

# *The Very Good Creation of Gender, Headship & Submission*

(Part 1: At Home)

Ephesians 5:21–33

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

## I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon – Trumkin the Dwarf

1. What does it mean to be the “head” of something?
2. What does it mean to be a “helper”?

“I know the difference between giving advice and taking orders”  
**Jewel** – “With a good will”

B. Headship & Submission

### **Genesis 2:18**

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is *not good* that the man should be alone; I will make him a *helper fit for* him.”

...what makes an a “helper” in each context is that he or she comes to the aid of someone else who bears the **primary responsibility** for the activity in question. [bold mine] <sup>1</sup>

### **Psalm 33:20**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is **our help** and our shield.

C. Why Authority and Submission?

### **Key Idea**

*Headship and submission in a marriage were created to display the beautiful relationship that has always existed within the Godhead.*

## II. Paul's Instruction in Context

### **Ephesians 5:1–2**

<sup>1</sup> **Therefore be imitators of God**, as beloved children.

<sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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<sup>1</sup> Two Views on Women in Ministry (Counterpoints: Bible and Theology) (Kindle Locations 2432-2434). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

## Ephesians 5:15–21

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> *Therefore [on account of this] do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.* <sup>18</sup> And **do not get drunk** with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another *out of reverence for Christ*.

### III. Godly Hierarchy

#### A. Submission

## Ephesians 5:22–24

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> *For the husband is the head of the wife* even as **Christ is the head of the church, his body**, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now *as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands*.

## Ephesians 6:1–9

<sup>1</sup> **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

## Ephesians 6:5–8

<sup>5</sup> **Bondservants**, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

## B. Headship

### **Ephesians 5:25–27**

<sup>25</sup> ***Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*** <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

### **Ephesians 6:4**

<sup>4</sup> ***Fathers,*** do not provoke your children to anger, but *bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

### **Ephesians 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> ***Masters, do the same to them,*** and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

### **Ephesians 4:15–16**

[Apostles, prophets... to equip... not tossed to and fro]... <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are ***to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*** <sup>16</sup> *from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

## C. Unity not Sameness

### **Ephesians 5:28–30**

<sup>28</sup> ***In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.*** He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, ***just as Christ does the church,*** <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother*

*and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*

#### **IV. Hierarchy & Unity in the Godhead**

**John 14:30–31** (Cf. John 12:49–50)

<sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but ***I do as the Father has commanded me***, so that the world may know that *I love the Father*. ...

#### **1 Corinthians 15:27–28**

<sup>27</sup> For “God has put all things ***in subjection*** under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then ***the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.***

**John 8:42b, 50, 54** (Cf. John 17)

“...I came not of my own accord, but ***he sent me***. ...”

<sup>50</sup> “...I do not seek my own glory; *there is One who seeks it*, and he is the judge. ...”

<sup>54</sup> “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. *It is my Father who glorifies me*...”

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