

Seven Threats of Our Time

3-The Loss of the Noble Male & the Rise of Malevolent Compassion

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We have gone through the first two [and a half] of what I call seven storm fronts that are aligning themselves in our culture. They are converging not just here in our nation, but they're converging upon all of western culture.

The first one we talked about was: *The Rise of the Scoffer and the Depraved Mind*. In that we talked about the **possibilities** that we see in Proverbs, the progression from the Simpleminded to the Fool and to the Scoffer, it is **possible** that we find ourselves in a culture now that is still not only with simple minds and fools but with scoffers. The scripture says the Scoffer brings deep strife. They stir up division, they stir up strife, they set the city aflame.

The depraved mind, you recall we talked about [that] the greek word means unqualified, we're talking about the possibility that God has given us over to those three stages we see in Romans 1 that God gives a culture that has rejected Him and exchanged the truth of God for a lie. He first gives them over to sexual impurity and it appears that in our culture that the 1900's were an increasing movement away from a biblical understanding about that which was right, ethically right, when it comes to male and female relationships into an increasing amount of sexual impurity. But without repentance, the scripture says that God then gives them over to shameful lusts. This is a depravity that involves sexuality outside the male and female relationship. And most certainly we have fallen deeply into that. We'll talk a little bit about that again today. But our culture has moved through that rapidly, all the way to the Supreme Court. And so we find ourselves in a culture in which possibly we have moved to that third stage in that progression of God giving us over to a depraved mind.

The unqualified mind is a mind that is no longer the logical mind of common sense. The mind that has the ability to respond to God as He says, "Come, let us reason together." A mind that has the ability to understand the logic of God that is throughout His word.

Well, this then moves us to the next storm front that we looked at: *The Rise of Homo Deus and Meo Christianity*. In a thumbnail, we have, as a culture believed and have communicated to one another over years and years, decades, in fact, that it's all about me. Eventually, I can think that it's all about me to the point where I begin to believe that my heart is telling me what is true and we have been descended, if you want, to see it that way, rather than progressed, to the point where we as a culture have begun to think of ourselves as a god... Homo Deus.

So that was the essence of that second storm front. We talked about how that has infiltrated Christianity where we've begun to think that Christianity is all about me.

Introduction

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We [came] to [the first part of the] third storm front, entitled: ***The Loss of the Noble Male and the Virtuous Female.***

It [was] here where we dove into what could be one of the most dangerous areas in our culture today. The reason because, those of us who follow a biblical worldview, a biblical understanding, not only of who God is, but who Man is, an understanding, therefore, of what true human sexuality is all about, biblical human sexuality. Most of you I'm sure have recognized today that that is under a deep and serious attack. Nothing is judged more severely by our culture today than assertions of biblical male and female absolutes.

In Considering The Loss of the Noble Male

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We find a set of passages that is spoken regarding the fall of world empires as they are presented to us in the scripture. Nineveh, Babylon and Egypt, all were world powers. And something is said that is similar of all three of these, I want to show you the passage from Nahum, concerning God declaring that Nineveh is going to fall, we read in:

Nahum 3:13

*Behold, your troops
are women in your midst.
The gates of your land
are wide open to your enemies;
fire has devoured your bars.*

We find the same similar kind of statement and assessment that is given to Babylon and Egypt upon their falls. And it's important to understand that what God is saying is this is not a denigration of women, but rather this is speaking [that] their men had left their role as a man as God had designed for them and they had become like women.

What we read here is that the men of Nineveh, as the men of Babylon and Egypt had become feminized. This is the condemnation that is given to men who had become feminized. Again that's not a dissing of women, it's the dissing of men who have assumed a feminine role.

And so, we talked about the feminization of men and the feminization of our culture as we talk about the Loss of the Noble Male and the Loss of the Virtuous Female.

