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Understanding the Male-Female Relationship

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The Law of First mention is a law of biblical interpretation that states that since God is a God that never changes, we can find His original intent for any given subject by finding the "first mention" of it in scripture. Whatever God meant first, He still means.

Arlen Chitwood said of the this law:

"There is a law of "first-mention" in Scriptural interpretation which states that the first time a subject is mentioned, the subject remains unchanged throughout Scripture."

In this light, then, we will seek to find the "first mention" of a man and woman relationship in the Bible, in order that we might understand God's desire for this relationship today.

First Mention of Male and Female:

(Gen 1:26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (v.27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (v.28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

- The term "man" here is explained to me male and female.
- The Hebrew Word here mean's "Adam"
- Male and Female were both included in this "Adam"
- God then gave them (this Adam) dominion
- Males and Females exercise the same dominion in the earth
- Males and Females, with the Spirit of God, have a legal right to operate as "Adam" did in the garden
- The questions here are being answered:
 - **Who:** Adam – Male and Female
 - **What:** Have dominion or rule
 - **How:** Over the fish, fowls, and creatures
 - **NOTE:** Not over one another. Humans were not created to Dominate other humans.
 - **Where:** In the earth
 - **Why:** To extend God's Kingdom into the earth realm

First Mention of Man and Woman:

(Gen 2:18) And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

- First time God said that anything was not good
- Its OK to be to single, but not OK to be "alone"
- Everything had a pair, but Adam
- God establishes here the power of agreement

(v.19) And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

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- Before God gave Adam a wife, He gave him a job
- **This is very important in understanding men**
- Men, for the most part, normally draw their identify and self-worth from their jobs
- A man without a job is a man with low self-esteem
- When men first meet another man they ask, “What do you do?” This is an attempt to understand their identity

(v.20) And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

- Adam was made male and female, but he was only operating in the singular and not plural sense.
- He needed someone to release the power of agreement with.

(v.21) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

(v.22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

(v.23) And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

- A new word is introduced in verse 22. This word is the word for “Woman.” This is not the same word used as female.
- A new word from “man” is also introduced at the end of verse 23. This word “man” is not the same as “Adam.”
- Combined, the new word for man and the new word for woman, introduce now a “relationship” that is contingent, one-to-another.
- **NOTE:** The first thing that the “woman” saw, under this new role, was her man, or husband. This drives that fact that women, for the most part, draw their identity from their families. When women first meet another woman they ask, “Are you married? Do you have children? Any pictures?” etc. Why? Because this is their attempt to understand their identity.

(v.24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

- God speaks, by faith, of the importance of this relationship.
- This man and woman did not have a physical father, nor mother, but God spoke of the importance of leaving future fathers and mothers for the unity and sanctity of marriage.
- **NOTE:** When you meet a perspective spouse, ask yourself this question: Will I be able to put this person above my own father and mother? This should help you realize the gravity of the decision of marriage.
- The word used here for wife is the same word used for woman. This is not a reference to the “female” of Genesis 1:26. As male and female we have the **same authority** and power in the earth. But as husband and wife we have **different roles** in marriage.
- We also see the goal of the relationship: **They shall be one flesh.**
- We see this goal realized in the next verse.

Not only were there Spiritual differences, but we know now that this new “man” and “woman” also have physiological differences:

- Science has taught us that – for the most part – Men are “left brain dominant” and Women are “right brain dominant”



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- Understanding these differences will help keep healthy relationship between the genders (married or otherwise)

Left Brain (Men)	Right Brain (Women)
Analytical	Creative
Process Time	Process Situations
Process Letters	Process Faces
Process Numbers	Process Places
Want to solve the problem	Want to understand the problem
Fact Oriented	Feeling Oriented
Want to accomplish the task	Want to enjoy the experience
Accomplish one task at a time	Can do many, many things at once

(v.25) *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

- They were both filled with the Spirit of God.
- They both had physical bodies.
- They were both so in tune with the Spirit of God that they walked together, as one, and they were so Spirit conscious that they were not earthly conscious
- This is the goal of the believer and of a Godly marriage!
- Paul later said that if we walk in the Spirit, we would not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal 5:16) and that the Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14).

Conclusion: Nuggets to take away.

1. Males and Females, filled with the Spirit of God, have the same authority to operate and exercise Kingdom Dominion in the earth.
2. Men and Women were separated from the same organism and now seek to reunite to exercise the power of agreement and “oneness” in the Spirit that man and woman had prior to the fall.
3. The goal of all humans, married or single, should be to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh; being naked and not ashamed!
4. The covenant relationship of marriage should be second only to the Covenant relationship we have with God.
5. We should consider well the person we seek to enter into Marriage Covenant with. This is a relationship that will be second only to God and one that should take higher precedence than that of our own parents.
6. If we understand the differences between men and women, we can better prepare ourselves for coming together as “ONE!”