

In the midst of the intensity of the compression of end time events that Jesus told us to be watchful for in Matthew 24

Is an intensity rising against manhood that I am seeing too many times during counseling and discipling sessions

- **Many men have lost what it truly means to be a man**
- **And stand in the authority of a man we have in Christ Jesus**

We have to learn and meditate on what it means to be a real man - a man of God

The devil is trying to emasculate and demasculate men and the men of this generation - on our watch.

Emasculate def: to deprive of virile or procreative power - take away virility or vigor

Demasculate def: to remove the masculinity from a man

We see emasculation agenda happening patiently through time through various forms entertainment.

Entertainment: to be detained so that something can enter you.

The 80's and the 90's were the eras of a sitcom dominated society:

80s

- Who's the boss, woman in charge - no dad
- Rosanne - passive, detached dad
- Married with children- pervert father allowing sin
- Seinfeld - incompetent men
- 3 is company - man behaving like a gay man

90's

- Everyone loves Raymond and King of Queens: wife dominated household, wife often called her husband an idiot and threatened to kill him - all over laugh tracks
- Will and Grace - Exalting Homosexual lifestyles

Popular comedians today

- Nate Bartgatze, Jim Gaffigan base their comedy on how their wives "wear the pants in family"
- And the they take it as a badge of honor

These forms of entertainment began to shape societal norms

All of these were constant doses of emasculation that set the table for satan's progression into demasculation where you remove the pronouns and escalate to believing you can now turn men into women by means demonic surgery.

- This agenda has infected our schools

We have to establish ourselves in true biblical manhood - especially as end time fore runners preparing the next generation.

What is a woman - what is a man?

Over the course of the next couple meetings we will be doing just that - WHAT IS A MAN IN GOD'S EYES

We have to go back to the garden to review 1st mention of manhood.

We have to pick up what Adam gave up

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.””

Genesis 1:26 NKJV

- God's original intention is make us into His image and His likeness having authority over the earth
- At the fall of Adam we fell out of His image and likeness and authority
- So everything God is doing in us and wants to do in us is to return us into His image.
- And He is doing so through His son Jesus
- That's why He sent Him

- How do we know?:

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Romans 8:29 NKJV

- There it is: those of us who are saved are predestined to return to the image and likeness of God that
- He intended for us from the beginning

Another example:

Genesis chapter 3 tells us that Adam walked with God in the cool of the day

- Cool of the day is the Hebrew word ‘Ruah’ which also means spirit
- He walked with Adam in the Spirit

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:1-2 NKJV

- We like Adam have to make the choice to walk in the spirit and not the flesh
- We are going to go deeper into that over the next couple of months - Lets go back to the beginning

Before there was ever even a woman in existence this is what the Lord created man for:

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Genesis 2:15-17 KJV

1- the first thing God did was give man a job to do - responsibility

- Before a woman arrived on the scene man had a job
- “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8 NKJV
- Jehovah Jireh, God our provider will provide you with a. J-O-B
- Dads with daughters approaching marriage ages you want to put this in your daughter’s hearts and minds right now
- A real man is a responsible man

2- He gave man rules to live by and obey

- He gave man an opportunity to walk in righteousness
- To choose to be in right standing with God
- Obedience was the first opportunity to show love for God
- John 14:15 if you love Me you will obey My commands
- 1 John 5:3 for this is the love of God, to obey all His

commandments

- A real man walks in obedience to God's Word

3 - Made man aware of His abundance

- Of EVERY tree in the garden you can eat
- A real man is aware that we serve a God of abundance and that abundance comes from Him
- Jesus came to restore that abundance (John 10:10)

4 - Taught man about Consequence that disobedience would lead to death

- Gen 2:8 says that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was placed in the midst - or the center of the garden
- That means that man had to walk by is abundance to get to that tree and would have to focus on lack to partake of it
- That's how the devil got man to sin by focusing on what they didn't have
- In fact the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil were both in the very center of the garden which means that before you chose disobedience you had to choose between life and death
- A real man focuses on God's abundance and not on lack

A merciful God gave man every opportunity to walk with Him - to be a man of righteousness and be in right standing with God