

I. Introduction - The God of Order

- A. Psalm 19 – "The heavens declare the glory of God ... "
- B. Job 12 – "But ask the animals, and they will teach you ... "
- C. Listening to a chicken egg – The exquisite design and intricacy seen in a chicken egg.
- D. Scriptural emphasis of order – Job 25:2, 1 Corinthians 14:33, James 3:16.

II. Social Order – The Divine Imprint

- A. "It is not good" – Genesis 2:18 – Why was it "not good" for man to be alone?
- B. Triune structure stamped upon Social Order:
 - 1. God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - 2. Family – Husband, Wife, Children
 - 3. Church – Christ, Leaders, Flock
- C. Relationships, Roles, Authority, Submission and Unity within social spheres.
- D. Our world – Three realms – Physical, Spiritual and Social

III. Importance of relationships

- A. What happened at the fall? – Relationships were severed and damaged – between God & man, man & man, and man & creation.
- B. Aloneness - "It is not good for man to be alone" – Aloneness is contrary to God's nature; in all eternity, there had never been aloneness before.

C. God's design of social institutions and social laws.

D. Intimate Three – God's design for authority, unity, intimacy, oneness - Family, Church, God and Man.

IV. Family & Church

A. Ephesians 5 – Roles and relationships of members in these spheres – Authority, Submission, Oneness.

B. Love and Respect between husband and wife.

C. Honor between children and parents, flock and church leaders.

V. Conclusion – Pathologies of the Family

A. Divorce – Malachi 2:16 – "I hate divorce ... "

B. Lack of respect – 1 Peter 3:7 – " ... so that nothing will hinder your prayers ... "