We looked at the

The Essential Nature of [Mankind]

As we are told in:

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

*So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

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Right here in the very beginning when God talks about what He has done in creating Adam and Eve that He had created them **in His own image**. We can say that the male and female are made in one essence and that essence is that **they are made in the image of God**. And yet they are diverse in their personhood. They are diverse in that God made them male and He made them female. And the rest of the narrative there in Genesis as well, I would submit, the rest of scripture would tell us that, God made the male and the female... different. And they are different not simply because of their reproductive capabilities but they are different in their purpose and different in their role. They were meant to be complimentary which means that God was bringing that diversity together into a unity as we read in Malachi.

So this is the essential nature of man fundamentally and it's difficult not to spend time talking about how essential the nature of man is in the male and female way that God made them. And there is also a clue as to why the enemy is taking so much pains to destroy the noble male and the virtuous female. And to destroy the proper relationships that they are to have. Why? Because it is part of the essence and foundation of who we are as human beings.

Next we looked at

The Loss of the Noble Male and the Loss of the Virtuous Female

And the consequences associated with that.

Speaking about the Noble Male and the Virtuous Female in terms of them both having [two] engines [think of diesel electric train engines that can be linked together] that drive them. It will help us understand, I believe, their purpose.

And so,

The Noble Male

is, first of all, driven by an engine for **truth and wisdom and righteousness**. He is driven by this. The Noble Male seeks truth, he seeks wisdom, he seeks righteousness. Even to the point of giving up his life in that pursuit. It is not a cold force for righteousness because the second engine in the Noble Male is the engine of **grace and compassion**. So he pursues righteousness, but he pursues righteousness that is **tethered** to compassion and grace.

The male here as we mentioned before that the male is built to protect and defend that which is good and beautiful. And he will lay down his life to do so. This is the Noble Male.

So, The Virtuous Female

has the same two engines, but they are in reverse order. She is driven first by **grace and compassion**. She pursues it and she pursues it with a vigor and determination. But the grace and compassion is **tethered by truth, righteousness and wisdom**.

It means that her actions in compassion and grace are bridled by truth, wisdom, and righteousness. And so, her purpose is to nurture and comfort. She is built for this. And she pursues to nurture and to comfort but she does so to nurture that which is good and true and right. This is the virtuous female.

Alright, so let's look now at

what happens when a culture rejects the truth of God,

rejects the wisdom of God, rejects the righteousness of God. And that is no longer pursued in a culture.

When that happens, something happens to the purpose of the male the Noble Male. If there is no truth, if there is no wisdom and righteousness beyond himself, then what does the Noble Male protect and defend? Well, what happens is that he then is protecting and defending himself. And so, it becomes, all about him. And he is no longer the Noble Male pursuing that which **true and good with wisdom and righteousness bridled by grace and compassion**. He now becomes either a **buffoon** or a **brute**, a **beast**. Why? Because what has happened is, is that it is all about him.

What has happened to **the Virtuous Female** in this culture Well, she is no longer the Virtuous Female, her drive for **compassion and grace is no longer tethered by** that which is **true**, by that which is **wise**, no longer **tethered by righteousness**.

And so both **the male and the female** in a culture where the truth of God and God Himself and the narrative of God, **are all rejected** they lose their compass as God has designed them.

Next we looked at what I will call

The Brutish Male.

Since his purpose, to protect and defend, has been primarily now **focused on himself** his desire now is **to dominate**. He is no longer led in a zeal for truth and wisdom and righteousness, but now the #1 thing that drives him is **power and control, power and domination or subjugation**.

So the brutish male becomes a **beast**. He becomes a **tyrant**, pursuing and defending his own pleasures. This is what we find. We find a brutish male in our culture, for example, in gangs. We find a brutish male in the one who beats his wife. We find it in ISIS and we find it in Eastern Europe today. He is absorbed, **in our culture**, he is absorbed in drinking, sports, video games. Why? Because he pursues his own pleasure and brutish pursuits.

So what happens then to

The Virtuous Female in a Culture of the Brutish Male?

Well, she becomes **secondary** in that culture and **the brutish male becomes dominate**. She increasingly becomes **property** and the noble male becomes **the toxic male**. Grace and compassion are considered a **weakness**. Society declares to the female that in order to survive in this culture you must become **subservient**.

