



Women in the Bible Family

Interpreting the Text:

1. How does 1 Timothy 2:8-15 draw directly from Genesis 3, and how does it diverge?
2. Why is the woman's "curse" in Genesis 3 located in her body only, whereas the man's extends beyond his body to the very earth? What are the implications of the curse related to their gender?
3. Compare the teaching about childbearing in 1 Timothy with Paul's teaching about marriage in 1 Corinthians 7. Are these views about family consonant, or do they disagree with one another?

Applying the Text:

1. Adam and Eve do not die on the day they eat of the tree of knowledge, as God threatens in Genesis 2:17. How should we as interpreters understand God's warning, given that the threat does not come to pass in the way God promises?
2. Are Adam and Eve a "family" before they eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge? If not, what does this teach us about the role of family in creation?
3. How do you hear Christian family models described? Do they cite particular passages from scripture? How might you respond to these descriptions having taken this course?