

"male and female He created them." (Gen. 1:27)

God's Grand Design

The Beauty of Biblical Complementarity (pt. 10)

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➤ *Reasons for his command:*

1. The Order of Creation

- the man's priority in the order of creation reveals his spiritual authority/headship over the woman
- the man bore primary responsibility for the moral pattern of life in relation to the woman

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➤ *Reasons for his command:*

2. The Reversal of the Order

- the Serpent deceived the woman, not Adam – a reversal of the divine design in creation
- foundational example of the damage that results when God's order of leadership is subverted

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➤ *Qualification: "saved through childbirth"?*

- women will experience final salvation as they embrace their unique, God-given design, while persevering in faith and holiness

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➤ *Application:*

- an encouragement to women to embrace with joy and faith your unique, God-given design and calling, for your spiritual good