

How does God want women treated?

Before you can define abuse you need a standard to measure it against. The standard we use is that which God sets. It is how He desires women to be treated.

Women are spiritually equal to men.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Maleness and femaleness are not important in the spiritual. They are only important for the roles on earth that a male or female fulfils. So anyone treating a woman as spiritually inferior is going against God's Will. This is different to teaching a female so she will mature as a Christian.

Women are to be loved with the same type of Love that Jesus Love's them with.

Joh 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

There is no escape clause to say you can avoid doing this. If you love Jesus and people as He loves them then you will love them with the same type of love that He Loves them with. Not to do so is sin!

Wives are to be treated as helpmeets

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.

John Gill comments as follows:

I will made him an help meet for him; one to help him in all the affairs of life, not only for the propagation of his species, but to provide things useful and comfortable for him; to dress his food, and take care of the affairs of the family; one "like himself" (c), in nature, temper, and disposition, in form and shape; or one "as before him" (d), that would be pleasing to his sight, and with whom he might delightfully converse, and be in all respects

agreeable to him, and entirely answerable to his case and circumstances, his wants and wishes.

Note: “One to help him’ and not a slave.

A helper is an equal but subordinate for the purposes of service. A slave is not an equal and has no rights.

Headship and women (1 Pet 2:25-3:6)

Headship is not spiritual. Jesus is the bishop (head) of our souls. Headship is only domestic and only exists in marriage for the purposes of forming a visible head in the home (domestic) and even then if The Holy Spirit is leading both marriage partners Jesus will be the head of the house and human headship is not necessary.

So anyone knowingly not treating a woman in the way God desires them treated:

As a spiritual equal for the purposes of ministry

Loving them as Jesus Love’s them

Not treating a wife as a helpmeet

Applying spiritual headship principles, usurping the place of Jesus or not applying domestic headship principles correctly

is sinning in the eyes of God.

Why do men treat women as being inferior?

The do not understand how God wants them to treat women

They are insecure or have low self-esteem so treat women as being inferior to them to feel secure.

These men get their esteem from what people say about them and their security from possessions or from what they control. So by treating women as inferior or as chattels they are secure and feel better about themselves as they make the women inferior so they will feel superior.

Their security and self-esteem is not found in who they are in Jesus. These people need deliverance as do the women they have subordinated incorrectly.