



Biblical

PATRIARCHY

GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HOME, THE CHURCH, AND THE CITY





The Image of God

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. -Genesis 1:27





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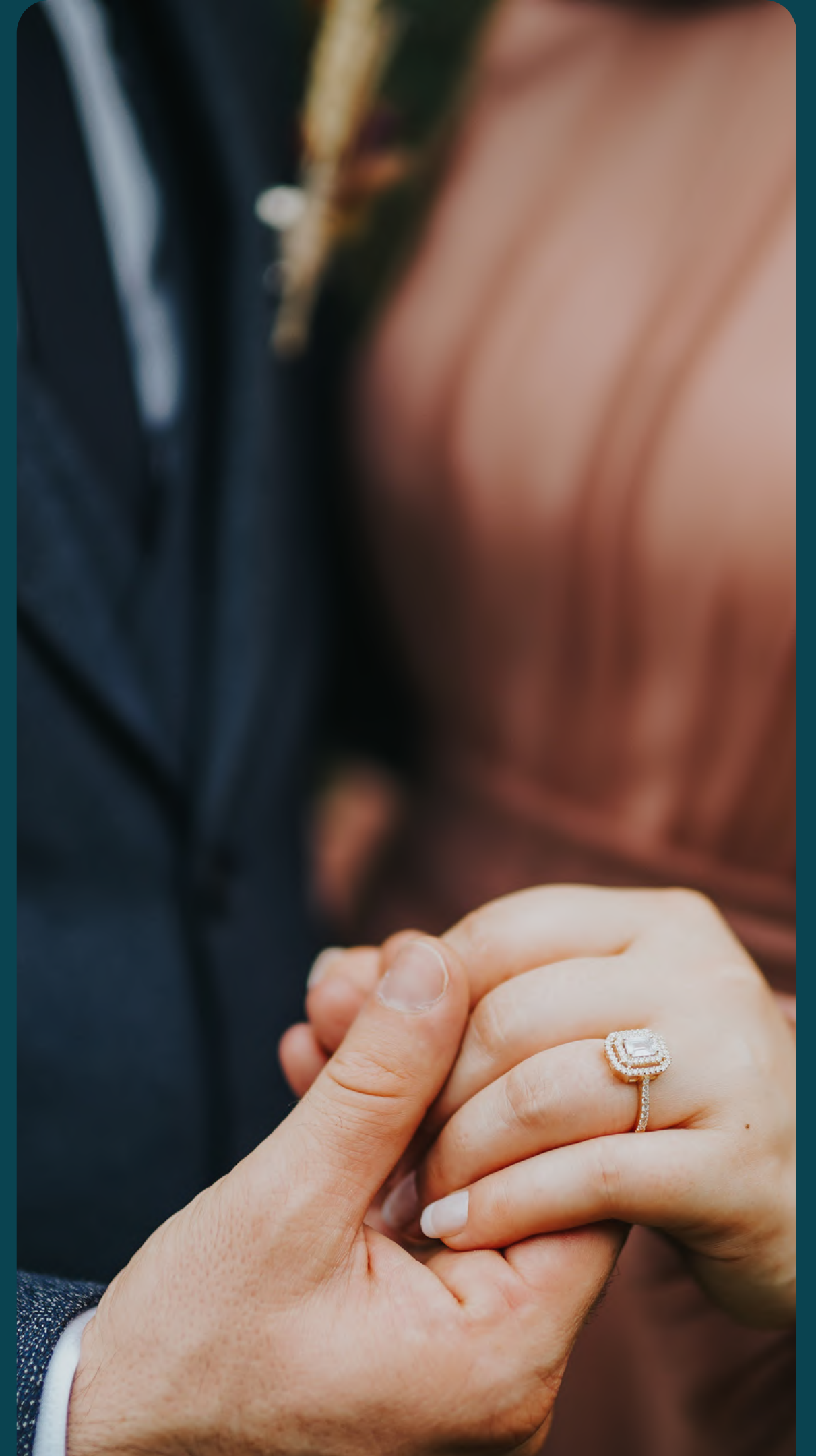
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-EPHESIANS 5:22-33



Commands for the Husband/Father

- Love (as his own body)
- Protect (gave Himself up)
- Disciple (sanctify)
- Provide (nourish)
- Procreate (Gen. 9)
- Lead (wives submit)



Love

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

-Eph.5:25

- Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an **understanding** way, showing **honor** to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. -1 Peter 3:7
- Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger, but bring them up in the **discipline and instruction of the Lord**.-Ephesians 6:4
- And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach them diligently** to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. -Deut. 6:6-7
- In the same way husbands should **love** their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. -Eph. 5:28

Protect

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

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- But if anyone does not **provide** for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. -1 Timothy 5:8
- **Rescue** the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked -Psalm 82:4
- **Rescue** those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. -Prov. 24:11
- When a **strong** man, **fully armed**, **guards** his own palace, his goods are safe;-Luke 11:21
- He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no **sword** sell his cloak and buy one.-Luke 24:36
- “If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed. -Exodus 22:2
- Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who **trains my hands for war**, my fingers for battle. -Psalm 144:1

Provide

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.

