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:
  o **Who:** Adam – Male and Female
  o **What:** Have dominion or rule
  o **How:** Over the fish, fowls, and creatures
    - **NOTE:** Not over one another. Humans were not created to Dominate other humans.
  o **Where:** In the earth
  o **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

(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.
• 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 identity 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

(text continues)

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”

Our Vision is to identify, win and train brothers and sisters of all nationalities and denominations into one body of Christ, who in turn will carry the ministry of this church into all the world.
Understanding these differences will help keep healthy relationships between the genders (married or otherwise)

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(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!”