We looked then at a culture in which the male rather than becoming the brute,

The Male Becomes the Buffoon.

This is what we see in **our** culture. Often represented in television shows like: **Everyone Loves Raymond**, where the male is simply the buffoon. Caring only about himself. The buffoon is depicted often in commercials and TV shows in our culture.

So what happens here when the male lives in a culture that rejects that which true and good and beautiful. He has nothing to protect and defend except himself. Grace and compassion are no longer driving him because he is only acting for himself. The buffoon male abandons his family. He can abandon them physically or he can abandon them mentally and spiritually. The buffoonish male is the male who comes home from work, plops down in his chair, turns the TV on or plays video games all night. Or absorbs himself in all kinds of selfish pursuits.

What Happens to the Female in this Culture of the Male Buffoon?

and I'm submitting to you **this is what is happening in our culture**. Without truth and wisdom and righteousness the **grace and compassion** that drives her is **no longer tethered** to truth and wisdom and righteousness, now becomes an **unbridled** compassion. I will later refer to this as **malevolent** compassion, but we refer to it now as unbridled compassion.

In this culture where the male becomes the buffoon he takes on a secondary role and she increasingly takes lead in the family, because he has mostly abandoned the family and she takes the lead in society. And she does so why? Because what has happened here is that "unbridled" compassion has become the prime ethic of the culture. And I submit to you that is exactly what has happened in our culture. Unbridled compassion has become THE prime ethic in our culture. The noble male is viewed as toxic. And society then declares to the male: to be significant, in this culture, you must become more feminine. If he evidences more unbridled compassion he will become more significant. If he evidences characteristics of the noble male, he will be rejected.

This is a culture that does not want the noble male. It does not want the male defending that which is absolute, above and beyond, because we have rejected all of those things. [Our culture has rejected a biblical Christian worldview.]

So this leads us then to what happens in a culture when unbridled compassion becomes the prime ethic in the culture. I'll refer to it from now on as "**malevolent**" compassion because I believe it is evil and I hope to show you that.

The Rise of False, Malevolent Compassion

What's interesting here when we talk about compassion is that we normally think that whenever we use the word compassion we think that is always good. That any compassion is right. But I want to caution you that that is wrongful thinking. It is not. Not all compassion is right, not all compassion is good.

In fact, there are times when it can become evil. There are times when it can ruin people. And we'll look at some of those examples.

Here is an example of true, wise compassion:

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

Now today, there's no doubt, you know as well as I do that this verse would be called "hateful." Actions that come from this command would be considered unloving, hateful, and all kinds of other words. And yet this is the Lord's word to us. And I would submit to you that this is actually an act of compassion for the individual who is not willing to work. I'll let you think in your own mind what happens to people who are not willing to work and yet we continue to feed them that leads to their ruin.

This is why God has given us the wise compassionate thing to do.

Hebrews 12:6 (NIV)

...the Lord disciplines the one he loves,

As in saying, you will not eat... or as a parent disciplines their child for their own good.

Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

...God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

This is **why** grace and compassion, for example in the virtuous female, is tethered by truth and wisdom and righteousness. Because you will not truly nurture and comfort someone if you do it without wisdom and truth. And that may require, sometimes, to do those things that the world would say is not compassionate. That is **why** the noble male driven also by compassion, that his compassion as well is bridled by truth and wisdom.

So here are some

Consequences of Malevolent Compassion in our culture

becoming the prime ethic in our social systems.

We'll talk about

the State

first of all and what happens in the State when public policy and laws are driven primarily by compassion. I would submit to you that virtually all of the bills and public policy that [are] passed [are] driven by "compassion." But, I would say to you that it is not a good compassion, It is a malevolent compassion. And the State itself, if we go back and think about the difference between the noble male and the virtuous female, the noble male is built to protect and defend. The female is built to nurture and comfort.