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- But if anyone does not **provide** for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. -1 Timothy 5:8
- The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work** it and keep it. -Genesis 2:15
- For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. -2 Thess. 3:10
- The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who **seek the Lord** lack no good thing.-Psalm 34:10

Lead

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. -Eph.5:24

- But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the **head of a wife is her husband**, and the head of Christ is God. -1 Cor. 11:3
- Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.-Col. 3:18
- Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.-1 Peter 3:1-2



Procreate

And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.” -Genesis 9:7

- 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.” -Gen. 1:28
- And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...But as for you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out across the earth and multiply upon it.” -Gen. 9:1,7 (reiterated in Genesis 28:3, 35:11)
- Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children like olive plants Around your table. -Psalm 128:3



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Marks of a Thriving Wife.

- 10 An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband **trusts in her**,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 **She does him good**, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- 14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is yet night
and **provides food for her household**
and portions for her maidens.
- 16 She **considers a field and buys it**;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms **strong**.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She **opens her hand to the poor**
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- 22 She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 **Her husband is known in the gates**
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and **sells** them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 **Strength and dignity** are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with **wisdom**,
and the teaching of **kindness** is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 **Her children rise up and call her blessed**;
her husband also, and he praises her:
- 29 “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who **fears the Lord** is to be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:10-31



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- Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. -1 Peter 3:1-6
- I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. -1 Timothy 2:12
- Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. -Titus 2:3-5

Commands for the Wife

- Submit/Love/Respect husband
- Adorn with a gentle and quiet spirit. (1 Peter 3:1-6)
- Do good and don't fear. (1 Peter 3:1-6)
- Teach and lead women, not men (1 Timothy 2:12)
- Work in the home (Titus 2:3-5)
- Self-controlled, pure, kind (Titus 2:3-5)



Biblical Headship

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. -1 Cor. 11:3



Father Rule

Patriarchy: pa·tri·arch·y
patriarkhēs = 'ruling father'

(noun): a system of society or government in which the father or eldest male is **head** of the family and descent is traced through the male line.



Matriarchal

Mother Rule.

Woman is head of the home and is the primary authority and decision-maker. This usually spills over into leadership outside the home. Men in this scenario are often absent or weak.

Egalitarian

No Rule.

Man and woman are equal in authority, and there is no distinction of function between them in the home or outside the home. This often leads to confusion and conflict in functions.

Complementarian

Different but Equal.

Men and women are equal in value but distinct in their roles. Complementarianism often fails to specify but usually holds to male leadership in the home but not usually outside the home.

Patriarchal

Father Rule.

Men and women are equal in value, but men are to lead, provide, and protect both in the home and outside the home, as wife run the home and support their husbands.

Biblical Headship

- Biblically, the head represents power, authority, and honor. Kings and priests would be anointed and crowned on the head. (1 Sam 10:1, 2 Sam 1:10, 2 Kings 9:3, Psalm 21:3)
- The Septuagint uses **kephale** (head) to refer to an elderly person, a prominent leader, a king, or someone in authority.
- Paul Uses headship to refer to "authority" (Eph. 5:21-25, Col 1:18, Colossians 2:10, Colossians 2:19, 1 Cor. 11:5-6)



Patriarchy Not Chauvinism

- **Chauvinism** is household tyranny. It occurs when the husband/father leverages his authority for selfish gain.
- **Biblical Patriarchy** occurs when the husband/father wields his authority for the wellbeing of his household.



Marriage, Headship, and the Household

Marriage is sacred for many reasons (Genesis 2:24, Hebrews 13:4).

However, it is particularly important because it is God's method for building His Kingdom from generation to generation. So many of God's commands are built around the home to ensure that the faith is passed down from generation to generation (Deuteronomy 6).

It gives God glory in the simplest of functions as husband and wife and children serve one another in loving fulfillment of the Law (Romans 13:8-13). This is why disruption of marriage is not a small matter. It derails the generational propagation of the Kingdom with untold effects.



