

How Gender Reversal hurts a society
Amos 4:1

CURRENT EVENTS:

- 1- "Gay Rights" has nothing to do with tolerance.
 - a. Reaction to proposition 8 rejection (riots, church invasions, threats)
 - b. Hatred for those who supported prop 8
 - c. Reaction from the homosexual community to Warren

- 2- Rick Warren represents a kind of Christianity more influence by culture than scripture
 - a. His opposition to prop 8 was welcomed, but LATE
 - b. His reaction to President Obama's critics reveals that his opinions are highly influenced by culture.

"I have in no way ever taught that homosexuality is the same thing as a forced relationship between an adult and a child, or between siblings," Warren said. "I was trying to point out I'm not opposed to gays having their partnership. I'm opposed to gays using the term marriage for their relationship." Rick Warren: Opposed to gay marriage, not gay partnerships

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YOUNG PEOPLE - commit to obey the Word of God!
Do not embrace culture conforming Christianity.

CONNECTION to AMOS 4:1

The PROGRESS of AMOS

- Amos has their attention and his message is growing more pointed (4:12 *"prepare to meet your God..."*)
- The men of Israel will soon reach the boiling point. (7:10)
- He's talking about their wives!

"COWS of BASHAN"

- lush area east of the Jordan and south of Mount Hermon
- Known for producing well fed animals
 - (Psalm 22:12) *"Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me."*
 - (Ezekiel 39:18) *"You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan."*

TWO CONDEMNATIONS:

1. The women of Samaria lived in luxury at the expense of the poor
2. The women of Samaria exerted authority over their husbands who were powerless to restrain their wicked behavior.

(This is NOT an excuse for the men. They were even more culpable. This section is directed at the responsibility of the women of Samari.)

PARALLEL to our CULTURE

Aspects of Feminism creep into our thinking

DISCLAIMER:

- husbands and wives are equal in value
- Men and women are different!
- God has assigned roles to each for the stewardship of His creation
- There is danger when we change EITHER ROLE
- The world system will **ALWAYS seek to corrupt** what God gives
- Many of us are influenced by matriarchal families/ societies

RESOURCES:

Piper and Grudem “Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood”
Raising a Modern Day Knight

FIVE KEY PASSAGES:

1. Eph 5:22-33
 - a. Love
 - b. Respect
2. 1 Timothy 2:11-12
 - a. Women cannot hold positions of authority in the church
 - b. What can women do?
3. 1 Peter 3:1-7
4. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35
5. 1 Corinthians 11:3-10

WHAT CAN WOMEN DO?

1. Service
2. Ministry
3. Raising children
4. Teaching other women. (Titus 2:3-5) *"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their*

- husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."*
5. Teaching children. (2 Timothy 1:5) *"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."* (2 Timothy 3:14-15) *"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*

RESULTS of ROLE REVERSAL

1. Anger
2. Frustration
3. Sexual discontentment
4. Leading separate lives
5. Children who mock their fathers, manipulate their mothers
6. Mothers who are frustrated because of wicked children
7. men who relinquish everything to their wives
8. Wives who are overwhelmed with family, career, children, school, etc

MANY CULTURES live this way

illus - Big Fat Greek Wedding "The husband is the head, but the woman is the neck!!!"

HOW CAN a HUSBAND RECLAIM LOST LEADERSHIP?

1. LOVE your wife!
2. Begin with spiritual leadership
3. Humble yourself. Eph 5:21 "submit to one another"
4. Control your anger

HOW CAN A WIFE RECLAIM BIBLICAL SUBMISSION?

1. Respect your husband
2. Defer spiritual leadership and discipline to your husband
3. Humble yourself. Eph 5:21
4. Control your "Dominion desire"
 - a. (Genesis 3:16) *"To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.""*
 - b. (1 Timothy 2:14-15) *"And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety."*
 - c. "Saved in childbirth" = "saved from the dominion desire." A woman's true fulfillment should be to her family. This will save her from the dominion temptation that has existed since the fall of man!" (PB)