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THE IMAGE OF GOD

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Yahweh, our Creator, desired that we know Him so He created humanity “in His Image”. First He created Adam, who we now know had both male and female DNA. All men do! Then He “extracted” the woman from Adam so we could see a man and a woman separately with all their distinct characteristics. He looked at them and said, “This is My image.” To further clarify, He commanded that they marry and be fruitful and multiply, thus completing the family—the perfect image of the Creator Himself. We learn that God is a Divine Family, the Father, Spirit and Son, and so His expressed image needed to be represented by all the distinct parts of a family. Thus, the human family, a father as the husband, a mother as the wife, and the child as the fruit of their love.

When you contemplate the existential crisis of our day, you can simplify it with two opposing viewpoints. One stance says men

and women are distinct and definitive, marriage is a holy union between them, and that children are the blessed fruit of that union. The other stance says gender is a social construct and there has never been a distinction between a man and a woman, nor is gender limited to male or female. A person is born as one gender, both genders, or neither. Marriage is unnecessary, or if desired, may take place between any genders or no genders at all. And of course, the unborn child is the fruit of nothing, is not even human or alive, and has no rights to live, other than what the person carrying that lump of cells permits.

Think about it! One side believes in the family, as God presents it to us, as His image. The other has rejected all aspects of the family, and by inference has rejected the image of God Himself. In other words, there is no God! Could opposing positions be any more contrary to one another?

The destruction of the family is the enemy's chief strategy and the restoration of the family to the image of our Creator is the most important work on earth today. When we do that, only then will the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,

over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. **Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman,** and He brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV

“And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” Genesis 2:23-25 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“For **since the creation of the world** His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even

His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, **they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, but became **futile in their thoughts**, and their foolish **hearts were darkened.**” Romans 1:20-21 NKJV

“**Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet Before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. **And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.**” Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV

“For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:19-21 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The scroll of the Torah is the oldest and most sacred of all Israel's Scriptures. The Torah consists of the five Books of Moses. The English name Genesis comes from the Greek translation of

the first Hebrew word found in the Bible, B'reisheet, which means "in the beginning" in Hebrew. Genesis means "origins" in Greek, therefore the name for the first book of the Bible means "The Book of Origins." Genesis describes the origins of everything. It begins with the origins of the universe, focuses on the origins of man and then explores the origins of the nation of Israel. One might say that the Book of Genesis is a prophetic microcosm of the entire bible, both Old and New Testaments. As we study the first week's reading, we will learn a great deal about God, but even more about ourselves. After all, this is the story of our origins. When properly understood, the story of our origin helps us find our destination.

2. Genesis begins with the history of creation and all that is good and evil and holy.
3. God creates and then separates. In fact, the first super-pattern introduced in the Holy Scriptures is the idea of separation.
4. The first thing Yahweh separated was light from darkness. Later, through the prophet Isaiah, He promised He would turn the darkness into light! And you are that light! (*See the end of "Portion in a Blurb" for details of all that God separated in "A Super Pattern Established in Genesis!"*)
5. What life in God's garden is like is introduced and mankind is given explicit instructions on what to do and not to do. Freely

eat from all trees except from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

6. Against Yahweh's command, man, tempted by the enemy of our souls, chooses to know good and evil on his own terms, by eating from Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. *"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing good and evil.**"* Genesis 3:5 NKJV
7. Yahweh did have a plan for us to "become like God", but on His own terms...*"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to **discern both good and evil.**"* Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV
8. It is the great deception which challenges mankind, even unto this very day, "my will vs. His will." Y'shua made the ultimate declaration of the correct choice when He chose His father's will over His own life. *"He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will..."*

