



Q&A

5 Foundational Questions About Men and Women Jane Hansen Hoyt's Biblical Answers

1. Why is there so much abuse of women in the world?

I believe the reason so many women are abused predates the religious systems and cultural practices of our day. It started in the garden. Eve was the first to be ensnared by Satan and the first to expose his true nature (as deceiver). She was also the subject of the first promise of deliverance.

2. Why do most women continue to play minor roles in most churches?

The human race continues to suffer the fallout of Satan's malignant coup. In the garden, the enemy moved swiftly to separate the man and the woman, bringing distrust, fear, and suspicion between the genders to weaken, or attempt to render powerless, the plan of God. The sad truth is, the Church itself has not fully recovered from this catastrophic event.

3. If God created man in His own image, male and female (Gen. 1:27, 28), doesn't this make Eve an addition to His original plan?

When God created Adam, He made him in the full image of Himself. But when God took the woman from the side of the man, what happened to that image of God? Was it added to? Subtracted from? It was neither. *It was divided.*

God's plan could never come through men alone; it could never come through women alone. It has to be expressed through the two of them together.

4. What about the role of single women in God's plan?

In the beginning, God expressed His purpose for male and female through a man and wife, but we must realize that His plan extends and should function both within the marriage union and beyond it to every area of life and relationships.

5. If right relationship between men and women is the foundational place God is using to accomplish His plan, will we ever get there?

Don't be discouraged! As tensions arise in the earth, God is forming a Body of people who are strong, whole, and passionate for Him and for His purposes. He is causing women to arise. There is an alignment of genders, a merging of anointings taking place in this hour that will bring forth a powerful victory on earth. It was intended from the beginning; it is the true face of dominion; and it may well be necessary for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

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