Marriage, Headship, and the Household

- “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.” -Malachi 2:16
- But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. -1 Timothy 5:8
- Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. -Prov. 5:18
- Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.-1 Cor. 7:5
- 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.” -Gen. 1:28

Patriarchy Requires Manliness

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

-Micah 6:8

- Be righteous
- Be Kind
- Be humble



Patriarchy Requires Manliness

- Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. -1 Cor. 16:13-14
- "... Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn..." -1 Kings 2:2-4
- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ... -Psalm 1:1-6
- For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; -1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
- It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? -Heb. 12:7

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- Be watchful (1 Cor. 16:13)
- Be strong (1 Cor. 16:13)
- Be loving (1 Cor. 16:13)
- Be obedient to God (1 Kings 2:2-4)
- Be pure (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)



Men Are Commanded to Be Men

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. -1 Cor. 6:9-10

μαλακοὶ Strong's: 3120 Transliterated: malakoi **Condemns "softness"**
1) soft, soft to the touch 2) effeminate

ἀρσενοκοῖται Strong's: 733 Transliterated: arsenokoitai **Condemns homosexuality**
1) one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual
Root: (see Lev. 20:13) ἄρσενος (man) κοίτην (bed) "manbedders"

Patriarchy and Church Governance:

Elders and Deacons Must Be Faithful Husbands/Father.

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.-1 Timothy 3:2-7

Patriarchy and Civil Authority:

Elders and Deacons Must Be Faithful Husbands/Father.

- “He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray” (Deuteronomy 17:17)
- “He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold” (Deuteronomy 17:17)
- “When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees” (Deuteronomy 17:18–19)
- The king must “not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left” (Deuteronomy 17:20).