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”” Matthew 26:39, 42 NKJV

9. The consequence of man’s disobedience (outright rebellion), as warned by Yahweh, is death: *“but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”* Genesis 2:17 NKJV
10. How does death eventually come for mankind that very day? Adam and Eve, and subsequently all of mankind, are then prevented from reaching out and “still” eating from the tree of life. *“Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, **lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**” — therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**”* Genesis 3:22-24 NKJV
11. What does this mean? As promised, Adam and Eve both die before reaching 1000 years old, in Yahweh’s reckoning of time, before the day they sinned is ended. *“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand*

years, and a thousand years as one day.” II Peter 3:8 from Psalm 90:4 NKJV

12. And when you study the genealogy of Adam, no man ever reaches 1000 years old. They all die in the “first day” of life.
13. Next we see the murder of Able (the second born) by his brother Cain (the first born). Cain spills Able’s blood (man’s blood) in the earth and it will take man’s blood to redeem the earth.
14. Able is then redeemed, in a sense, by the birth of a third brother, Seth. *“And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has **appointed another seed for me** instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.””* Genesis 4:25 NKJV
15. The rest of Adam’s geology, up to Noah and the flood, are then enumerated.
16. The portion ends with the depiction of the wickedness that has overtaken mankind, the judgment that is coming, and a declaration about Noah. *“So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”* Genesis 6:7-8 NKJV
17. **A Super Pattern Established in Genesis!** The need for separation as a Super Pattern in the Bible. Separation means holy, set-part,

or sanctified! (Day 1 is Good, Day 2 is ????, Day 3 is Good, Day 4 is Good, Day 5 is Good, Days 6 is Good, Day 7 is...Holy!)

- (1) DAY 1 (Genesis 1:3-5) Light from darkness—**Good**
- (2) DAY 2 (Genesis 1:6-8) Waters above and below the dome—
 - A. NOTE: this is the one thing God does not call “good” at the time, He just says, “and it was so” in v. 7 (*He does later call all 6 days ‘supremely good’*) and isn’t it interesting that the **dome is exactly what collapses** in the FLOOD!? *“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and **the windows of heaven were opened.**”* Genesis 7:11 NKJV
- (3) DAY 3 (Genesis 1:9-13) Land from sea, and and all the foods from the earth—**Good**
- (4) DAY 4 (Genesis 1:14-19) Lights in the sky to govern day and night, and to mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years — **Good**
- (5) DAY 5 (Genesis 1:20-23) Sea animals and birds—**Good**
- (6) DAY 6 (Genesis 1:24-31) Every kind of land creature and man and woman in His image—**Good**—“*God saw*

everything he had made: it was **supremely good**. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.” Genesis 1:3

A. NOTE: DAY 6 WAS GOOD BUT, IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE! (In the detailed account of the creation of man in Genesis 2, it shows how it was **not good** for man to be alone, so he fashioned woman out of man—that is His IMAGE)

- 1) **[MAN ALONE? NOT GOOD! WOMAN FROM MAN? NOT GOOD! MAN UNITED WITH WOMAN? GOOD!]** *“And the LORD God said, “ It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.””* Genesis 2:18 NKJV
- 2) **[Woman is separated from man— however that is not good either until they BECOME ONE AGAIN!]** *“So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. **But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: **“This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh;** She shall be called*

*Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, **and they shall become one flesh.**” Genesis 2:20-24 NKJV*

(7) DAY 7 (Genesis 2:1-3) ***THE Sabbath? Not just good —**

holy! This is a universal theme that runs from Genesis to revelation

A. **[Separation of good and holy]** *“Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it**, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV*

B. The Sabbath remains HOLY! EXODUS & HEBREWS

1) *““**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but **the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD** your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, **and rested the seventh***

day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV

- 2) HEBREWS—“For He **has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day** in this way: “And **God rested on the seventh day** from all His works”;... **There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself **also ceased from his works as God did from His.****” Hebrews 4:4, 9-10 NKJV
- C. AND WE TOO ARE CALLED TO BE SEPARATED (HOLY)!
Therefore **be holy....**“but as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy** in all your conduct, because it is written, “**Be holy, for I am holy.**”” I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV (From Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2: 20:7,26)

THE IMAGE

1. The human family reflects the image of God

A. The Family

(1) The Family Structure

- (a) **The image and likeness of God: (Man—Woman— the blessing of Children—and the assignment to have Dominion)**—“Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the

air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** Then God **blessed them**, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

