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## “GOD’S DIVINE PLAN FOR HUSBANDS/FATHERS (MEN)” Seminar Outline by Dr. Meharry H. Lewis (COS) edited by Dr. George Lockhart [Case Study: Boaz and Ruth \(Ruth: Chapters 1-4\)](#)

"So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.” Genesis 1:27-28

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24 <sup>1</sup>



One can see from the Bible and the very biology of the human body that it is natural for a man and a woman to be together. God created woman because "it is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). From the beginning of time, as recorded in the Book of Genesis, God planned for man and woman to unite in love and marriage for the continuity of his creation, the human family. <sup>2</sup>Children are the fruit and bond of a marriage. The family provides a framework for each family member to grow as a person in love and security. <sup>3</sup>

- I. The Institution of Marriage
  - A. Necessary and sufficient (Gen. 1:28)
  - B. Ordained (Gen. 2:18)
  
- II. Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
  - A. God’s Perfect Will was to have been achieved through strong men (the book of Genesis, selected chapters)
  - B. If men won’t; women will! (Jer. 31:22; St. John 1:12; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:17, 18)
  
- III. The Case of Barak (Judges 4<sup>th</sup> chapter)
  - A. Hid behind Deborah, the Prophetess
  - B. God won the victory, but at the hand of a woman
  - C. “A woman shall *compass* (refer to dictionary definition) a man” (Jer. 31:22)
  
- IV. God’s Charge was to Men, Fathers, the Elders
  - A. To Adam first
  - B. “Ask thy father and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee” (Deut. 32:7; Jos. 4:20)
  - C. “I write unto you fathers, ...” (I John 2:14)
  - D. “I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning” (I John 2:14)



V. Care of God’s Church Entrusted (I Tim. 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter)

A. Men in church administration

1. “Feed my sheep” (John 21:15-17)
2. “God is no respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34; Gal. 3:28)

B. Men in household administration

1. Head of the house (Gen. 3:16)
2. Husband head of the wife (Eph. 5:23); love them (Eph. 5:25); honor them (I Pet. 3:7); provide for them
3. Train up the children (Prov. 22:6); hear the instructions of a father (Prov. 1:7, 8); receive the words of a good father (Prov. 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, and so on)

C. Remember thy Creator (Eccl. 12<sup>th</sup> chapter)

1. There is an end (Song 11:9)
2. The conclusion of the matter (Song 12:8, 12-14)

Abraham to David	David to Captivity	Release to Christ
Abraham	David	Jeconiah
Isaac	Solomon	Shealtiel
Jacob	Rehoboam	Zerubbabel
Judah	Abijah	Abiud
Perez	Asa	Eliakim
Hezron	Jehoshaphat	Azor
Ram	Joram	Zadok
Amminadab	Uzziah	Achim
Nashon	Jotham	Eliud
Salmon	Ahaz	Eleazar
Boaz	Hezekiah	Matthan
Obed	Manasseh	Jacob
Jesse	Amon	Joseph
David	Josiah	Jesus Christ

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