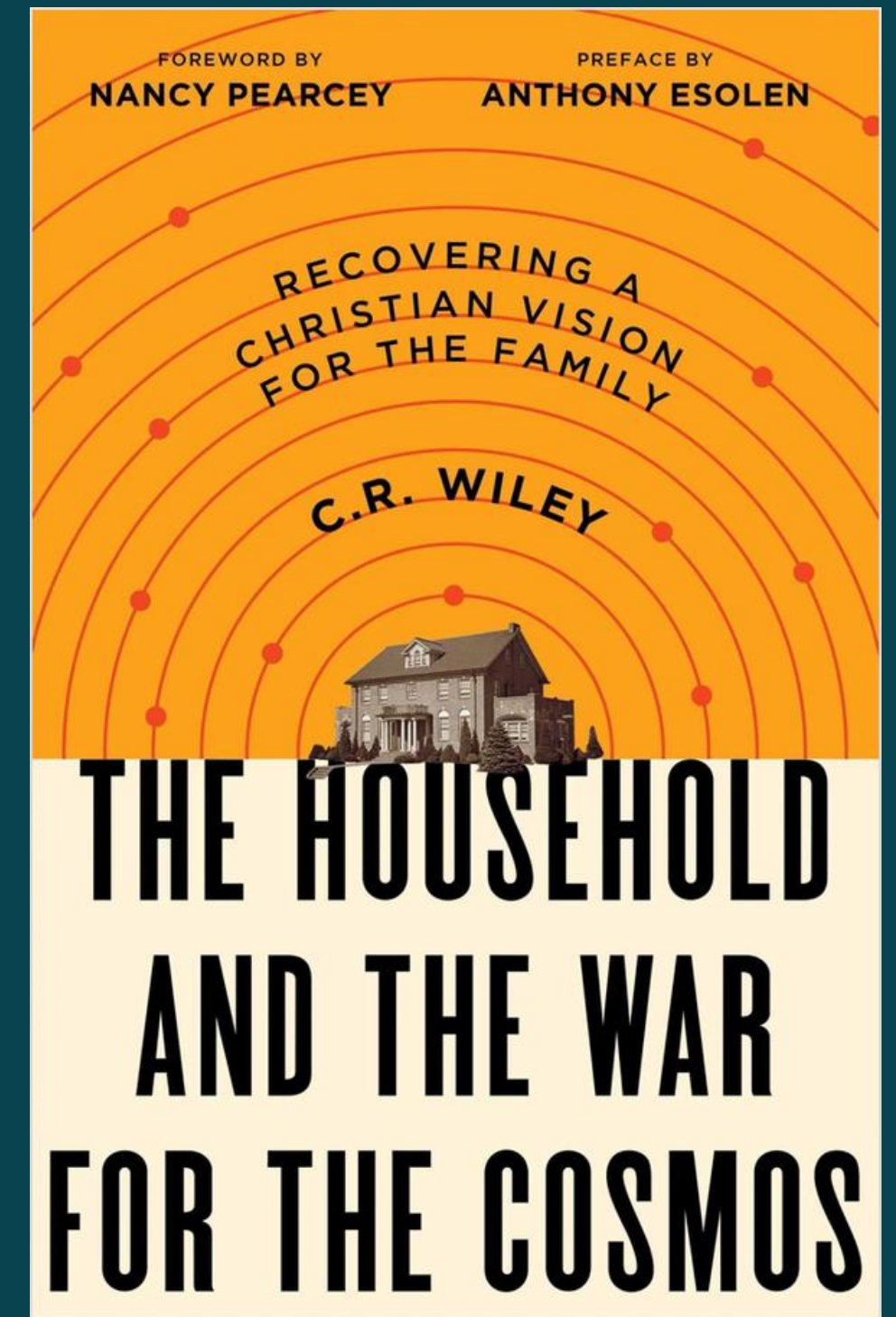
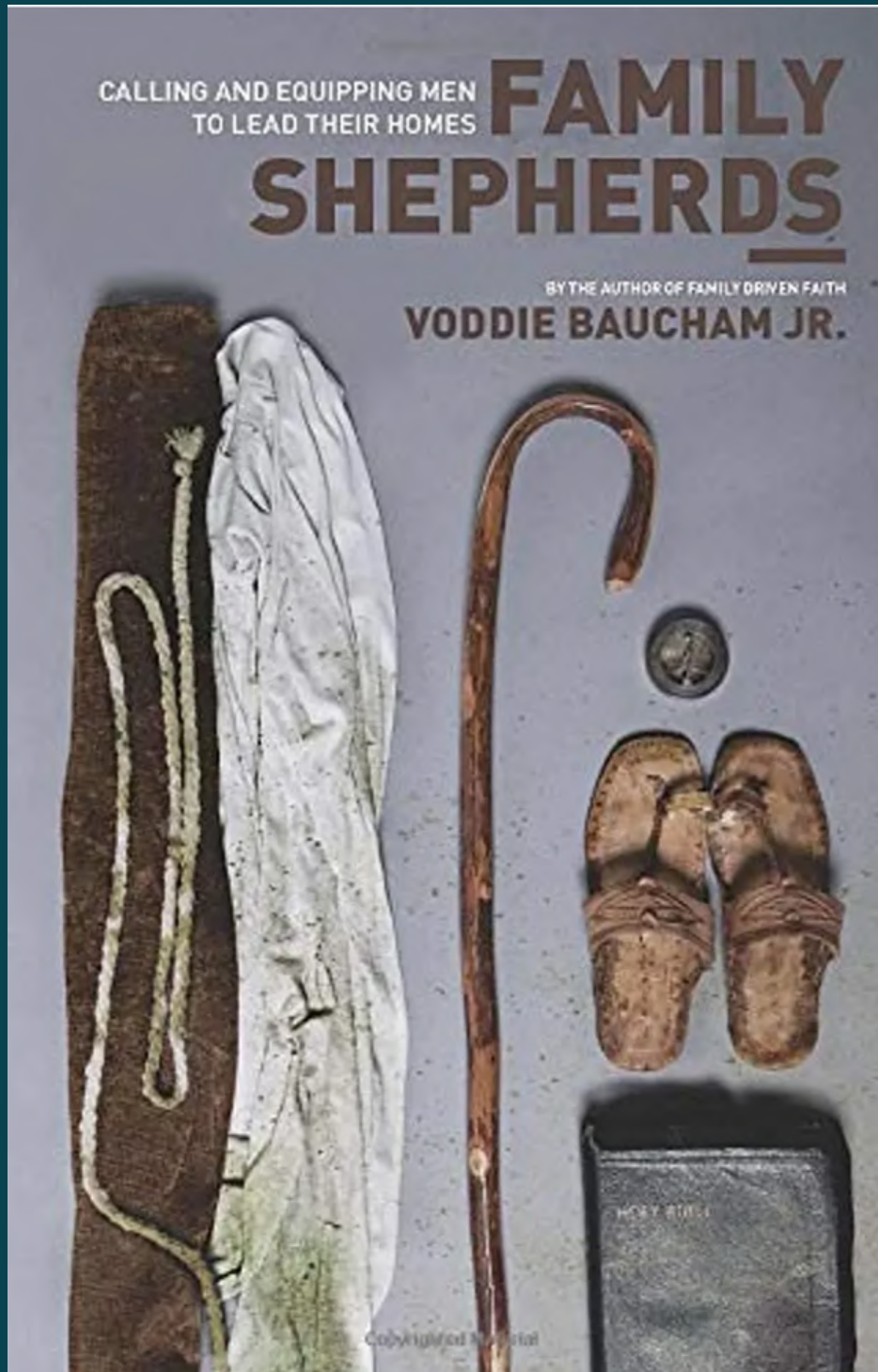
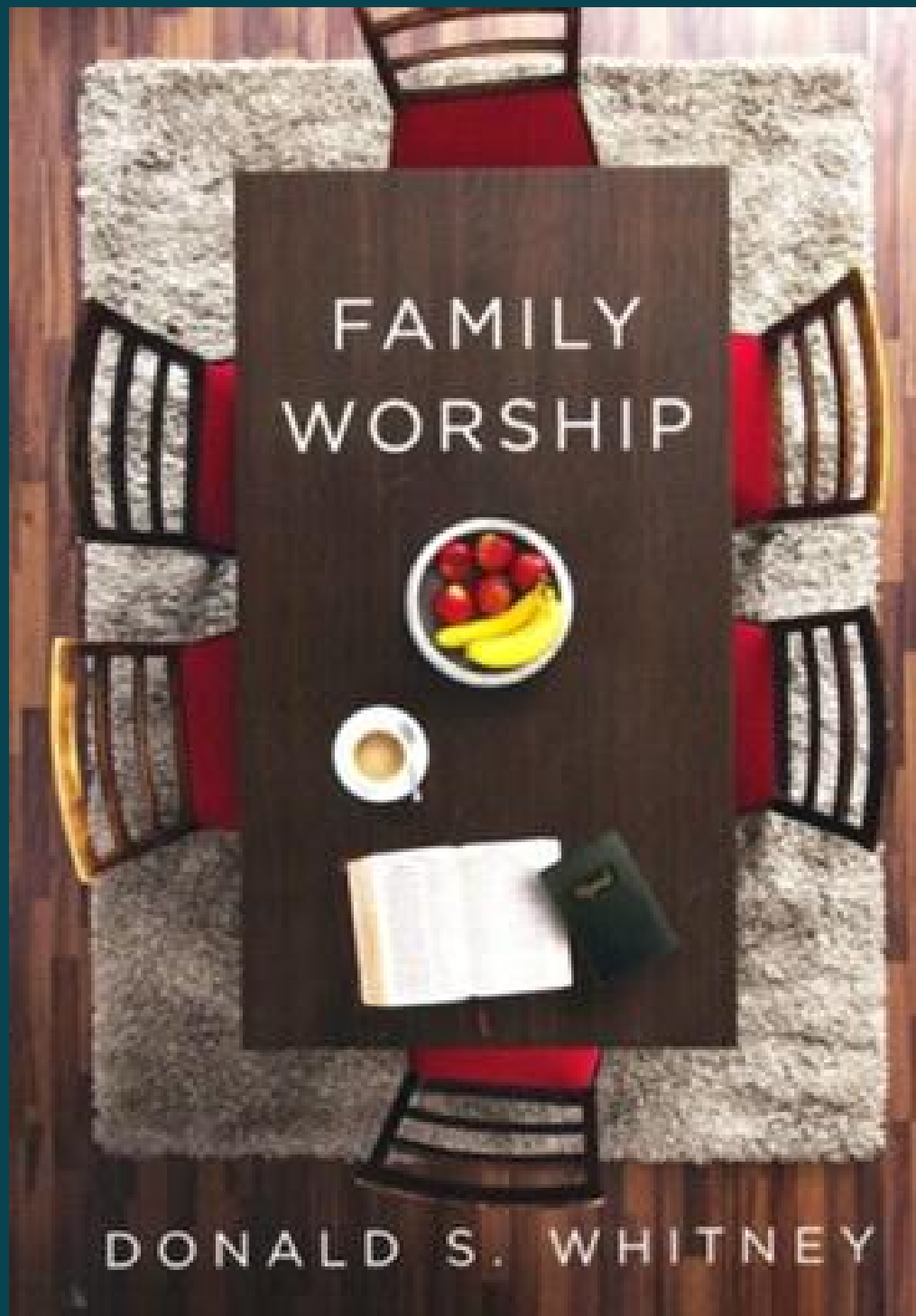
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RECOMMENDED READING



Arguments Against Patriarchy

"Headship is the result of the fall, not God's design." (see Gen. 3:16)

"Patriarchy leads to abuse." (chauvenism)

RESPONSE

That wouldn't change the fact that God has commanded it, but this is a false argument anyway. Headship is part of the created order. (1 Timothy 2:13).

Egalitarianism has also lead to abuse. None of this changes the fact that we are to obey God. Notably, patriarchy practiced properly punishes abuse. Egalitarianism makes no such provision. A system without patriarchs is a system without men to punish evil.