1. Notice that within the Creator was an “Us” and so when Adam was created in God’s image, inside of Adam was an “Us”. That is why Adam has the DNA of both a male and a female. He called Adam a “them” because even before he would extract Adam’s female DNA and separate the woman only DNA (women only have female DNA), he shows us that all of creation is contained inside of Adam (as it is with God Himself).
2. In addition, to show us more of the inner workings of His nature, God blessed Adam and told him to be fruitful and multiply. Notice that this is even before Eve (woman’s DNA) was extracted from Adam! This is not a minor detail. It is meant to reveal to us that

within Adam was a Man, Woman and Child, the expressed image of the Creator. Adam is ONE as Yahweh is ONE, however, because God desired for us to know the inner workings of His character—this was the best way to do so!

(2) The Process (a peek into the mind of God)

- (a) **Yahweh breathes life into a human representation of Himself**—“And the Lord **God formed man of the dust** of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7 NKJV
- (b) **Yahweh tells us that Adam would not be fully understood if you could not recognize what was inside of him**—“And the Lord God said, “It is **not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.**”” Genesis 2:18 NKJV
- (c) **In his self-contained state, Adam has complete authority**—“Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and **brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.**” Genesis 2:19 NKJV
- (d) **However, you could not possibly recognize the inner workings of the powerful creative force inside of Adam**

unless God showed it to you—“So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.” Genesis 2:20 NKJV

(e) **So, Yahweh extracted the female DNA from Adam and showed us what that looks like in human form, all the attributes of the part of Adam—“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.”** Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV

1. FACT: Even though the female DNA was extracted from Adam to form Eve, Adam still possesses Female DNA.
2. It is essential you acknowledge this and understand why Adam still possessed Female DNA within him EVEN AFTER it was extracted (and this is still a fact about every male today)! It is because a woman only has female DNA and if Adam only maintained male DNA, when they obeyed the blessing of “being fruitful and multiplying” there would never be a female child unless Adam could only contribute

female DNA to the procreative process. He must contribute Female DNA if the offspring is to be a female because females (even today) only have female DNA.

3. However, with all this talk of separation and the command to multiply (creating offspring separate from Adam and Eve), how can the three parts remain ONE as God is ONE? How do you bring them back together, while each part remains recognizable as a distinct piece of the original whole? “...**and He brought her to the man...**”

(3) Marriage

- (a) **Be joined back together as ONE flesh**—“And Adam said: “**This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh**; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother **and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh**. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” Genesis 2:23-25 NKJV

1. Eve was taken and created from Adam’s DNA, separated out, or in other words “set-apart” from Adam. But, in the most glorious way, through

marriage, the two are still able to operate as ONE. Set-apart is what the Bible calls "Holy". It was a holy process that separated Eve from Adam and it is a supernatural process (Marriage) that allows them to still operate as ONE. Can you now understand why God, who is ONE, can also be viewed as Three separate "characters"? That is why He created the most holy of concepts in the Universe, Marriage and the Family, all so we can understand and know Him!

2. **What did Y'shua know about marriage and family? What follows may be the most important concept in the Bible if we are to understand and know the nature of our Creator.** "And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that **He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'** and said, '**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'**? So then, **they are no longer two but one flesh.** Therefore **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**" Matthew 19:4-6 NKJV

- a) Do not overlook this MOST CRITICAL piece! "For this reason..." What reason? Because God's image

expressed in Adam was both male and female, and for us to fully understand that, He extracted the female to show us her distinct characteristics. And to remind us that in no way does this extraction diminish the ONENESS of God, He gives us marriage which “recombines” the male and female as ONE!

b) To understand the true magnitude of Marriage, and the fruit of marriage, in a world that diminishes Holy Matrimony to a temporary contract and business arrangement, and reduces childbearing to a “personal choice” to carry or eliminate a blob of cells, you must recognize this: **Marriage is the image of God!** Let that settle in for a bit. “For this reason”, because God wants to express Himself, so you can know Him and His nature, He gives us marriage and the fruit of marriage—the Family!

