

Men & women

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Men and women are not treated the same by YHVH (the LORD) and each group has their own sets of duties and responsibilities in His kingdom.

This is the beginning of a series of essays/blogs which have been put together to help refocus the thinking of those precious souls that truly desire to follow all of YHVH's ways. This information is not for the faint of heart nor for those that love the world and the doctrines and traditions of men more than YHVH's everlasting and unchanging ways. We have all been trained in the broad way and getting back to the old paths, the ancient ways, the high way of YHVH and the narrow path requires a constant renewing of the mind.

My own 24 year marriage was destroyed almost from the beginning because I was ignorant of the scriptures. I had not taught my family the way they should go and only knew the ways that I had learned from my own parents, teachers and pastors who were teaching the same things that they had learned. But none of these wonder people had ever turned to the ways of the Father and lived and taught them. My prayer is that perhaps something you read may save your family from going through what my family had to; and maybe even, if you will submit yourself to all His ways, give you a preview on your own family unit of just how wonderful a kingdom will be that follows all of YHVH's statutes, judgements and ordinances.

The thing I have seen and tried to put to print here will probably challenge you to the very core and even make you angry. I have lost many friends that just could not handle this information so please read it prayerfully. The moment we reject truth, especially what should be fundamental truth, we are prevented from perusing a deeper relationship with YHVH's, His word and His Kingdom. May YHVH guide with His spirit as you read these essays. They all may be found above under the heading of "Men and Women."

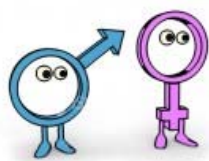
Men and Women are Not the Same!

As thirteen year old in the mid sixties I remember sitting in my Sunday school class, with a half-dozen other young men, when we began to notice that there changes between one Bible and another. You can see these differences to this day! The sons of Israel in one translation are called the "children" of Israel in others. I was appalled even as a young boy, but impotent to even express my rage at seeing God's (YHVH's) word being treated so poorly. Thankfully I am no longer unable to express my rage at this **major distortion of YHVH's word**. I believe this reconstruction was done, for the most part, because our Bible translators were ignorant of YHVH's word as a whole; and, in part, to include women among the sons of the Israel who YHVH was speaking to. But how is doing this not changing His word?

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your God which I command you. (Deu 4:2)

Does not this addition becomes a distortion of His image on the earth? Is that acceptable to you?

Many are saying to themselves right now "Michael, don't be so picky; don't you know that **men and women are all treated the same by YHVH?**" And I too thought that, for a very long time. But **then my eyes were opened to many of YHVH's ways that did not conform to this false idea in my mind which is so quickly accepted by so many.**



Men and women are not treated the same by our heavenly Father and I want to try to point out just a few of the more blatant differences in the scriptures. Please understand that I am not trying to demean the fairer sex, YHVH bless them one and all; I only want to be a catalyst to strengthen all our precious families and YHVH's people in general. We can choose to keep the false ideas we have learned or we can choose to align our lives with His eternal and unchanging instructions. I will always chose the latter.

The Hebrew word for son is (reading right to left is Bet, Nun, Yod) **בן** (Bet, Nun) or 'ben': while the word **בנים** (reading right to left is Bet, Nun, Yod, Mem) or 'benim' is

the plural form of ben, meaning sons. But there is a third variation of this word, which is **בני** (reading right to left is Bet, Nun, Yod); this word can be used in the plural and in the singular and carries both a physical sense as the male head of a family and can also carry a spiritual sense as the man/men or son/sons who is “born in the land.”

The differences between these three words will be discussed at length in future essays/blogs and can be found under the title “Who are the sons of Israel?” under the “Men and Women” tab above.

It is impossible to learn the difference between these three words without reading the Hebrew text because all of these word are numbered as Strong's H1121. Never forget, Strong's was not a man that ever repented and turned to YHVH's ways, he was not interested in learning and doing Torah.

Jeff Benner in his Ancient Hebrew Lexicon of the Bible says the following about the root word ben,

(בן BN) ac: Build co: Tent panel ab: Intelligence: The pictograph **ב** is a picture of the tent. The **נ** is a picture of a sprouting seed and represents continuity as the seed continues the next generation. The combined meaning of these letters mean “the continuing of the house”. The tent was constructed of woven goat hair. Over time the sun bleaches and weakens the goat hair necessitating their continual replacement. Each year the women make a new panel, approximately 3 feet wide and the length of the tent. The old panel is removed (being recycled into a wall or floor) and the new strip is added to the tent. Since the tent is only replaced one small piece at a time the tent essentially lasts forever.

