

The Epistle to the Ephesians

9. Ephesians Chapter 5:21-33

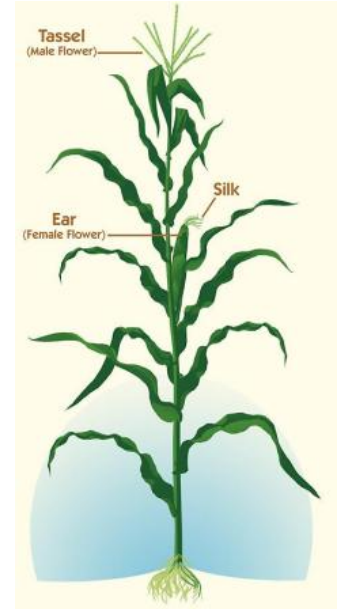


In the beginning God created a universe with order and purpose. He created life with the same order and purpose, to the finest detail. What is the purpose of a flower and its fragrance¹? The plants need to be pollinated, because there are female and male plants, the fragrance and colors attract pollinators such as bees and birds who take the pollen and deliver it. Without pollination there would be no next generation of plants. Without bees, humanity and the animal world would starve as the whole cycle of life is built with order.

Did the plant figure this out, and then decide on the right fragrance and color to attract pollinators? Did they self-design their method of reproduction? No this was a design by God, the Creator of plants.

In the same way, God designed creation of the universe and life, the LORD designed order in the

creation of humanity. Mankind was designed in the image of God, but we fell at the Garden (Genesis 3), and as a result all of creation was affected. Jesus came to restore what Adam lost, by dying for our sins on the cross. As believers we are filled with the Holy Spirit and restored to fellowship with God, that Adam and Eve Lost in



the fall. As followers of Christ, we are to reflect this restored fellowship to a fallen world.



God designed the pollination process, He created it so that plants need pollinators to reproduce, He created it so that the colors of the flower and scents the plants emit attract the right kind of pollinators, this was by design. In the same way, the order of the Husband and Wife reflects Christ and His Church, this was designed by God, who ordered all life.

Wives and Husbands

Marriage is under assault in our world, because Satan understands marriage reflects Christ and the Church he sees as an enemy. How does Satan wage war? through conflict, confusion and disunity. As believers its our job to show a fallen world, the picture of restoration. We need to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We do this by example, including our marriage, submitting to the order created by God.

Paul, through the Holy Spirit gives instruction to the Church, though in our current culture these words are rejected. Why?

Wives

¹ <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/the-buzz/nature-curiosity-why-do-flowers-smell-god/>



22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

(22) Wives, submit to...husbands: God has ordained the order, wives are under their husbands authority, God has established the male as the leader in the household. The husband is a model of the **Lord**. This is not a popular belief today, because we live in the fallen world.

(23) Husband is head...wife: The husband is the type, a model of Christ. As Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, the husband is

the head of the marriage.

Christ is head...church

(24)Therefore: Since Christ is the reality and the marriage is the model of Christ and His Church.

So..wives be to...husbands..everything: Wives are to reflect his model.

Christ and His Church

Rev 19:6-9

(6) Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

(7) Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

(8) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

(9) And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Hosea and Gomer

Hos 3:1-5

(1) And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."

(2) So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley.

(3) And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you."

(4) For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods.

(5) Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Husbands

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. **Ephesians 5:25-29**

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Marriage

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. **Ephesians 5:30-32**

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