(b) “Therefore **what God has joined together, let not man separate.**” Matthew 19:6 NKJV

1. **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—**

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall

He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:31-37 NKJV

2. **Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ!**—
"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus** our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

- a) Can you recognize the type of covenant Paul is referring to here in Romans. When he says nothing can separate us from Christ's love he is alluding to

the type of relationship we have with Y'shua. It's a marital covenant— **“what God has joined together, let not man separate.”**

B. Character Traits of Family Members (Divine & Human)

(1) Characteristics of a Fathers: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* Genesis 1:1 NKJV

(a) Husband

1. **“For your Maker is your husband,** The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. **For the Lord has called you Like a woman** forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused;” Says your God.” Isaiah 54:5-6 NKJV

(b) Love

1. **“For God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 NKJV

(c) The Origin

1. **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights,** with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of

truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."James 1:17-18 NKJV

(d) The Destination

1. "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, **pray to your Father** who is in the secret place; and **your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly**. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. **In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."** Matthew 6:6-13 NKJV

(e) Authority

1. "Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; **I work, and who will reverse it?"**" Isaiah 43:13 NKJV

2. “Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, **‘My counsel shall stand,** And I will do all My pleasure,’” Isaiah 46:10 NKJV

(f) Legacy

1. “At that time Jesus answered and said, **“I thank You, Father,** Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father,** and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” Matthew 11:25-27 NKJV
2. “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 28:18 NKJV

(g) Strength

1. **“The Lord is my strength** and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him. **The Lord is their strength,** And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.” Psalms 28:7-8 NKJV

(h) All Knowledge

1. ““But of that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, **but My Father only.**” Matthew 24:36 NKJV
2. “And He said to them, “**It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.**” Acts 1:7 NKJV

(i) Provision

1. ““Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks** for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:7-12 NKJV

(j) Protection

1. “And he said: **“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;** The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, **My stronghold and my refuge;** My Savior, You save me from violence.” II Samuel 22:2-3 NKJV

(k) Instruction

- (1) **“My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,** So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; **Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;** He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.” Proverbs 2:1-9 NKJV

(l) Judge

1. “(**For the Lord is our Judge**, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King; He will save us);” Isaiah 33:22 NKJV
2. “But **God is the Judge**: He puts down one, And exalts another.” Psalms 75:7 NKJV
3. “I said in my heart, “**God shall judge the righteous and the wicked**, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.”” Ecclesiastes 3:17 NKJV

(m) Justice

1. “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written (in Deuteronomy 32:35), “**Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,**” says the **Lord.**” Romans 12:19 NKJV
2. ““**For I, the Lord, love justice**; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.” Isaiah 61:8 NKJV

(2) Characteristics of the Spirit and Mothers: *“And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.””* Genesis 2:18 NKJV

(a) Wife

1. "He **who finds a wife finds a good thing**, And obtains favor from the Lord." Proverbs 18:22 NKJV
 2. "**Who can find a virtuous wife?** For her worth is far above rubies. **The heart of her husband safely trusts her;** So he will have no lack of gain." Proverbs 31:10-11 NKJV (read all of Proverbs 31 to see the attributes of a woman/wife)
- (b) Helper (Note: it should become obvious that the pronouns used for the Holy Spirit should be "she and her" and not "he and him").
1. "...I will make him **a helper [wife, female] comparable to him.**" Genesis 2:18 NKJV
 2. "And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper,** that He may abide with you forever —" John 14:16 NKJV
 3. "But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit,** whom the Father will send in My name..." John 14:26 NKJV
 4. ""But **when the Helper comes,** whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father..." John 15:26 NKJV
 5. "...for **if I do not go away, the Helper will not come** to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you." John 16:7 NKJV

(c) Power

1. "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem **until you are endued with power from on high.**" Luke 24:49 NKJV
2. "Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you;** therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:34-35 NKJV
3. "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the Promise of the Father,** "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all

Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Acts 1:4-8 NKJV

(d) Guidance

1. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;...**”

John 16:12-13 NKJV

(e) Influence

1. ““These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,** whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach** you all things, and **bring to your remembrance** all things that I said to you.” John 14:25-26 NKJV

