

## Men'S Breakfast – April 19.2025

There is an attack against Men and masculinity - the enemy is working to destroy men - his ultimate goal is to destroy the family and weaken the church

- Describing masculinity as “Toxic”
  - The push for transgender and LGBTQ norms and agendas
  - The pressure placed on men to keep up with the Jones’s with social media
  - The rejection of traditional marriage where men are not pursuing marriage leave woman in a vulnerable spot and leave men unchecked to do whatever they want
  - It forms the thought that men should step back in the shadows and hand over their leadership to women, weak men, the school and governments.
  - Men have a need for adventure and to create - or build - this drive is sucked out of them when they are looked down upon as when they show up in authentic ways they not valued.
  - It is not easy to be a strong man - there is nothing wrong with being a strong man
  - What does God have to say about men
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- Men were designed to lead the family from a position of spiritual strength

### 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 AMPC

“**Be alert and on your guard**; stand firm in your faith (your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and a part of it). **Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength!** [Ps. 31:24.] Let everything you do be done in love (true love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us).”

### 1 Kings 2:1-3 AMPC

“WHEN DAVID'S time to die was near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth. **Be strong and show yourself a man**; Keep the charge of the Lord your God, walk in His ways, keep His statutes, His commandments, His precepts, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may do wisely and prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn,”

### Psalm 1:1-3 KJV

“**Blessed is the man** that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

A Swiss study found:

**If a father does not go to church**, no matter how faithful his wife’s devotions, only 2% will become a regular church attender. If a father does go regularly, regardless of the practice of the mother, 66-75% of their children will become churchgoers (regular and irregular). If a father goes but irregularly to church, regardless of his wife’s devotion, between a 50%-66% of their children will find themselves coming to church regularly or occasionally.

If a mother does not go to church, but a regular father will see a minimum of 66% of her children ending up at church. In contrast, a non-practicing father with a regular mother will see only 33% of her children ending up at church.

- Men are either protectors or predators, but they cannot be both because a protector, protects his family from predators

### Genesis 2:8-18 AMPC

And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).

9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight *or* to be desired—good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the tree of life also in the center of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of [the difference between] good and evil *and* blessing and calamity. [Rev. 2:7; 22:14, 19.]

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four [river] heads.

11 The first is named Pishon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 The gold of that land is of high quality; bdellium (pearl?) and onyx stone are there.

13 The second river is named Gihon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Cush.

14 The third river is named Hiddekel [the Tigris]; it is the one flowing east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.

### Commentary from the Chumash:

15-18. **Since the Torah mentioned above that the trees of the garden grew of their own accord and the river provided the necessary irrigation. Rather, Adam was to work the garden through the study of Torah and the performance of positive commandments, and to guard it by refraining from forbidden activities (Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer). This means that Man's task in this world is to serve God. If he does that, then his material needs will be satisfied, as Adam's were in Eden, for to think that only physical exertion can bring success is to believe in an illusion.**

- "to guard it" (שָׁמַר) – This implies **protecting, keeping watch over, or maintaining**. It emphasizes responsibility—not just passive care, but active vigilance.
- The verbs used ("work" and "guard") are the same used later in the Torah for **priestly duties**, which has led some scholars to see Adam's role as **a kind of proto-priest** in the sacred space of Eden.

### Continuing in Genesis 2:

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil *and* blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

18 Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.

### Genesis 3:1

NOW THE serpent was more subtle *and* crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And **he [Satan] said to the woman**, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden? [Rev. 12:9-11.]

2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,

3 Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, [II Cor. 11:3.]

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil *and* blessing and calamity.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she gave some also to her husband, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apron like girdles.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 **But the Lord God called to Adam** and said to him, Where are you?

He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate.

### 1 Timothy 2:14

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

### Ephesians 5:22-33 KJV

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church:**

- Where are the eyes? They are in the head - there is an empowerment and an anointing for you to see spiritually for the leading of your family.
- Your leadership and ability to see where the family is to go, is not done on your own, its also not done apart from your wife - the Lord will speak to you through her at times if you are sensitive to the leading of the HS. BUT when it comes to items where you are called to guard and keep - if there is not peace in your heart in the decision on the direction the family goes, you need to lovingly, but firmly hold your ground.

and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

### 2 Peter 3:7 AMPC

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

- Your sphere of influence - wife, children, family, employer, church need you to a strong man
  - Your wife or children were never called to lead the family - your shoulders were made to support headship - your wife cannot walk into all the things she is called to do, if she is having to pick up your leadership void
  - The absence of strong spiritual leadership from men leaves a place for predators to come on the scene and cause harm to the very ones we are called to lead, guide and protect.

1. What are some of the ways the enemy can cause men to want to run from their responsibilities to lead?

2. How can we as men, take practical steps to guard & protect our families, church or communities?

On 3 - Pray for those at your table that needs strength, revelation or help from the Holy Spirit on how to step up in leading in their home or those they have in their lives.