(בן BN) ac: ? co: Tent Panel ab: ?: There are many similarities between building a tent out of goat hair panels and the building of a house out of sons (The idea of building a house with sons can be seen in Genesis 30.3). Just as the tent panels are added to continue the tent, sons are born to the family to continue the family line. Just as the tent is continually being renewed with new panels, the family is continually being renewed with new sons.

(בן BN) – Son: One who continues the family line.

The **בני** however, are never women and a literal translation like Young's or the Literal Translation these word much better. But the point of this article is to begin to understand that men and women are not treated the same in the eyes of our heavenly Father. Here are some examples to demonstrate the differences.

Whenever Israel was numbered, it was only the males who were counted.

Then the sons (**בני**) of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men ('ragly' or **fighting men**) on foot, **besides women and children.** (Exo 12:3)

“Take a census of all the congregation of the children (**בני**) of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every **male** individually, from **twenty years old and above**—all who are **able to go to war** in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. (Num 1:2-3)

A man can make void the vows of his wife or daughter, but not His own vow.
See numbers chapter 30.

Men are not to dress like a women, nor vise versa.

A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to YHVH your God. (Deu 22:5)

Only the men were required to attend the feasts three time per year.

“Three times in the year all your males (**זכור** or zaw-koor) shall appear before the Lord YHVH. (Exo 23:17)

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Jeff Benner speaking of the **זכור** says, “**Male**: The one of the family that remembers and passes down the family history through story and family name. **Also the one who acts and speaks for the family.**”

YHVH gave the Torah, His instructions, to the men. This truth of the word we can see over and over again once we begin to look for it; here is a handful of overt examples.

So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; **do not come near your wives.**” (Exo 19:14-15)

“You 9the men) shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s **wife** (not husband), nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exo 20:17)

You (the men) shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion. (Lev 18:22-23)

And when YHVH your God delivers it [the Gentile city] into your hands, you shall **strike every male** in it with the edge of the sword. **But the women**, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies’ plunder which the LORD your God gives you. (Deu 20:13-14)

“Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying: ‘What **man** is there who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. Also what **man** is there who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. **And what man is there who is betrothed to a woman** and has not married her? Let **him** go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.’ (Deu 20:5-7)

If **he** (athe man) takes another wife (nowhere is wife allowed to take a second husband), he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and her marriage rights. And if he does not do these three for her, then she shall go out free, without paying money. (Exo 21:10-11)

Oh my – am I in trouble now! Remember, these are not my laws, only my examples.

The first-born males of Israel’s families and flocks belong to YHVH.

“All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep. But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons (**בני**) you shall redeem. “And none shall appear before Me empty-handed. (Exo 34:19-20)

You shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males (**בני**) shall be the LORD’s. But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons (**בני**) you shall redeem. (Exo 13:12-13)

After childbirth a women is (אנוס**) taw-may or unclean for differing lengths of time depending on whether she has born a son or a daughter.**

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a woman has conceived, and borne a **male child**, then she shall be unclean **seven days**; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. ... ‘But if she bears a **female child**, then she shall be unclean **two weeks**, ... (Lev 12:2-5)

The priests of YHVH are all men.

Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons (**בני**) and washed them with water. (Lev 8:6)

He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother; nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD. And he shall take a **wife in her virginity**. A widow or a divorced woman or a defiled woman or a harlot—these he shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin of his own people as wife. (Lev 21:10-14)

The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, **she profanes her father**. She shall be burned with fire. (Lev 21:9)

144,000 – Virgin of Israel are men also! These are the ones who were **not defiled with women** (they are men), for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (Rev 14:4)

Being a virgin who is not defiled by women has nothing to do with sexuality and everything to do with the absence of harlotry in the lives of the 144,000 servants of YHVH; but that riddle is revealed in the link above.

Men and women are not equal and were even created differently. Adam was created in the image of YHVH and the woman was created as a helper for him. According to Paul (and Torah), the head of man is Yeshua and the head of women is man (her husband or father).

But I want you to know that the **head of every man is Christ**, the **head of woman is [her] man**, and the **head of Christ is God**. (1Co 11:3)

If any of YHVH's ways go against what seems right to us, we had better get over it. YHVH's kingdom is coming very soon and His will **will** be done on earth, just as it is in heaven; just as it should be done right now! Men have different responsibilities from women in the kingdom of Elohiym; if we confuse these differences, we distort YHVH's image on the earth.

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