(f) Conviction

1. ““But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; **for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;** but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin,** and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” John 16:5-11 NKJV

(g) Companionship

1. ““If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, **and He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever— **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you**. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:15-18 NKJV

(h) Testimony

1. ““**But when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me**. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27 NKJV

(i) Submission

1. “Then **Mary** said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word**.” And the angel departed from her.” Luke 1:38 NKJV

2. "...for He will **not speak on His own authority**, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you." John 16:13-15 NKJV

3. "**Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands**, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror." I Peter 3:1-6 NKJV

(j) Discernment

1. **“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding,** giving honor to the wife, as to the **weaker vessel,** and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your **prayers may not be hindered.”**

I Peter 3:7 NKJV

- a) Note: Consider all you just learned about the character and attributes of the Holy Spirit and female, feminine, and wife representation of that facet of the Divine Family, and then take another look at Peter’s words. Let me translate: *“The wife is so sensitive to the Holy Spirit, that it is critical you understand her because if you don’t, it would be the same as missing what God is saying to you.”* And we all know that we are commanded to pray “only for the will of God”, so if you are praying without that Holy Spirit discernment, then your prayers will be hindered. Make sense now?
- b) “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” I John 5:14-15 NKJV

(3) Characteristics of a Sons and Children: *“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply...”*

Genesis 1:28 NKJV

(a) Fruit

1. **“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.” Psalms 127:3-5 NKJV

2. **“You will know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”

Matthew 7:16 NKJV

a) Note: the children of God are fruit!

(b) Meekness

1. “But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?” Matthew 26:52-53 NKJV

2. “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-

minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for **the interests of others.**" Philippians 2:1-4 NKJV

(c) Obedience

1. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, **taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death,** even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV
2. "And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying,

“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**” Luke 22:41-42 NKJV

(d) Humility

1. **Does nothing on his own**—“Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do;** for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.” John 5:19-20 NKJV
2. **Does not seek his own glory**—“Jesus answered them and said, “**My doctrine is not Mine,** but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, **whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory;** but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.” John 7:16-18 NKJV
3. **Does not speak on His own authority**—“**For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command,** what I should say and

what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”” John 12:49-50
NKJV

(e) A Servant

1. “And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, **He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.** Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “**What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.**” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is

completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "**Do you know what I have done to you?** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.** Most assuredly, I say to you, **a servant is not greater than his master;** nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:2-17 NKJV

(f) A Sacrifice

1. "But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles Lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— **just as the Son of Man did not come**

to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28 NKJV

(g) The Word

1. “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine,** but His who sent Me.” John 7:16 NKJV
2. **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” John 1:1-5 NKJV
3. **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,** and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 NKJV
4. “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,** piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature

hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV

(4) Christ and the family

(a) The Son, the Spirit and the Father

- (1) **After his circumcision and naming (day 8) and presentation in the Temple (day 40)**— “So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the **Child** grew and became **strong in spirit**, filled with wisdom; and **the grace of God** was upon Him.” Luke 2:39-40 NKJV

Summary: THE IMAGE

1. The human family reflects the image of God

A. The Family

(1) The Family Structure

- (a) The image and likeness of God: (Man—Woman— the blessing of Children—and the assignment to have Dominion)—

1. Notice that within the Creator was an “Us” and so when Adam was created in God’s image, inside of Adam was an “Us”. That is why Adam has the DNA

of both a male and a female. He called Adam a “them” because even before he would extract Adam’s female DNA and separate the woman only DNA (women only have female DNA), he shows us that all of creation is contained inside of Adam (as it is with God Himself).

2. In addition, to show us more of the inner workings of His nature, God blessed Adam and told him to be fruitful and multiply. Notice that this is even before Eve (woman’s DNA) was extracted from Adam! This is not a minor detail. It is meant to reveal to us that within Adam was a Man, Woman and Child, the expressed image of the Creator. Adam is ONE as Yahweh is ONE, however, because God desired for us to know the inner workings of His character—this was the best way to do so!

