

Critical Theory, Feminism, Intersectionality, and Our Cultural Conception of Patriarchy

And Why It Matters

1. Influences and effects of feminism:

- a. In respect to our understanding of “the good life.”

“...my parents demonstrated a pro-female attitude, and they instilled a belief in my sister and me that we could do anything as adults.”

- b. In respect to the traditional family.
- c. In respect to women and childbearing.
- d. In respect to women and child rearing.
- e. In respect to women and the workplace.
- f. In respect to women in the church.

2. The Bible and Patriarchy

- a. We must embrace that there is a patriarchy in the Bible.

Hebrews 7:4 “Abraham the patriarch”.

Families are named and identified through fathers.

Husbands are the “head” of the home (Ephesians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1-6).

The church is to be led (overseen) by male elders (1 Timothy 2:12-15).

God Himself is our “heavenly Father”.

Jesus is God’s Son and King of all.

- b. This was God’s intention and is a feature not a bug.
There is a fundamental difference between men and women that involves the whole of their constitutions. Though men and women certainly have many similarities (we are human after all), there are significant and pervasive differences that must be tied to purpose and function.
- c. We must be willing to reap the consequences of tearing it down.