

Women, Created By God

“And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit on those days.” (Joel 2:28-29)

In the beginning God had created Adam in His image and likeness. Then God saw that Adam could not manage to be alone. **“But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord caused the man to fall into deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the ribs He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to man.” (Genesis 2:20)**

Therefore, God made man and woman as the perfect combination to manage His creation, and to put up a family, to manage a company, to administer a project, institution, government, and even the church. But, as I walk in the community around I observed and saw how people deal with the creature of God called “woman”. I questioned, ‘why?’ Had not God created both man and woman? And when they sinned, had not God punished them both? So, I made a survey to verify more about women. I interrogated men how they deal with women. I inquired to women how they are treated in the community and what position in particular they are engaged with. The outcome, I found a retailored Adam and Eve; a man and woman different from what God has created:

1. Dominant Adam, recessive Eve: This is the man who claims to be the ruler of everything. He is alone in the position of decision making for he thinks he is exclusive in authority. He has the dominant role and at any time he can veto a decision or a discussion. Here, the man is not believing that the grace of God is given to him through the woman. So the woman recesses or withdraws.

2. Oppressor Adam, afflicted Eve: In this society man is not only dominant but he acts actively to cancel the rule or power of woman. This model of man wants to go back to the pre-Eve era. Here, man is refusing the grace of God provided for him to help in the management and administration of God’s possession.

3. The master Adam, Eve the slave: In this group, the role of man is honorable and noble in leading and administering God’s creation. While the role of woman is only for common use; to bear children and to give birth. Here, woman in Adam’s eyes is only for entertainment and spending nice time. Man is returning back to the one thousand nights and night era, the time of Harem, where women were used to please the king. The man abuses the grace of God given to him through the woman.

4. Adam and Eve alike, but not equal: In this category, man realizes the fact that he cannot manage alone. So, he accepts the woman to be with him to sit in the headquarter and to plan faithfully for the requirements in the family, professional life, or in the church. But here, Adam still keeps some privileges for himself that he does not share with the woman. This Adam has the pride and so he sets limitations for the woman. The man is optional about the grace of God given to him through the woman.

5. Adam and Eve, equally created: Eve is equal to Adam without any limitations Hallelujah! Not only the woman here has received the freedom, but more for the man who has been freed from his wrong thoughts and attitudes. He is out from the old fashion and weary tradition of excluding or limiting woman. Here, man recognizes the woman as not just his rib, but as woman created by God. **“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female created them.” (Genesis 1:27)** What a realistic survey! But to reach a conclusion I must present to you few facts from the Bible:

a) When God decided to send His Son to save the world, He chose a virgin not attached to any man to bear His Son Jesus. This virgin, who is named Mary, was at a youth age. But I give credit to her answer when she heard the angel of the Lord telling. **“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. For nothing is impossible with God?” “I am the Lord’s servant.” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her. (Luke 1:35,37,38)**

A virgin in the youth age accepted to face the society and the community to mock her and accuse her for being pregnant without a husband. She accepted the task and took the responsibility because she has faith in God. This is the woman that although she is a weak creature, oppressed and suppressed, in her silent attitude and gentle spirit she has done the great task that God entrusted to her. This is the fact, that God has given His grace to mankind through the woman.

b) After the cruel death of Jesus on the cross, He was buried in a tomb. His men disciples deserted Him and fled away to save their own lives. But, **“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. But when they entered they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” (Luke 24:1,3-6)**

The male disciples were hiding but the women did not neglect Jesus even while on the road to Calvary. After His death they prepared perfume for His body and they were the first who went to the tomb early after Sabbath. His boastful disciples had fled away, but the woman with faith they continue to serve Him. This is another fact credited for the woman creature: There are situations that woman can do better than man. **“When man cannot do women carry out; When man cannot go, women are in front!”**

Now, we go to the chosen passage for this message: God declared that He will pour out His Spirit on the sons and daughters, on both men and women, males and females. God did not discriminate and God did not differentiate. As the scripture says, “God has no favoritism.” Jesus Christ died on the cross for both men and women. He took all our sins and whoever believes in Him has freedom from death and gains eternal life. Both men and women has the freedom by the blood of Jesus, for **“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)**

My Dear and Beloved: If God has chosen women and men, if God has freed women as well as men, if God has poured out His Spirit on men, women, and children; If Jesus had died for all then who am I or you to put regulations and rules for the movement of God’s Spirit? And tell me, **“Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.” (Romans 8:33)**