

Authority within the Family Structure Husband and Wife

1. What authority has God ordained?
2. What was Adam's original sin? What was Eve's original sin?
3. What were some of the immediate results of Adam and Eve's original sin in the garden?

Blessing of God	Corruption of Sin
Childbirth Genesis 1:29	The pain of childbirth Genesis 3:16
Labor Genesis 2:15	The struggle of labor Genesis 3:17-19
Vegetation Genesis 1:12	Damaging vegetation Genesis 3:18
Human nature: Inherently good Genesis 1:31	Human nature: Inherently evil Romans 5:12 Genesis 3:19
Authority in marriage (shown by) 1. Giving of God's command Genesis 2:15-18 2. Creation Genesis 2:21 3. God's response to sin Genesis 3:9 Genesis 3:17	Wife's desire for authority within marriage Genesis 3:16 *** Genesis 4:6

4. How does authority equate to value in God's eyes?
I Corinthians 11:3
Genesis 1:27
Ephesians 6:9
5. What does a Godly marriage look like?

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a. Employee over employer	Colossians 3:22-4:1
b. Teacher over student	John 13:16
c. Pastors / elder / bishop over church members	
	I Peter 5:1-5
	Hebrews 13:17
d. Family Structure	
i. Parents over Children	Ephesians 6:1-4
	Hebrews 12:7,8
The Authority of Husbands	Ephesians
5:22-28	

****Those that are placed in authority are not more valuable, important, etc.****
Ephesians 6:9

The society we live in has increasingly rejected authority.

- "Live your truth"

Jesus refers to Genesis and the marriage structure as history

- Matthew 19:4,5

Authority was in God's design before sin entered into the world. Therefore, authority as a structure is not evil. Abuse of authority is sinful. Rejection of authority is sinful.

How do we see authority before the fall

- Adam has dominion over the animals
- God names Adam, Adam names Eve and all the other animals.

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A husband having authority over his wife is not a negative experience for mankind, because it was part of God's original plan.

- The wife's desire to have authority over her husband is part of the curse

Giving birth is not the curse, but the pain of childbirth is the curse

Work is not the curse, Adam was to tend the garden of Eden before he sinned. But now, he is to painfully labor, to bring forth the fruit of the Earth, contending with thorns, thistles, disease, infertile ground, etc.

Genesis 2:15

A woman's sexual desire for her husband is not a curse. God declared that Adam and Eve should be fruitful and multiply Genesis 1:29

God Ordained Authority

Infallible authority:

God has absolute authority over all of His creation

- Potter and clay analogies

Isaiah 29:16

Romans 9:20,21

** This is a completely trustworthy, loving, and never changing authority.

His Word is the authority for our lives

II Timothy 3:15-17

II Peter 3:15,16 lets us understand that both the Old Testament and New Testament are Scripture

Relations between humanity and

Absolute Authority

God and therefore in function His Word

Family, Church, Employment, and Government

** Humanity over creation

A. Family Structure

a. Husband and wife

Ephesians

Romans 13:1

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Where do we see God's Word talk about authority?

Creator to creation

Family structure

- Husband and wife
- Parents and children

Church structure

- Overseer, elder, bishop, pastor and members of the congregation

Government structure

- Police officers and people

Teachers and student

Work situations

- Boss and worker
- Master and servant / slave

Authority level does not equate to value

- Genesis 1:27 (man and woman both created in the image of God)

Authorities are servants

Authority doesn't inherently mean greater value

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