

## Male-Female Equality And Male Headship by Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

- According to Ortlund man and woman are equal in the sense that they bear God's image equally. He also defines headship as an equal partnership of two spiritual human beings man and woman. The man bears the primary responsibility to lead the partnership in a God glorifying direction. Pg 119
- "God declares to make man in his image" refers to both male and female. I agree with Ortlund's statement because both man and woman were equally made in God's image. Pg 122
- Genesis 1 teaches the equality of the sexes as God's image bearer and vice-rulers on the earth, Genesis 2 adds another complex dimension to biblical manhood and womanhood. God created male and female in his image equally, but He also made the male the head and the female the helper. Pg124
- Eve was not Adam's equal, although we are spiritually equal, we are equally superior to animals. Eve was not equal to Adam and according to the bible she was his helper. God did not create man and woman in an undifferentiated way. Being male or female identify their perspective role. Ortlund states the virtue of manhood is to lead, and a woman's virtue of womanhood is to help.
- "But is this truly why God created the male first?" Ortlund states that God created Adam first because he prioritized ruling and leadership.
- Why doesn't God summon both Adam and Eve to account together? Because God appointed Adam as the head, and the primary leader in his partnership with Eve that would glorify God. Pg.135
- Since I believe the word of God, I agree with Ortlund because God could have created the man, and the woman from the dirt at the same time. We serve a God that is Omnipotent, and nothing is impossible for him.
- The theory of headship would have been abolished if God created Adam and Eve from the dirt at the same time. God said to Eve that he will increase her pain in childbearing with pain when giving birth to children. Your desires will be for your husband, and he will rule over you. ( Genesis 3:16). This was the judgment God pronounced on Eve for her part of the transgression.

- God in my opinion made woman the helper. The bible verse in 1 Peter 3:7 said that likewise, husbands, live with your wife in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. Genesis 2:18 says Then the Lord God said, it is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper who is fit for him.
- God may be saying, you will have a desire Eve, you will want to control your husband, but he must not allow you to have your way with him. He must rule over you. In this case, we would take rule as the exercise of godly headship.
- Female help restores creation, so that wives learn godly submission and husbands learn godly headship. It is interesting that God stated: “because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree” indicates that Adam was held to a higher standard of leadership. Pg 138
- “God cursed the ground because of you, through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Since he came from dust he will return to dust”. Adam sinned by listening to his wife Eve. By listening to Eve, he abandoned his leadership role. Adam was the head, and the responsible member his marriage or relationship. Pg 138
- Ortlund in my opinion proved his view on headship of male, making his argument a complementarianism perspective. I agree with the Complementarianism perspective hierarchy because male and females are equals but their roles are decided by their sex.
- I do not believe male and female rolls were equally created because according to 1 Timothy 2:11-15 “Let a women learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, rather, she’s to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve, and Adam was not deceived, but the women was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith, and love, and holiness, with self-control.”
- In my option as a soldier in the United States Army, it was not easy as a female. There were many conditions and task that were difficult for me as a woman to accomplish. I required help from my fellow soldiers because they required a strength that I genetically, and spiritually did not have.