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The debate concerning women's ordination raging today is only the top of the feminist iceberg. Unless we fight against feminism on all fronts, we risk losing every institution that God gave us at creation.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

The Bible makes it clear that man and woman were created in the image of God. If both bear the divine inscription, this means that man and woman are of equal value and rank. This we can all agree upon. However, the very same Bible also teaches clearly that even before the fall of the human race, God created man and woman to occupy different roles, in order to complement each other. Those in favour of female ordination deliberately fail to put these facts into the equation:

- Man was created before woman (Genesis 2:18; I Timothy 2:13).
- Woman was taken out of man (Genesis 2:22).
- Adam gave Eve her name: "She shall be called Woman" (in Hebrew: from man) (Genesis 2:23).
- Eve was created by God to be Adam's "help". (Genesis 2:18).
- Adam represents the entire human race, and his fall eventually led to all sinning and receiving the wages of sin, death (I Corinthians 15:22; Romans 5:12-14).
- God held Adam responsible as head of his household. "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" (Genesis 3:9). Here we can see that

God held Adam, as the leader, responsible for his family, although the serpent first seduced Eve.

After sin entered into the world, God once more confirmed Adam's responsibility as head of his household. No new rules were put in place, or old ones removed:

- Following the fall, the Lord told Eve His divine decision: "He shall rule over thee". (Genesis 3:16).
- Speaking of this story from Genesis, Paul says: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22).
- The relationship of Adam to Eve is an irrefutable parallel depicting Christ's leadership of His church: "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church..." (Ephesians 5:23).
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parallel depicting God's leadership: "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (I Corinthians 11:3).

- Husbands are to represent Christ. They are to be lowly in heart, respectful, loving and protecting towards their wives and families (Ephesians 5:25).
- Just as the church is to submit to Christ, so the wives are to submit to their own husbands in all things (Ephesians 5:24).

These biblical facts are not limited to one's culture, or to a certain set of people. These truths are as old as creation, because God also instituted the Sabbath. If the Sabbath is still binding, which it is, the old principle of the wife submitting to her husband is also binding. Adam's leadership of his family, and Christ's leadership of His

church, are integrated in the Lord's divine will.

One of the consequences of the fall was that woman would give birth in pain. Is this still true? Indeed it is!

We already saw Paul repeating God's Word, when he writes that the wife should be submissive to her husband.

The conclusion, then, is that what God told Eve after the fall, is still in force, namely that:

1. The wife was to submit to her husband.
2. The woman was to give birth in pain.

God has not abolished these consequences as a result of woman's initial disobedience. Right from the start, God has indicated the dire consequences of being disobedient to Him. Eve's failure to obey has meant consequences for all women in succeeding generations – all the way down to our time!

In I Timothy 3:1-5 we read that "A bishop (not a bishopess) then must

be blameless, the husband of one wife"... It does not say the wife of one husband. Mentioned in these verses are certain qualifications necessary for a bishop, and towards the end of the verses we read: "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"

From this it is quite obvious that a pastor cannot be a young man. Before being accepted as a pastor, he is to show he is able to govern his own house, his children being submissive in all gravity. If he has proved this, and fulfilled the other requirements mentioned in these verses, he may be installed as a pastor and leader of a church.

Today we have seen young men installed as pastors without possessing these qualities in their own households. Indeed, we are experiencing young women being accepted as pastors, with hardly anyone reacting. This is a shocking thing to experience! Are we no

longer to adhere to the Word of God? (Isaiah 3:4, 12)

Paul, having described the desirable order of a family, continues to pen this in verse 15: "... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God..."

If we fail to comprehend what order God Himself has established for our homes, we are never going to accept the order that was to exist in the church, because these are one and the same. So the order to prevail in the home is to prevail in the larger family, the church. If a man does not qualify on these points, he is not to be elected as a pastor.

Do we no longer respect the Word of God? Do we no longer believe God inspired Paul to write the above, or do we think it is OK to choose some things here and some things there which suit us, and then overlook other important lessons from God's Word?

God selected the man to be the priest of the household, not the woman. The woman has another huge task, and that is taking care of

the home and the children, and being a help to her husband. She is also able to serve a congregation in a many ways, that don't include being a priest. That is where the line is drawn!

Today, many SDA leaders are stressing the necessity of obeying anti-discrimination laws. Thus, if we refuse a woman to become the pastor of a congregation, we discriminate against that woman. And by not conforming to anti-discrimination legislation maybe we shall lose all government contributions, and then we will be labelled a cult. Church leaders would today seem to be keener to adhere to antidiscrimination laws than to the Word of God when it comes to accepting women as pastors and leaders of churches. However, anti-discrimination legislation does not consider the Word of God in this connection. And when church members find a clash between the state and the church on this point, we must re-echo the words of the apostle Peter: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

## Perverting God's Plan

When we transgress God's principles regarding the role of the husband, we pervert the goal of God. This can be done in a number of ways.

1. Men who physically abuse their wives, who are aggressive and tyrannical, treating their women as slaves, go against God's will and His heavenly blueprint. Women are to be taken care of, loved and protected, just like Jesus does with His church (I Peter 3:7 + Ephesians 5:25 + Colossians 3:19).
2. When healthy males become spiritually confused and step down from their position of leadership, they pervert the divine plan. When they fail to instruct their families about the ways of God, and they neglect to satisfy the principal needs of their families, this is not according to God's will. Men like this paint a wrong picture of God and do not represent Him as the True Husband (Genesis 3:17-19 + Deuteronomy 6:1-9 + Isaiah 54:5).
3. The husband must not ill-treat the wife verbally or physically, or use her as a rug. The wife, moreover, must not think this behaviour is in keeping with God's will.
4. Females who only try to go their own way, refusing to be helpers of their males, are out of harmony with the Word of God (Genesis 2:20).
5. Women who wish to obtain and undermine the authority of their husbands, are warring against the Lord's divine pattern and design. Women who fight the leadership role of their husbands are rebelling against the Word of God. Do you think they are going to learn to submit to God in Heaven (Genesis 3:16)?

Active feminists wish to change this order of things. They are ruining the Lord's divine purpose. According to the feminist movement, the original model which is taught in God's Word is controversial, full of hate, discriminatory, belittling of women and a major source of unrighteousness against all females.

According to the feminist movement, all who believe in what the Bible says concerning the different roles of men and women are blind and purveyors of hate. If you uphold and protect these biblical values, you are a fundamentalist and a hate preacher, and many feel you ought to be punished in one way or another.

The genealogical table in the Bible shows that circa 4,000 years passed from Adam to Jesus Christ, and that c2,000 years have passed from Christ to our day, adding up to c6,000 years. The drama of sin has, then, been played out for c6,000 years on this earth. During these 6,000 years, **men** have always been priests – **NOT** women. It was God

who decided it should be thus. Why are church leaders in the end of this world's history taking the liberty to install women as priests (bishops, pastors), thereby going against God's will, and trying to convince people that this is OK? Do you think they will escape their punishment from God for this decision? Let us rather join the choir that is sighing and crying for all the abominations committed by the so called churches.

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