

A BREAK GLASS MOMENT

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GENESIS 1:26-31

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26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS FOR THIS MOMENT:

1) Genesis 1 reveals much about who **GOD** is.

- He is preexistent. 1:1 *In the beginning, God...*
- He is Creator. 1:1 *In the beginning, God created...*
- His word is powerful. 1:3 *And He said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*
- He is Triune. 1:26 *Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*

2) Genesis 1 reveals much about who **MAN** is. 1:26-27 ('man' = 'adam' = used here as 'humankind')

- We are created. 1:26-27 (Psalm 100:3; 95:6)
- We are like God. 1:26-27 'in our image, after our likeness'
relational, spiritual, intellectual, creative, ruling,
- We are male and female. 1:27
- We are special in creation. 1:28 *And God blessed them. And gave dominion.*

3) Genesis 1 contains God's first instruction to mankind. 1:28

"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it..."

4) Genesis 2 contains God's specific creation of woman. 2:18-24

5) Genesis 2 contains God's specific creation and design of family. 2:24-25

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

All of this is affirmed by Jesus and the New Testament.

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

How did we get from 'blessed' and 'go procreate' to every imaginable perversion from God's original design?

Genesis chapter 3 contains the **REBELLION** and **FALL** of humanity. Here in lies our great problem.
Romans chapters 1-3 describe the **total depravity** of our fallen condition.

Our Society's Attempt to Destroy **GOD'S IMAGE** in Gender and Marriage:

1) We see the world's rage against God.

Psalm 2:1-4

- 1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

(Remember Philippians 2:9-11)

2) We see the world's exaltation of **EVIL** and condemnation of **GOOD**.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

3) In both American and European culture we have experienced steadily accelerating abandonment of **God's Word** and **God's Design**.

From the 1850's to the 1950's...

Biblical Christianity gradually gave way to Cultural Christianity.

- Bible knowledge declined.
- Sound doctrine declined.
- True and careful Christian worship declined.
- Worldliness increased.
- Non-belief increased.
- Idolatries increased.

4) We are now at a **BREAK GLASS MOMENT** for the true Church and Christian families.

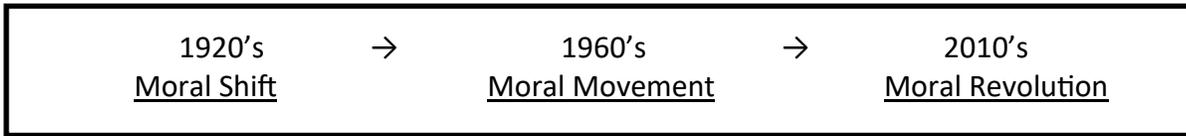
From the 1960's to Present Day...

Cultural Christianity has given way to total secular humanism.

- Christian families need to realize that the building is on fire.
- Immediate and drastic action is necessary to avoid calamity and destruction.

SECULARISM leads to MORAL FREE-FALL

People ask, "WHAT HAPPENED?! How did this happen so fast?" Answer: It didn't.



Progression through philosophy, theology, sociology, economics, technology.

PROGRESSIVE DECLINE IN SEXUAL MORALITY -- Abandoning God's design:

- Divorce (Henry VIII to present)
 - No Fault Divorce (1969)
 - Contraception (sex becomes less connected to having babies)
 - Legalization of Abortion (1973)
 - Increased fornication/adultery acceptance
 - Cohabitation becomes accepted/popular
 - Legal Homosexual Marriage (2015)
 - Explosion of LGBTQ+ (2020)

The popularity of "LGBTQ+" speaks for itself as to the Godlessness of our day.

Lesbian = female homosexuality

Gay = male homosexuality (generally speaking)

Bisexual = one who is open to heterosexual AND homosexual sexual relationships

Transgender = rejection of ones sex at birth seeking to identify as or attempt to become the other sex. Anything from cross-dressing to mutilation of sexual organs.

Questioning = those who are unsure of what they are

+ = the sky is the limit: polyamory, bestiality, pedophilia, incestuous marriage, etc.

Please pick up printed handout "***BASIS OF SCRIPTURE RESPONSE FOR LGBTQ***"

Please watch "***IN HIS IMAGE***" at www.InHisImage.movie

This is a TRUE REVOLUTION.

In a revolution not only does the new regime have control, but the old regime is silenced, eliminated or sent into hiding. They simply are not tolerated. And everyone is forced to declare, "Hail to the King!".

Christians must realize that their surrounding society is now opposed to their biblical views of morality and it is intent on neutralizing them.

Christians are forced to decide with whom they stand... popular culture or Creator-God.

SO HOW DO WE STAND WITH GOD?

1) We stand confidently.

Hebrews 10:23 and 35-36

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

2) We stand lovingly. We correct gently.

The fallen world currently says, "LOVE WINS." Virtue signaling for acceptance of immorality.
The true church currently says, "LOVE WARNS."

LOVE WARNS OF DANGER.
SIN IS DANGEROUS.

(It leads to destruction and death.)

Genesis 1:17; Romans 6:23; James 1:15

Galatians 6:1

*1 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in **a spirit of gentleness**. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 4:21 (Paul calls the Corinthian believers to repent)

*Which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and with a **gentle spirit**?*

2 Timothy 2:25 (how a Pastor should begin correction)

*He must **gently reprove** those who oppose him, in the hope that God may grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.*

3) We stand vigilantly.

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

4) We stand redemptively.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

***The GOOD NEWS of God's design, God's love and God's redemption is for EVERYONE.
Have you come to Him in faith and repentance? You can.***