

Fundamentals of Our Faith from the Beginning

Review and Catch-Up

Review

1. Purpose and Meaning: Foundations for Life and Labor
 - a. Genesis 1:1-27
 - b. The question of origin and how it bears on our purpose and meaning
 - c. The Biblical Worldview: We are the crown of God's Creation, Created in God's Image
 - i. What are the implications for our purpose and meaning?
 2. The Cultural Mandate
 - a. Genesis 1:26-28
 - b. Fruitfulness & Dominion
 - c. The Biblical Worldview: The necessity of male/female and the assumption of procreation.
 - i. Discuss the relevance of this command for us today.
 3. The Dominion Mandate
 - a. Genesis 2:1-25
 - b. Cultivate, Keep, Subdue
 - c. Biblical Worldview: We were made to rule on behalf of God in this world.
- Critical Theory, Feminism, Intersectionality, Patriarchy
 - a. Examining how we may be conformed to the world and seeking to be renewed
 - b. Rejecting suspicion or antipathy regarding differences in outcome/ role.
 - c. Many differences (gender) are design features to be embraced
 - Biblical Masculinity
 - a. What is a Man?

A man is a mature male disposed to living out his design and calling to fill, subdue, and rule the earth by begetting, providing for, and protecting life and human flourishing as the sacrificial leader in partnership with a suitable woman and by pursuing the character and qualities consistent with the distinguishing male roles of leading, protecting, and providing appropriate to his differing relationships.
 - b. What is Biblical Masculinity?

Masculinity is an acting out of the manifold expressions of manly design, characterized by a benevolent responsibility to lead, provide, and protect.
 - c. Discuss the implications for our lives and discipleship.
 - Biblical Femininity
 - a. What is a Woman?

A woman is a mature female disposed to live out her design and calling to help man fill, subdue, and rule the earth by bringing forth, caring for, and nurturing life and human flourishing in joyful, submissive partnership with a worthy man and by affirming, receiving, and nurturing strength and leadership from all men in ways appropriate to her differing relationships.
 - b. What is Biblical femininity?

Femininity is an acting out of the manifold expressions of womanly design and purpose.
 - c. Discuss the implications for our lives and discipleship.

The Fall and It's Effects

Read Genesis 2:15 through 3:24

1. Creation is off to a good start in chapters 1 and 2... What went wrong in Genesis 3?
 - a. What was so wrong with eating the fruit? Why is this a big deal? (Gen 2:16-17, 3:1-6)
 - b. Where was Adam when Eve took the fruit? (3:6)
 - c. Who did God address first? Why? (Gen 3:9)
 - d. What two things did Adam & Eve do after they had sinned? (Gen 3:7-8)
 - e. How did Adam & Eve respond to God when He addressed them? What was wrong with their responses?
2. What were the consequences of Adam & Eve's actions?
 - a. What curse did the Lord pronounce on Eve?
 - b. What curse did the Lord pronounce on Adam?
 - c. How have you seen the practical impact of these curses played out?
 - d. How did the Fall impact their relationship with God?
 - With one another?

*Notice that God makes a promise in Genesis 3:15... what is this about?