

IS GOD A MORAL MONSTER?

Part 2: Is God A Misogynist?

Scripture Reading:

- Genesis 1:26-27
- Exodus 20:12
- Numbers 5

Notable Quote:

"Women are made in the image of God."

Observation Questions:

- Have you ever encountered or struggled with the perception that the Bible or Christianity is unfair to women? How did that experience shape your view of God?
- What does Genesis 1:26-27 tell us about how God views women?
- How does the concept of being made in God's image shape our understanding of gender equality?
- What is the significance of Exodus 20:12 in highlighting the roles of both fathers and mothers in Israelite society?

Interpretation Questions:

- How does the cultural context of the ancient Near East help us understand the roles of men and women in Israel?
- Why do you think God chose to work within the patriarchal structures of the time rather than imposing a new social order?
- How does the account in Numbers 5 reflect both the challenges and protections afforded to women in ancient Israel?

Application Questions:

- In what ways can understanding the cultural context of the Bible help us address modern questions about gender equality in the church?
- How can we apply the understanding that both men and women are made in the image of God in our everyday interactions and relationships?
- As a group, how can we support one another in promoting and living out the biblical view of gender equality in our community?

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Respond in Prayer:

- Pray for wisdom and grace to understand and apply the biblical principles of equality and justice in our lives.
- Ask God to help us honor and uplift each other as bearers of His image, reflecting His love and character to those around us.