If we look at the scripture in terms of the State and read Romans 13, the State also has a purpose that aligns itself with the noble male. The State's purpose is to punish evil and condone what is good. So that the citizenry can flourish.

Well, the State then, therefore, is first an "act and defend" institution as God has designed it. So what happens to the State in a culture that is tipped toward the feminine side? Tipped toward nurture and comfort? We have the State that we have before us today. It is a nanny State. It is a State in which we demand that it comfort us and nurture us. And we are squeamish about the State making any stand regarding that which is evil and punishing that which is evil. We see that in a lot of things. I wrote an article about the rise in crime and the cause of the rise in crime. It is a moral issue for sure, but one of the things that (exacerbates that)=[makes this issue worse] is a State that is no longer willing to call crime evil.

And to begin to think of criminals more as the victim. And so, when you pass laws, for example, in California, that reduce theft below \$1,000 to the equivalent of nothing more than a set of traffic tickets, then we've seen the rise of very open and blatant crime. Mobs going into stores, there was a video of a guy riding into a store on a bicycle with a plastic bag, filling everything up that he can and then riding out on his bike between a security guard and either a customer or maybe one of the employees, who do nothing to stop him. That is not the action of a culture that is filled with noble males and virtuous females. It is a culture that has tipped to the nurture and comfort side and it will result in our ruin.

If you take a look at these issues:

defunding the police, soft on crime, needles for addicts, border security, paid not to work, minimum wage laws, welfare programs, transforming the military into a humanitarian service,

every one of them, every one of them, is driven by the prime ethic of compassion. All the arguments regarding securing our borders are always bounded in compassion.

So all of these things are the result of the prime ethic in our culture changing drastically from a biblical understanding of what the State is supposed to do, to be a protect and defend institution. It has now become a nurture and comfort institution. And we are suffering and will continue to suffer from that.

Consequences of Malevolent Compassion in the Church

When you look at the church, and maybe because of the time here, I'll let you do your own thinking about what happens when the church [exists in a culture such as ours.]

Paul said that the church is the "pillar of truth". The Church that has been given to us is inherently, I

believe, a protect and defend institution as well. Yes, it does nurture and comfort that is done primarily by the saints. But the institutional church is to protect and defend. To protect and defend the word of God, the truth of God and declare the truth of God. But when the church now tips to the nurture and comfort institution then we would have a church in which we only want to hear smooth words, comforting words, nurturing words and come into a wonderful environment where we are entertained as we become consumers.

The Family

When God created the family, designed the family, it was designed for the noble male and the virtuous female to become one as we read in Malachi. And **why** did God make them one? Malachi says, because He was seeking godly offspring. And it is the noble male and the virtuous female together in their unity that raises little noble males and little virtuous females.

But when the culture tips as it has in our culture and the controlling female begins to lead them and the family and the culture and her engine of unbridled compassion becomes the prime ethic then what happens is we raise coddled, dysfunctional, adult children. Children who don't know how to deal with obstacles. They don't know how to deal with someone who says, "no."

They believe it's all about them. They've been raised as if it's all about them. And when things don't go their way they fall into either depression or some sort of emotional turmoil, possibly even suicide.

Labor

Even in the sphere of labor we find companies now desperate to signal how "compassionate" it is in a thousand different ways, most of them also unbridled by true wisdom.

Let me close us with a story from a dear friend. When he was young, he had gotten himself onto the wrong path, hanging out with the wrong kind of people and sneaking it all behind his parent's backs. One Friday night he got caught and was going to have to spend the weekend in jail until he could go before the judge on Monday. He called home hoping his mom would answer the phone, knowing that if he pleaded with her, she would come bail him out. But to his horror, his dad answered. When he told his dad what had happened and laid out his sad story about being in this horrible jail, his dad asked him when he would see the judge and his son said on Monday. And his dad told him, "well, I'll see you on Monday then." My friend told me that his weekend in jail turned his life around. He is a very successful businessman today with a wonderful wife and family. This wouldn't have happened under unbridled compassion.

