

Isaiah 8:11-20

v.11 – Walk a different way

v.12 – Talk a different talk

v.13 – Sanctify Yehovah – Make God your all – total - exclusive

v.16 – Torah and testimony

Torah is the talk – Teaching – Truth – God's way

Testimony is the walk – Lifestyle – Evidence

v.17 – Wait on Yehovah

v.18 – Be living signs – that Yehovah's ways are LIFE - Good

v.20 – Torah and testimony – OR – NO Light

Presuppositions - From Creation Story

1. Special Creation – Made in Image of God – not image of beast
Given dominion – Absolute Value – Common Designer
2. Our Hearts were made IN and FOR Paradise – Love – Joy
Not IN and FOR evolutionary struggle – brutality – death
3. We cannot improve on Paradise – Only break what God made
4. Human history is one of regressive–devolution – Entropy
Not progressive–evolution
5. Any way we differ from Paradise reveals our brokenness
We are all broken – from birth – Need healing
6. Social roles – as reflected in Torah – are flexible
Moral rules – as commanded in Torah – are laws of LIFE
Cannot change without damaging people = immorality

To flex societal roles is part of life
To change moral rules is contrary to LIFE

Progression of Creation

1. Light
2. Air – Atmosphere
3. Land and Sea
Vegetation
4. Sun – Moon – Stars
5. Fish
Birds
6. Animals
ADAM – Garden
ADAM split into Adam and Eve
Adam and Eve joined into ONE
7. Sabbath – Holy Time

God's initial moves
are material – functional
providing infrastructure
and the various parts

God's finishing touches
are relational

Bible, Gender, Sexuality by James V. Brownson

When Christians confront difficult ethical issues, we bring to our discernment **the tradition of what the church has said**, **our understanding of the Bible**, and **the testimony of our experience**, all illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

Even when we are not consciously aware of these three dimensions, they each still play some part. The challenge is to keep them in balance — and in dialogue with each other.

Problems come when we try to isolate just one of these as the only source of truth and fail to recognize how they depend on one another. The church's debate over [difficult ethical issues] has often reflected the weaknesses of a one-dimensional approach to discerning truth.

Quoted from foreword by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

Marriage – Wife – Husband – in OT

Wife = Woman – “ish-shah” – his woman

Gen 2:22 – God made woman and brought her to Adam

Gen 2:24 – A man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to **his woman**

Gen 3:32 – God made tunics of skin

and clothed Adam and **his woman**

Gen 4:1 – Adam knew **his woman** Eve, and she conceived

Gen 7:7 - Noah and his sons and **his woman**

and **his son's women** entered the ark

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Husband = Man – “iysh” – her man, your man, my man

Gen 3:6 - Eve gave the fruit to **her man**

Gen 3:16 - Your desire will be for **your man**

Gen 29:32 - Leah bore her first son

and named him Reuben (Look, a son)

and said - Surely **my man** will love me...

Gen 30:15 – Squabble between sister wives - Leah to Rachel

Is it a small matter that you have taken **my man**?

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Marriage – 3 main words

To take – He took a woman

Ordinary usage

Gen 2:15 – God **took** Adam and put him in the garden

Gen 2:21 – God **took** a rib from Adam – made woman

Gen 3:6 – Eve **took** of the fruit and ate

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Marriage usage

Deut 24:1 – When a man **takes** a woman

Gen 4:19 – Lamech **took** to himself two women

Gen 38:2 – Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite named Shua, and he **took** her and went in to her

Gen 38:6 – Judah **took** a woman for Er – named Tamar

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Ordinary usage

Gen 3:6 - Eve ate the fruit - and **gave** it to her man

Gen 3:12 - The woman You **gave** me - she **gave** me the fruit

Gen 12:7 - God to Abram - to your descendants I will **give**
this land

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Marriage usage

Gen 29:28 - He **gave** Rachel his daughter to him as woman

Ex 2:21 - Jethro **gave** his daughter Zipporah to Moses

Gen 16:3 - Sarai **gave** Hagar, her maid,
to her man as his woman

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Gen 20:3 - God to Abimelech - in a dream - Sarai is **married**

Literally - She is **owned** of an **owner**

Ex 21:3 - If he is **husband** of a wife =

If he is **owner (ba’al)** of a woman

Ex 21:22 – woman’s **husband** = “ba’al” of the woman

Ex 21:28 – **owner** of an ox = “ba’al” of the ox

Ex 22:7 – **owner** of a house = “ba’al” of the house

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Sweet ownership of love – Belonging

Song 6:3 – I am my beloved's - and my beloved is mine

Song 7:10 – I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me

Genesis 2:24

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Gen 28:15 - I will not leave you...

Gen 39:6 - Potiphar left everything he owned in Joseph's care

Gen 39:12 - Joseph left his garment in Potiphar's wife's hand
and ran outside

Leave



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and be joined – *dabaq* – to cling



To cling

Deuteronomy 10:20 –

You shall fear the LORD your God;
you shall serve Him and **cling** to Him,
and you shall swear by His name.

To cling

- Ruth 1:14** - And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth **clung** to her.
- 15.** Then she said, “Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”
- 16.** But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.
- 17.** “Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me.”
- 18.** When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

To cling

2 Samuel 23:10 - He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and **clung** to the sword.

Psalms 137:6 - May my tongue **cling** to the roof of my mouth...

To cling

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Genesis 31:22 - When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

23. then he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him a distance of seven days' journey, and he **overtook** him in the hill country of Gilead.

Judges 20:42 - Therefore, they turned their backs before the men of Israel toward the direction of the wilderness, but the battle **overtook** them...

To cling – To overtake

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1 Samuel 31:1 - Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2. The Philistines **overtook** Saul and his sons...

To cling – To overtake – To pursue

Genesis 34:1 – Dinah went to visit the local girls

2. Shechem saw her, and raped her

3. His soul **clung** to her – He tried to woo her

4. Asked his dad to “**Take** to me this young girl as woman”

5. Jacob waited to tell her 11 brothers

6. Hamor comes to speak with Jacob

7. Dinah’s 11 brothers are angry

8. “The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter;
please **give** her to him in marriage.

Literally: *Please give her to him as woman*

9. “Intermarry with us; (**chathan** - *become related by marriage*)
give your daughters to us
and **take** our daughters for yourselves.

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to his woman – *ish-shah* – female
and they shall become – “they will be being” – ongoing reality
one flesh – A Divine creative act of God



Matthew 19:4-6

v.4 – He made them male and female

v.5 – For this reason... - Quotes Genesis 2:24

v.6 – No longer two, but one flesh

What God has yoked together, let not man separate

Anyone can “marry” you

Truly becoming “One Flesh”
requires a Divine creative act of God

Masculine Journey

Beloved Son – Identity – Safe – Adored – Validated

Adventurer – Strength – Question: Do I have what it takes?

Warrior – Purpose – A Cause and a King – Mission

Lover – Beauty – Aesthetic awakening – Beauty → Woman

King – Power – Dependents – Oversight – Influence – Power



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IDENTITY – Belonging – Relational ownership

EXCLUSIVITY – Belonging to each other and to none other

INDIVISIBILITY – Permanent oneness – Inseparable forever

