

**The Giant of Gender Diffusion:
The Rejection of God's Design for Gender**

Overall Series Statement

You cannot get the *results* God desires to give
While ignoring the *commands* God has given.

"The Giant" = GOLIATH

- When we think of "giant" in the Bible, we think of *Goliath*.
- Goliath was a *Philistine*, a people that remained in the land because of Israel's disobedient failure to drive them out in the time of the Judges.

The Giant of Gender Diffusion: THE ISSUE

The WORLD Is Rapidly Discarding God's Clear Design in Gender

- Driven by subjective feeling (as opposed to objective fact)
- Driven by marriage redefinition
- Driven by rebellion against God

The CHURCH Has Also Drifted from God's Revealed Design for Gender

- We grow increasingly ignorant of God's Word.
- We build beliefs on culture rather than on God's revealed Word.
- We embrace the world's ways.

The Giant of Gender Diffusion: THE WORD

Genesis 1:27 – Two Defined Genders

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male** and **female** He created them.

Genesis 1:28 – Two Implied Roles

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

THE WORD: GOD'S DISTINCT DESIGN FOR THE MALE

Genesis 2:7 – God Created the Male (First)

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:8 – God Placed the Male

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Genesis 2:15 – God Assigned the Male

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Genesis 2:16-17 – God Commanded the Male

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 2:18-20 – God Assessed the Male

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "[It is] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ... ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

THE WORD: GOD'S DISTINCT DESIGN FOR THE FEMALE

Genesis 2:18 – God Made Her for the Man

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "[It is] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Genesis 2:21-22a – God Made Her from the Man

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman,

Genesis 2:22 – God Brought Her to the Man

²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

THE WORD: GENESIS 3 INSIGHTS

Genesis 3:6b-7 – The Timing of the Opened Eyes

⁶ ... She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ **Then** the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Genesis 3:9-10 – God Focuses on the Man

⁹ Then the LORD God called to **Adam** and said to **him**, "Where [are] **you**?" ¹⁰ So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Genesis 3:11 – God Questions the Man

¹¹ And He said, "Who told **you** that **you** [were] naked? Have **you** eaten from the tree of which I commanded **you** that **you** should not eat?"

Genesis 3:16 – God Addresses the Woman

¹⁶ To the woman He said: "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."

(ESV) To the woman he said: "I will surely multiply your pain in **childbearing**; in pain you shall bring forth **children**. Your desire shall be contrary to your **husband**, but he shall rule over you."

Genesis 3:17a – God Addresses the Man: His Sin

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because **you** have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded **you**, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

Genesis 3:17b-19 – God Addresses the Man: Sin's Result

¹⁷ ... "Cursed [is] the ground for **your** sake; in toil **you** shall eat [of] it all the days of **your** life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for **you**, ... ¹⁹ In the sweat of **your** face you shall eat bread till **you** return to the ground...

5 Key New Testament Passages

Romans 1:18-27

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

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

⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonors his head. ⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. ⁶ For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

⁷ For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. ⁸ For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. ¹⁰ For this reason the woman ought to have *a symbol of* authority on *her* head, because of the angels.

¹¹ Nevertheless, neither *is* man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. ¹² For as woman *came* from man, even so man also *comes* through woman; but all things are from God.

¹³ Judge among 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 anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor *do* the churches of God.

1 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

⁹ in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Timothy 5:3-16

³ Honor widows who are really widows. ⁴ But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. ⁵ Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. ⁶ But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

⁷ And these things command, that they may be blameless. ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹ Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

¹¹ But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹² having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. ¹³ And besides they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

¹⁴ Therefore I desire that *the* younger *widows* marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. ¹⁵ For some have already turned aside after Satan.

¹⁶ If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Titus 2:3-5

³ the older women likewise, that they be ... teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

The Giant of Gender Diffusion: OUR RESPONSE

Embrace Bible Truth About Gender

- **Observe** that throughout the Bible, gender roles and responsibilities are consistently differentiated in the home, in the church, and in government.
- **Pursue** Biblical gender roles ourselves. Begin today.
- **Teach** our children Biblical gender roles. Male and female are by God's design, and His design goes way beyond anatomy, but covers both roles and responsibilities that are gender-specific.

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- *The Israelites did not deal with the nations that were before them, including the Philistines.*
- *The remaining nations become a multi-generational problem to their descendants.*

Follow-Up Questions:

Am I as a man following God's design for me as a man?

- *Point Man*
- *Pacesetter*
- *Pattern to Follow*
- *Partner to My Wife*
- *Provider for My Family*
- *Protector of My Family*
- *Preparer of My Family*

Am I as a woman following God's design for me as a woman?

- *Helper to My Husband*
- *Mother to My Children*
- *Homemaker*
- *Model of Godliness and Holiness*
- *Minister of Good*
- *Mentor of Younger Women*

In what ways am I fulfilling God's design for me as a man?

In what ways am I fulfilling God's design for me as a woman?

What one change can I make to step closer to God's design for me?