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True Manhood: 12 Aspects from Genesis 1-5

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My sabbatical is over, but since readers expressed a deep appreciation for these writings, I'll send a blog as I have something meaningful to share.

Manhood is under unprecedented assault. Yet the strength and well-being of a marriage, of a family, of a church, and of a nation are more dependent upon the character, humility, righteousness, integrity, nobility, leadership, strength and protection of men than any other factor. The mockery, dismissal, humiliation, and degradation of manhood results in the self-destruction of families and society.

Every public policy issue I've faced and addressed for decades – sanctity of human life, purity and faithfulness, abortion, marriage and family, etc. – have at least one common cause, either by neglect or by sin: a man. The solution is not to dismiss men, but to restore and honor them.

Yesterday I was walking on the wooded property where I live, talking with the LORD, and He opened my mind to see 12 aspects of noble manhood given in Genesis 1-5. Man as male was:

1. Created in the image and likeness of GOD, as was woman (Genesis 1:26-27);
2. Created by GOD first to represent The Father – so rejection of manhood is rejection of Father GOD;
3. Created to rule, with his wife, over GOD's creation on earth (Genesis 1:27-28);
4. Created to receive, remember, and impart the words and knowledge of GOD, for the first Hebrew word defining male is "zakar", which means to remember (Genesis 1:27);
5. Created to impart the same words and knowledge to his wife, family and others, imparting spiritual seed, as Jesus said, "the seed is the word of GOD" (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-3; Luke 8:11);
6. Created to impart natural seed, that is, into his wife to produce children (Genesis 2:24; 4:1-2, 25);
7. Spiritual protector (Genesis 3:6; Adam failed when he stayed silent, and did not protect his wife from the serpent by remembering and speaking forth the word of GOD);
8. Physical protector (Genesis 3:1; Adam's duty was to protect his wife from any intruder in the Garden of Eden; and GOD chose men to be warriors [Numbers 1]);
9. Provider (Genesis 2:15; 1 Timothy 5:8);
10. "Not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18);
11. Created for marriage, for the LORD made a woman to be "a helper corresponding for him," to be united as "one flesh," and together reflect the unity in the Trinity (Genesis 2:18-23; John 17:21-23);

12. Created for family, to “be fruitful, and multiply” with his wife, bearing and raising children together, from generation to generation (Genesis 1:28; 5:1-32).

Question: What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about these 12 aspects?

Prayer: Father GOD, restore men to their true identity and nobility, empowering them to lead their wives and children, and others entrusted to their leadership, with humility, wisdom, truth and grace, love and kindness, courage and boldness, and above all, faithfulness to You.

For the sacred gift of every human life and remembrance of children unborn,

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