps every month.
- Perfect reproductive cycle
- Conception of a baby is perfect.
- Health of the baby is never an issue.
- No nausea and vomiting, no morning sickness, no emotional rollercoaster, no anxiety, no fatigue, no irritability, no dizziness, no fainting, no changes to her vision, no headaches, no high blood pressure, no fevers.
- 9-month pregnancy without a glitch.
- No doctors or nurses needed to deliver the baby.
- No complications at birth, no C-section.
- NO PAIN IN DELIVERY.
- Baby is perfect.
- No post-partum depression.
- 303.000 women die globally from complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

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- But the pain extends way beyond just giving birth. It extends through the lifetime of a child.

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- "pain"- to toil in sorrow. That is why we call it "labor."
- The pain involves the stress, the worry, the heartbreak, the danger of her children living in this world.
- She will suffer the anxiety that comes with her concern for her children. Will they make the right decisions? Will they fall into sin? Will they get sick? How will they do in school? Will they be enticed to commit immorality? "It's late at night, where are they?" Will they rebel?
- Growing older only increases the concern.
- The truth is, a mother's heart will never rest. Mothers are really in "labor" their entire lives.

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2. Her husband.

- The word "yet" is not in the Hebrew text.
- That is an interpretation, not a translation. NKJ and NIV do not have it.
- Translators are trying to turn the rest of the curse into not a curse. That is a no-no.
- But the entire rest of the verse is a curse. Why? Because of the 2 words that are used – "desire" and "rule."
- Let's look at "desire" first . . .

Luke 2:34-35

34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother,
"Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in
Israel, and for a sign to be opposed —
35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul;

Luke 2:41-49

41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. 46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. 48 When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You."

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"desire" - תְּשׁוּבָה **teshuwqah** (tesh-oo-kaw')- to long for, to stretch out toward, to control.

- Used 2 other times in OT.

Song of Solomon 7:10

10 "I am my beloved's,
And his **desire** is for me.

Gen. 3:16 ... לְרִי בְנִים וְאֶל-אִשְׁךָ
תְּשׁוּקָתְךָ וְהוּא יִמְשָׁל-בְּךָ : ם

Gen. 4:7 ... תִּטָּאת רִבְּץ וְאֶלֶיךָ
תְּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל-בּוֹ :

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"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;

In pain you shall bring forth children;

Your **desire** shall be for your husband,

And he shall rule over you."

Gen 4:7

7 "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up?

And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and

its **desire** is for you, but you must master it

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“rule” - מָשַׁל **mashal** (maw-shal') - govern, have authority, dominate, rule with an iron fist.

- This is a word that has negative overtones.
- Man is usually stronger and therefore can be physically abusive.
- He can be demanding and make her into some sort of slave.

- **“desire”** here means to control.

- Her desire is to control her husband. That is a curse on a woman.

- Eve stepped-out, independent of Adam, and began carrying on a conversation with Satan.

- One thing led to another and before you know it, she is eating the fruit and disobeying God.

- Worse yet, she has usurped authority over Adam and gave the fruit to him to eat.

“In general, women are the slaves of men. Men who, in general, have little interest in their personal needs, very little interest in their feelings, their emotions, their sufferings. In general, men have throughout human history used women for sexual fulfillment, for domestic duties, to tend to the children. All over the world women have been subjugated and humiliated. And until modern times, men actually held the power of life and death over women and still do in some tribal regions. This harsh treatment of women, which is pretty much the general pattern of human history, was not the original design of God. Sin brought it in and it therefore corrupted the original relationship between man and woman, between woman and her children, and made life very difficult.”

- John MacArthur

Divorce –

- There are over 900,000 divorces in the U.S. yearly.
- First marriages last 8-9 years on average, second marriages 7-10 years, and third marriages 5-8 years. 50% divorce rate.
- Second and third marriages actually fail at a far higher rate, though, with 60% of second marriages and 73% of third marriages ending in divorce.
- The average length of a marriage prior to divorce is eight years.

Mark 10:2-12

2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said, "Moses permitted a man TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY."

5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, 8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

10 In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again.

11 And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

The 12 top reasons for divorce, from most to least common, are:

1. lack of commitment
2. constant arguing or conflict
3. infidelity
4. marrying too young
5. unrealistic expectations about partner or marriage
6. inequality between partners
7. inadequate preparation for marriage
8. domestic violence
9. financial problems
10. conflict about domestic work
11. lack of family support
12. religious differences

Gal 5:17-24

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

1 Tim 2:11-15

11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

15 But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

Titus 2:3-5

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

1 Cor 11:2-16

2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

4 Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head.

5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved.

6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head.

7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

8 For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man;

9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.

10 Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

12 For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.

13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

15 but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

16 But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God.

1 Peter 3:1-2

1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

Eph 5:22-26

22 **Wives, be subject to your own husbands**, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 **Husbands, love your wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Application

1. A woman is given, along with the general trials and sufferings in life, an additional burden to bear because she is a woman.
2. Rebellion, feminism, liberation from men, will only result in anger, frustration, and unfulfillment.
3. A woman will only find joy and fulfillment in her life and escape the penalty of the curse through following what God has directed in His Word – live a godly life and submit to her husband.