The greatest danger and bottom line, of course, is that malevolent compassion destroys our ability to see evil as evil, both personally and culturally. It blinds us. Sexual depravity is no longer seen through the eyes of wisdom and truth, but through the wringing hands of unbridled compassion. We coddle evil and that which is ultimately harmful to people because we are led to believe it is "compassionate" and "caring."

Our gates are wide open, but it is the Remnant that understands what true grace and compassion should look like; it understands the truth of God and His righteousness and the wisdom that must be displayed in the midst of this storm.

The notion of “malevolent” compassion is difficult for us because we think that all compassionate thoughts, feelings and actions are good, [always good]. But we need to rethink this. In the beginning, Satan faked a benevolent heart toward an oppressed Eve. But it was all a lie. Judas feigned a benevolent heart for the poor, but the Scripture tells us he really was after the money for himself. The emotion of compassion arises in me when I see a homeless person. But if I give into that emotion without the balance of wisdom and truth, I can act in a way that is detrimental to him. We are inundated with this ploy constantly. Someone is paraded out in front of us, in video or print, and the plea is based totally on compassion[, on emotion]. It tugs at our heart. But we must always balance that emotion with wisdom and truth or we might be guilty of supporting something malevolent.

Let me take a brief walk into our next storm front. And I want to do that because I want to be sure you understand the connection between malevolent compassion and what we’re going to talk about when we talk about our next threat: The Consolidation of Massive Earthly Power.

And what I want us to understand of the link that is important for us to get...

And I want to be careful here because I’m going to borrow the imagery for Revelation. Not talking about eschatology (the end times), I’m talking about the imagery that is given to us in Revelation of this massive beast. And often times we think of this beast as simply being a state, but the next time we’re going to talk about that we now live in a culture in which the beast is a consolidation of power now. More than the state.

We now have technological and industrial power that can stop you from buying and selling. But what is interesting in the imagery is that there is a harlot that is riding on top of that beast. It’s a strange image. Why is there a harlot riding on top of the beast? What does the harlot represent?

The harlot represent the evil application of the feminine entity. And I would submit to you that we see the same thing happening today. What is the evil distortion of the virtuous female? That distortion that we see is **malevolent compassion**. Which has become the prime ethic. It drives our laws, it’s driving everything that is going on today.

So that is, I would submit to you, is the modern day harlot.

We need to keep in mind that we are not going to the storm front as Chicken Little crying "The sky is falling, the sky falling." But we’re doing it because we want the remnant of God that is left here to **Understand the times in which we live**. To have that wisdom. And yes, our gates are wide open. Why? Because we have a vast falling away from the noble male. In our culture, yes, we have brutish males in our cities and gangs and some in our families and so forth, that on a whole we have men who have lost that nobleness of their maleness and they have become feminized. And many men have fall over themselves in order to prove how nurturing and comforting they are.

But it’s we, the remnant of God, that understands what true grace and compassion looks like. We are the ones who can offer to the world around us true understanding of what true relationships are, of what true love is. We understand the truth of God and His righteousness and the wisdom and true love, love that is steadfast and sacrificial that **MUST** be displayed in the midst of this storm. That why [] were trying to help people understand how critically important it is for us to follow the Lord and to engage those who are providentially around us with true agape love. And that love is base upon truth and wisdom and righteousness. It expresses grace and it expresses compassion as

well.

So as I close this almost in the form of a prayer:

May God give us the grace [that we need] to become Noble Men and Virtuous Women[, or to remain noble men and remain virtuous women, in a culture that is trying to rip those away from you] and [may we] raise our children to be the same. All this for the glory and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Invitation

Right now we are extending the invitation, to anyone who is subject to it. If you need to, Come,... while we stand and sing.

Additional Information

[1] We cannot in our short space do justice to this and I commend to you the excellent and classic work “Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood” by Grudem and Piper.

<https://www.deltackett.com/resources/34515/7-threats-3-the-loss-of-the-noble-male-and-the-rise-of-malevolent-compassion>

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