(2) The Process (a peek into the mind of God)

- (a) Yahweh breathes life into a human representation of Himself—
- (b) Yahweh tells us that Adam would not be fully understood if you could not recognize what was inside of him—

(c) In his self-contained state, Adam has complete authority

—

(d) However, you could not possibly recognize the inner workings of the powerful creative force inside of Adam unless God showed it to you—

(e) So, Yahweh extracted the female DNA from Adam and showed us what that looks like in human form, all the attributes of the part of Adam—

1. FACT: Even though the female DNA was extracted from Adam to form Eve, Adam still possesses Female DNA.
2. It is essential you acknowledge this and understand why Adam still possessed Female DNA within him EVEN AFTER it was extracted (and this is still a fact about every male today)! It is because a woman only has female DNA and if Adam only maintained male DNA, when they obeyed the blessing of “being fruitful and multiplying” there would never be a female child unless Adam could only contribute female DNA to the procreative process. He must contribute Female DNA if the offspring is to be a female because females (even today) only have female DNA.

3. However, with all this talk of separation and the command to multiply (creating offspring separate from Adam and Eve), how can the three parts remain ONE as God is ONE? How do you bring them back together, while each part remains recognizable as a distinct piece of the original whole? "...and He brought her to the man..."

(3) Marriage

(a) Be joined back together as ONE flesh—

1. Eve was taken and created from Adam's DNA, separated out, or in other words "set-apart" from Adam. But, in the most glorious way, through marriage, the two are still able to operate as ONE. Set-apart is what the Bible calls "Holy". It was a holy process that separated Eve from Adam and it is a supernatural process (Marriage) that allows them to still operate as ONE. Can you now understand why God, who is ONE, can also be viewed as Three separate "characters"? That is why He created the most holy of concepts in the Universe, Marriage and the Family, all so we can understand and know Him!
2. What did Y'shua know about marriage and family? What follows may be the most important concept in

the Bible if we are to understand and know the nature of our Creator. "...Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.'" Matthew 19:4-6 NKJV

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1. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?—

2. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ!—

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B. Character Traits of Family Members (Divine & Human)

(1) Characteristics of a Father: “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*” Genesis 1:1 NKJV

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(b) Love

(c) The Origin

(d) The Destination

(e) Authority

- (f) Legacy
 - (g) Strength
 - (h) All Knowledge
 - (i) Provision
 - (j) Protection
 - (k) Instruction
 - (l) Judge
 - (m) Justice
- (2) Characteristics of the Spirit and Mothers: *“And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.””* Genesis 2:18
NKJV
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- (a) **Disobey and you will die**— “Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you **shall surely die.**”” Genesis 2:15-17 NKJV

(2) The Deceiver

- (a) **Has God indeed said**—“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “**Has God indeed said**, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”” Genesis 3:1 NKJV

- (b) It all starts with deception and the devil is the father of it. Pay attention to everything going on around you in the world—if deception is afoot, Satan behind it!
1. “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. **When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**” John 8:44 NKJV
 2. “**The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.** I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 NKJV
- (3) The Curse (The Enemy, Man and Earth)
- (a) **The serpent is cursed**— “So the Lord God said to the serpent: “**Because you have done this,** You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put **enmity** Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”” Genesis 3:14-15 NKJV

(b) **Cursed is the ground and cursed are you:** “Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:
“**Cursed is the ground** for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. **In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread** Till you return to the ground, For **out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.**””
Genesis 3:17-19 NKJV

(4) Cut Off

(a) **Banned from the tree of life and now a animal must die to cover your sin—** “And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God **made tunics of skin**, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has **become like one of Us, to know good and evil.** And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the Lord God **sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden

of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way,
to guard the way to the tree of life.” Genesis 3:20-24
NKJV

