Men and women in creation and in marriage

Intro: How related to 5th commandment?

A. Men and women are equal in _value_ and _dignity_
   Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
   1. Meaning of "image of God": to be _like_ God and to _represent_ God
   2. The Bible corrects errors of male _dominance_ and male _superiority_
   3. Equal value, equal worth for all eternity
   4. Application
      a. Men:
      b. Women:
   5. Campus Crusade for Christ statement (July 1999)
      In a marriage lived according to these truths, the love between husband and wife will show itself in listening to each other's viewpoints, valuing each other's gifts, wisdom, and desires, honoring one another in public and in private, and always seeking to bring benefit, not harm, to one another.

B. Comments on application of this material to single men and women

C. Men and women have different _roles_ in marriage as part of the created order (part of the way God created men and women from the beginning)

   1. The _order_: Adam was created first, then Eve (Gen. 2:7, 18-23;)
      (repeated in 1 Tim. 2:13)
   2. The _representation_: Adam, not Eve, represented the human race
      "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22)
   3. The naming of _woman_: "Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called (qārā’) Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’" (Gen. 2:23)
   4. The naming of _the human race_: God named the human race "man," not "woman"
      Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and _named them Man_ (’adam) when they were created. (Gen. 5:2)
   5. The primary _accountability_: God spoke to Adam first after the fall
      Genesis 3:9: But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"
   6. The _purpose_: Eve was created "for Adam," not Adam for Eve
      Genesis 2:18: Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."
      1 Corinthians 11:9: "Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man."
      The term "helper": the Hebrew word translated “helper” (’ezer) is often used of God
      Psalm 33:20 Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
      Psalm 70:5 You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!
      Psalm 121:1-2 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
      The term "fit for" (him): the Hebrew word _kenegdô_ means "a help corresponding to him," that is "equal and adequate to himself." (BDB 617).
   7. The _conflict_: The curse brought a distortion of previous roles, not the introduction of new roles:
      Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your _desire_ shall be for [or: against] your husband, and he shall _rule_ over you."
      the Hebrew word _teshûqah_ ("desire")
      Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted?1 And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its _desire_ is for [or: against] you, but you must rule over it."
      the Hebrew word _mashal_ ("rule"): to rule by superior power or force
   8. The _restoration_: NT salvation in Christ reaffirms the creation order:
      Colossians 3:18-19: Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
   9. The _mystery_: The relationship between Christ and the church
Ephesians 5:31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

10. The parallel with the Trinity:
1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

D. How does it work in practice?

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E. Additional differences: The husband's responsibility to provide for and protect, and the wife's responsibility to care for the home and to nurture children

1. The husband is the one primarily responsible to provide for his wife and family
   Gen 2:15
   Gen 2:18-23 with 3:16-17
   Isa. 4:1 (shame at tragic undoing of normal order)
   1 Tim. 5:8 (historical context: would have assumed a man)
   + the pattern of all adult male occupations in whole Bible
     -> primary responsibility does not mean sole responsibility
     -> a Biblical pattern, not an absolute rule (much room for variation according to individual circumstances)

2. The wife is the one primarily responsible to care for the home and nurture children
   Gen. 3:16-17
   Prov. 31:10-31, esp. vss. 13, 15, 21, 27
   1 Tim. 5:10
   1 Tim. 5:3-6, 14-16
   Titus 2:5
   the role of “helper” in Gen. 2:18
   -> primary responsibility does not mean sole responsibility
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3. The husband is the one primarily responsible to protect his family
   a. A pattern of men being the protectors in the Bible
      Deut. 20:7-8; Deut. 24:5; Josh. 1:14
      Judges 4:8-10 (Barak does not get the glory because he insisted that a woman accompany him into battle)
      Neh. 4:13-14 (The people are to fight for their brothers, homes, wives and children, but it does not say they are to fight for their husbands!)
      Jer. 50:37 (It is the disgrace of a nation when its warriors become women)
      Nah. 3:13 (“Behold, your troops are women in your midst” is a taunt of derision.)
      Matt. 2:13-14
   b. The obligation of a husband to love his wife as Christ loved the church:
      Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

4. The complete absence of Biblical evidence on the other side

5. The internal testimony from men's and women's hearts

F. Egalitarian objections (“egalitarian” = “evangelical feminist”) and broader implications for society [→ next class!]

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