



# **BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW!**

**Aligning your view of the world with God's Word!**

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## Opening Comments

- Today, we continue our series: **Biblical Worldviews: Aligning your view of the world with God's Word!**
- Today, we come to one of the most contentious issues of our day
- And it is summarized by the question, "What is a woman?"
- Up until very recently, most of the culture could have given some answer that was, at least close, to a correct answer to that question
- Something has changed in our culture and many people struggle to answer that question
- If they will actually try to answer, they will say something like, 'A woman is someone who feels like, looks like, or believes they are a woman.'
- That is a circular argument that doesn't answer the question
- If you asked me what this object was in front of me and I responded, 'It is something that looks like this.' Have I answered your question?
- If I want to answer your question, I will describe its construction, its purpose, its specific characteristics
- The world may struggle to give a coherent answer to the question, "What is a Woman", but the church shouldn't
- I will start with a definition of what a woman is
- We will then look at why we care about this question
- And then we will talk briefly about how to relate to a world that sees these things differently
- But first, let's pray
- **Pray**

## Teaching

- **What is a Woman?**

- Let's begin with a definition

**Woman: a human of the gender (female) that is capable of bearing young who has reached physical and mental maturity.**

- Turn in your Bible to **Mark 10**
- This debate is centered around the rise of transgenderism in the culture

- And that debate seemed to really pick up steam when Bruce Jenner declared in 2015 that he was a woman trapped in a man’s body and that he was in the process of “transitioning” from being a man to being a woman
- The following year he was the first man named woman of the year by Glamour Magazine
- Transitioning involves multiple surgeries and intense hormone and drug therapies, which they will be on the rest of their lives
- The long-term effects of those drugs are not completely known but often lead to cancer and other serious illness
- But even if Bruce Jenner does all that – is he a woman?
- Can a man change from a man into a woman?
- In Mark 10, some Pharisees, came testing Jesus about marriage
- They wanted to know if there were any conditions under which it would be legal to divorce
- **Mark 10:2-6**
- Jesus goes all the way back to the Creation account in Genesis 1
- God made them ‘male and female’
- All of God’s creation is intentional and deliberate
- He created humans with two genders – male and female
- Bruce Jenner would have us believe that God made a mistake when He made him
- Over and over again we are told in the Bible, God is perfect

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

*He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.*

- The next verse in **Deuteronomy 32:5** tells us where imperfection comes from

*They have corrupted themselves; they are not His children, because of their blemish: a perverse and crooked generation.*

- At the moment of conception gender is established, either male or female
- It is not based on some fluke of biology or random chance
- God ordains what gender you will be even before you are conceived

**Psalms 139:13-16**

*For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works,*

and *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when *as yet there were* none of them.

- Jesus continues
- **Mark 10:7-8**
- God made them male and female and then He put them together in an intimate relationship we know as marriage
- And when God puts two people together it is another act of His divine creative power – to make them one

• And He is looking for fruit **Malachi 2:14-15**

Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. But did He not make *them* one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring.

“Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.”

- Not just biological children but spiritual children
- The next verse is the one I wanted to get to

• **Mark 10:9**

- Literally, do not try to separate two people God has put together in marriage
- But there is a broader concept given here also
- Do not try to change or undo what God was done
- When God made them male and female, that was what He wants them to be
- Why should we care about these things?
- First – **It is disordered and wrong**
- If your society is disordered, all it will produce is more disorder – chaos, confusion, and misery
- God makes it clear that the only way to a good life is God’s way –

Moses – **Deuteronomy 30:19-20a**

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days...

- And if you learn anything from the history of Israel, when the leaders rebelled against God, it wasn't just the rebels who suffered, everyone did
- The second reason we care is because **Wickedness is never satisfied**
- Gender dysphoria is when someone feels like the gender God gave them is different than the one they are
- Did you know that species dysphoria is on the rise?
- These are people who feel they are a species other than human – cat, wolf, dragon
- There is at least one guy who is having an intimate relationship with his car
- We have an enemy **John 10:10a**  
**The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.**
- The thief is another name for the Devil – He is real, and he hates us
- He hates us because all humans are made in the image of God – and he hates God
- When evil is tolerated, evil spreads and grows
- That is true in the culture, the government, the world, your family, marriage, or life
- The third reason we care – **They want our children**
- The people who are promoting these disordered sexual ideologies, including transgenderism, want to educate children on these things as early as possible
- And they want to make it so that parents have no say in the matter
- We know this is true because of the uproar over the Florida law banning that kind of indoctrination and grooming in Kindergarten to third grades in public schools
- These groups are encouraging pre-teens to poison their bodies with puberty blockers and will encourage them to mutilate their bodies with 'sex reassignment' surgeries – it is barbaric – it is abuse
- We must care about this because God cares about it
- And if we care, we need to be prepared to do something
- Back to our question, "What is a woman?"  
**Woman: a human of the gender (female) that is capable of bearing young who has reached physical and mental maturity.**
- Here are some ways that God views women

- **First – She is God’s Creation**
- God’s creation is good, just the way He makes it
- And God is wonderfully diverse in how He created women – different shapes, sizes, colors, temperaments, abilities
- And He made them different than men
- Men tend to have an advantage when it comes to physical things
- Doesn’t make them better, just different
- This was made abundantly clear when Leah Thomas, a big, hulking dude who claims he is a woman crushed every woman at a recent NCAA competition
- FINA, the international swimming governing body just banned men from swimming in women’s events – well yeah, they’re dudes
- **Second – She is a helpmeet to a man**
- God made men and women to complement one another
- They are equal in value and importance, just different roles
- **Third – She is a mother to children**
- No man, no matter what he does to his body will be able to bear children in a natural way
- **Fourth – She is a daughter of God**
- Therefore, she has value – precious in the sight of God
- Men attempting to be women diminishes the value of all women
- **Fifth – She is a servant of God**
- That doesn’t make her unique, it is just a part of what makes her awesome
- **Sixth – She is a part of the body of Christ**
- Just as the human body was created with parts that function differently than others but are a part of the whole
- Women and men all have a place in Christ’s body
- If you try to change one of those parts, it no longer helps the body
- If an arm suddenly decided, it was a leg – it would be weird
- Women, you are precious in God’s sight, exactly the way He made you – even if you don’t like how He made you – He does
- Men, treasure the women in your life – they are precious to God
- Love them exactly the way God made them
- Help them to flourish in the way God made them

- Women are awesome, amazing, wonderful, and a gift from God
- Most of the world does not appreciate women the way we do
- They have become so confused by the lies of the enemy of their souls that they can't even tell you what one is
- So, what do we do with all that?
- **First – Stand on the Truth**
- They may not know what a woman is, but you do **Ephesians 4:15-16**  
...we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ...
- Tell people the truth – a man cannot be woman
- **Second – Accept the Person**
- Every human was created by God in His image to be the object of His love and Grace and for the purpose of doing good works and bringing glory to Him
- We must accept the person but not normalize the disordered things in their life
- **Third – Love them in the name of Christ**
- It can be incredibly hard to love someone who has chosen to live a life far from God
- It is easy to love people we like or who are like us
- It is hard when they are not – we are still called to love them **Matthew 5:44-45**  
I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- If He wants us to do that with our enemies, He also wants us to do that with people who living disordered lives
- They are probably blind to the path the devil is leading them down
- They are probably not evil people, but they have been deceived by evil
- We should pity them and strive to be a light that leads them to Jesus
- Stand on the truth, accept them - don't normalize their sins, love them
- Women are marvelous creations of God
- I am blessed to have so many in my life – God bless you all
- **Prayer**