B. Gender-fluid—the Curse manifesting

(5) Male and Female Confusion

- (a) **You want to suppress the truth of who God is and His ways even though Creation itself testifies to it...it will not turn out well for if your heart becomes darkened—**
“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead,** so that they are **without excuse,** because, although **they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,** nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their **foolish hearts were darkened.** Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-

footed animals and creeping things.” Romans 1:18-23
NKJV

(6) Vile Passions

- (a) **You will wind up worshipping creation itself and your normal heterosexual desires will be twisted into homosexual desires—** “Therefore God also **gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts,** to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,** and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,** who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to **vile passions.** For even their **women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful,** and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.” Romans 1:24-27
NKJV

(7) The Debased Mind

- (a) **Once you are given over to a debased mind, every type of sin will have a grip on you until you are judged unto death by a righteous God—** “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them**

over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the **righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death,** not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:28-32 NKJV

1. Think about it—We could certainly look at so many lies, but at the origin of them all was the eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now we live in a world with twisted knowledge—the root of all the twisted thinking going all the way back to the garden when God created mankind in His image. Today the greatest assault of all is the dismantling of that image—gender is fluid—marriage is irrelevant—the life of children is optional!
2. Paul teaches us that creation was the testimony and we cannot not just consider the things of nature as

such, but instead go back to the most important creation, man in the image of God. The destruction of that image is the most egregious denial of all.

3. Now take a look at Paul's words with new insight and you should instantly recognize his reference...*"His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead."* His invisible attributes of the Divine Family (a Father, Spirit and Son) were made manifest in the Human family (Father, Mother, and Child). And the denial of the human family is a denial of the Creator Himself.

C. The New Marriage

(1) Forbidding Marriage

- (a) **Times will come when marriage is no longer viewed as beneficial or necessary**—"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry**, and commanding to abstain from foods which **God created** to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is

good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." I Timothy 4:1-5 NKJV

- (b) **Your role as a minister of truth is the instruct against such heresies—**"If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. **But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.**" I Timothy 4:6-7 NKJV

(2) Lovers of all things not God

- (a) **Lovers of self rather than lovers of God, making captives of gullible women loaded down with sins—**
"But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:** For men will be **lovers of themselves, lovers of money,** boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure **rather than lovers of God,** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down

with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” II Timothy 3:1-7 NKJV

(3) Twisted Harlotry—the low of the low

- (a) **You have become an adulterous wife, so twisted that instead of being a paid harlot, you would pay to be a harlot—** ““You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot, because you scorned payment. **You are an adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband.** Men make payment to all harlots, **but you made your payments to all your lovers, and hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry.** You are the opposite of other women in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you gave payment but no payment was given you, therefore you are the opposite.”” Ezekiel 16:31-34 NKJV

D. Fruit: Appreciation Depreciation

(1) The blessing of fruit is no longer easy!

- (a) **In pain you shall bring forth children—**“To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; **In pain you shall bring forth children; Your**

desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.” Genesis 3:16 NKJV

(2) Child Sacrifice

- (a) **Don't even consider sacrificing your fruit**— “And you shall not let any of your **descendants pass through the fire to Molech**, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.” Leviticus 18:21 NKJV

(3) An utter abomination!

- (a) **Sacrificing your children on the altar of a false God**— “because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their kings, their princes, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. But they set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to **cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech**, which I did not command them, nor **did it come into My mind that**

they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'" Jeremiah 32:32-35 NKJV

(4) Abortion—the Modern Altar of Molech

- (a) 55- 60 million abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision made the procedure legal.
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 - (a) You want to suppress the truth of who God is and His ways even though Creation itself testifies to it...it will not turn out well for if your heart becomes darkened—
 - (6) Vile Passions
 - (a) You will wind up worshipping creation itself and your normal heterosexual desires will be twisted into homosexual desires—
 - (7) The Debased Mind

(a) Once you are given over to a debased mind, every type of sin will have a grip on you until you are judged unto death by a righteous God—

1. Think about it—We could certainly look at so many lies, but at the origin of them all was the eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now we live in a world with twisted knowledge—the root of all the twisted thinking going all the way back to the garden when God created mankind in His image. Today the greatest assault of all is the dismantling of that image—gender is fluid—marriage is irrelevant—the life of children is optional!
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3. Now take a look at Paul's words with new insight and you should instantly recognize his reference...*"His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead."* His invisible attributes of the Divine Family (a Father, Spirit and Son) were made manifest

in the Human family (Father, Mother, and Child). And the denial of the human family is a dial of the Creator Himself.

