



GENESIS: OBJECTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

I. Objections

A. Theological Questions

1. Didn't the roles in Genesis RESULT from the _____?
2. Aren't the roles in Genesis _____ and _____?

B. Practical Questions

1. Maybe that's what the Bible says, but what does the "reality" of _____ and _____ teach us?
Four Consistent Patterns:
 - _____ division of labor
 - Complimentary _____
 - Female _____
 - Cultural _____ of gender _____
2. Haven't there been _____ cultures called "matriarchies?"
3. Wouldn't it be possible to have a culture where men and women were the _____ and shared all _____ 50/50?

II. Conclusions

1. Men were created by God to be _____ and _____ leaders.
 Women were created by God to be necessary _____ and _____.

2. Both men and women's roles carry specific _____.

MEN:

- A Will to Obey
- A Work to Do
- A Woman to Love and Lead

WOMEN:

- A Master to _____
- A Mission to _____
- A Man to _____

3. The fall corrupted man's _____ and woman's _____.

MEN:

- Passive & Negligent
- Selfish & Dominant
- Abusive & Dangerous

WOMEN:

- _____ & _____
- _____ & _____
- _____ & _____

4. Spiritual _____, renewed _____, and radical _____ to Jesus Christ restores our _____ lost in the fall.

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Discussion Questions:

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: How does the Genesis pattern for male and female roles challenge or differ from what you have previously thought?
2. Had any of the "Objections" we heard about today occurred to you? What did you think of the answers you heard?
3. We suggested that, because of the corruption of "the Fall," women can tend to become: 1) passive and dependent; 2) emotional and manipulative; or 3) controlling and adversarial. Can you identify some examples any of these in pop culture or media? In our culture, how are each of these qualities viewed? Strengths? Weaknesses?
4. To which of these do you find yourself drifting?
5. One of the "Conclusions" today referred to our "invaluable feminine identity." How would you describe that identity?
6. What can you personally do to restore value to the "feminine identity"? What challenges do you face in the process?