

Lesson 7

Outline for Sociology: The Divine Imprint

- I. **Introduction – The God of Order**
 - A. Psalm 19 – "The heavens declare the glory of God ..."
 - B. Job 12 – "But ask the animals, and they will teach you ..."
 - C. Listening to a chicken egg – The exquisite design and intricacy seen in a chicken egg
 - D. Scriptural emphasis of order – Job 25:2, 1 Corinthians 14:33, James 3:16
- II. **Social Order – The Divine Imprint**
 - A. "It is not good" – Genesis 2:18 – Why was it "not good" for man to be alone?
 - B. Triune structure stamped upon Social Order
 - 1. God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - 2. Family – Husband, Wife, Children
 - 3. Church – Christ, Leaders, Flock
 - 4. Our world – Three realms – Physical, Spiritual and Social
 - C. Relationships, Roles, Authority, Submission and Unity within social spheres
- III. **Importance of relationships**
 - A. What happened at the fall? – Relationships were severed and damaged – between God & man, man & man, and man & creation
 - B. Aloneness - "It is not good for man to be alone" – Aloneness is contrary to God's nature; in all eternity, there had never been aloneness before
 - C. God's design of social institutions and social laws
 - D. Intimate Three – God's design for unity, intimacy, oneness - Family, Church, God and Man
- IV. **Family & Church**
 - A. Ephesians 5 – Roles and relationships of members in these spheres – Authority, Submission, Oneness
 - B. Love and Respect between husband and wife
 - C. Honor between children and parents, flock and church leaders
 - D. Divorce – Malachi 2:16 – "I hate divorce ..."
 - E. Lack of respect – 1 Peter 3:7 – " ... so that nothing will hinder your prayers ..."
- V. **Conclusion – Pathologies of the Family**