C. The New Marriage

(1) Forbidding Marriage

- (a) Times will come when marriage is no longer viewed as beneficial or necessary—
- (b) Your role as a minister of truth is the instruct against such heresies—

(2) Lovers of all things not God

- (a) Lovers of self rather than lovers of God, making captives of gullible women loaded down with sins—

(3) Twisted Harlotry—the low of the low

- (a) You have become an adulterous wife, so twisted that instead of being a paid harlot, you would pay to be a harlot—

D. Fruit: Appreciation Depreciation

(1) The blessing of fruit is no longer easy!

- (a) In pain you shall bring forth children—

(2) Child Sacrifice

- (a) Don't even consider sacrificing your fruit—

(3) An utter abomination!

- (a) Sacrificing your children on the altar of a false God—

- (4) Abortion—the Modern Altar of Molech
- (a) 55- 60 million abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision made the procedure legal.
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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that **He might sanctify and cleanse her** with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. **So husbands ought to love their own wives** as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. **For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”** This is a great mystery, **but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”** Ephesians 5:22-32 NKJV

- (b) **“Children, obey your parents in the Lord,** for this is right. **“Honor your father and mother,”** which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1-4 NKJV

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“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live

according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:12-17 NKJV

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1. **The revealing of sons and glorious liberty**—“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are

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1. **These are the events leading up to the end—**““For behold, **the day is coming**, Burning like an oven, And

all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the Lord of hosts. **"Remember the Law of Moses,** My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet** Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. **And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."** Malachi 4:1-6 NKJV

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Isaiah 40:3-5 NKJV

C. From Glory to Glory

(1) Transformed from glory to glory

(a) **When the sons of God are revealed we will see His image when we look in a mirror—**“But their minds were blinded. **For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

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Corinthians 3:14-18 NKJV

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union. The other stance says gender is a social construct and there has never been a distinction between a man and a woman, nor is gender limited to male or female. A person is born as one gender, both genders, or neither. Marriage is unnecessary, or if desired, may take place between any genders or no genders at all. And of course, the unborn child is the fruit of nothing, is not even human or alive, and has no rights to live, other than what the person carrying that lump of cells permits.

Think about it! One side believes in the family, as God presents it to us, as His image. The other has rejected all aspects of the family, and by inference has rejected the image of God Himself. In other words, there is no God! Could opposing positions be any more contrary to one another?

The Restoration: All of creation is waiting in eager expectation for the restoration. This happens when the sons of God are revealed. And that is the single greatest priority of the day. Jesus Himself said Elijah would come to restore all things and when Malachi prophesied about what that Elijah restoration entailed, he was sure to point to the family! It would be a restoration of the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. God created man in His Image:

- A. What was it about Adam (man) that allowed God to extract Eve (woman) from him?
- B. What was the great purpose behind creation of the human family?

2. Eve was inside of Adam and God took her out:

- A. Why did He do that?
- B. How did God ensure that even though they were separated they would still be one?

3. In Matthew 19:4-6, Y'shua refers to Genesis. What is the reason man and woman should be inseparably joined as one flesh?

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4. Describe the character traits of each family member:

- A. The Father
- B. The Spirit / Mother
- C. The Son / Children

5. Describe the modern-day perversion of each family member and of Marriage?

- A. Use Romans 1:18-32 to justify your answer.
- B. What does this perversion ultimately say about those who support it?

6. If the destruction of family is the enemy's attempt to hide Yahweh's identity...

- A. What is the prophetic remedy? (Use Romans 8:18-22 and Malachi 4 to support your answer.)

7. Relate the curse of creation after Adam sinned with the following:

- A. Creation being delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Romans 8:21)
- B. The earth remaining cursed until the hearts of fathers and children (the family) are restored to one another. (Malachi 4:6)

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- A. Explain: We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.
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