

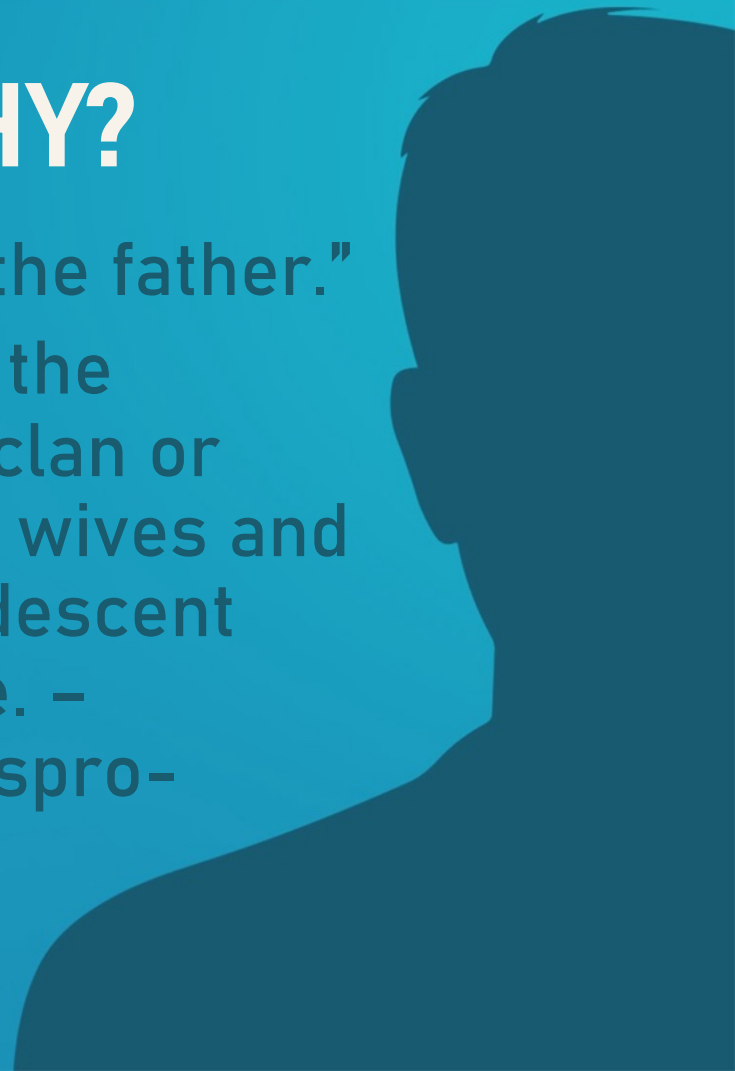
PROMOTING THE PATRIARCHY

Hebrews 12:7-9



WHAT IS PATRIARCHY?

- The literal definition is “rule of the father.”
- “social organization marked by the supremacy of the father in the clan or family, the legal dependence of wives and children, and the reckoning of descent and inheritance in the male line. – broadly : control by men of a disproportionately large share of power” – Merriam-Webster



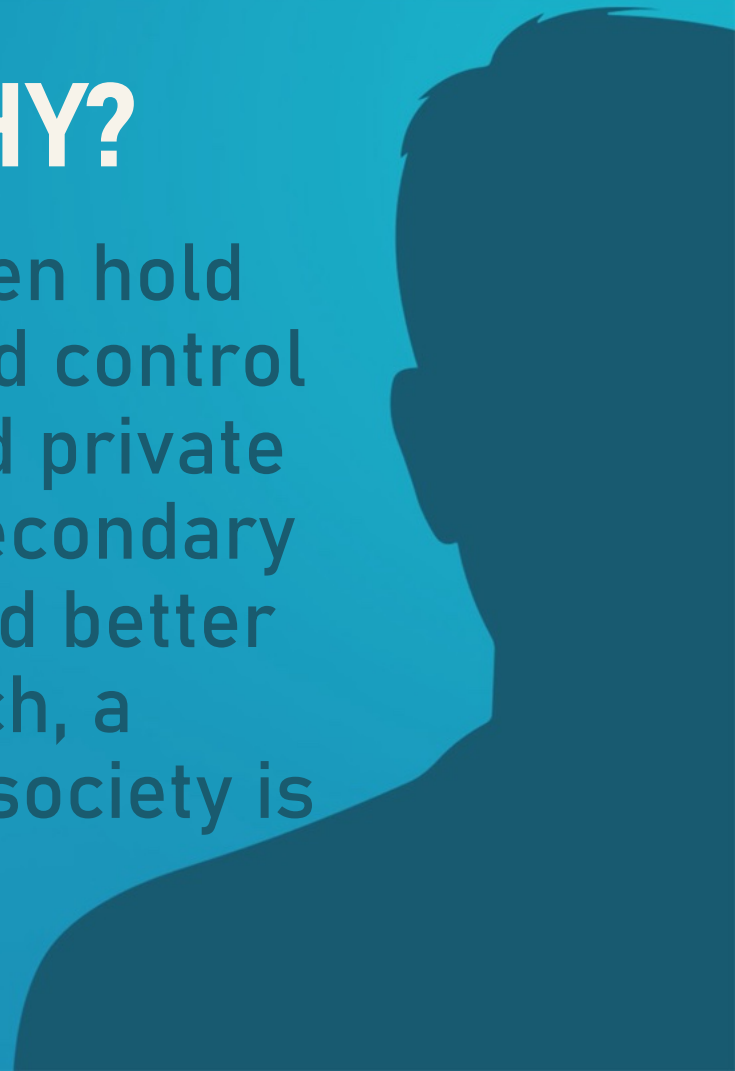
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- “Patriarchy is a social system in which positions of dominance and privilege are held by men.” Wikipedia
- “However, the main characteristic of a patriarchal society is one where men hold more power and authority which subsequently leads to male privilege.” - CNN



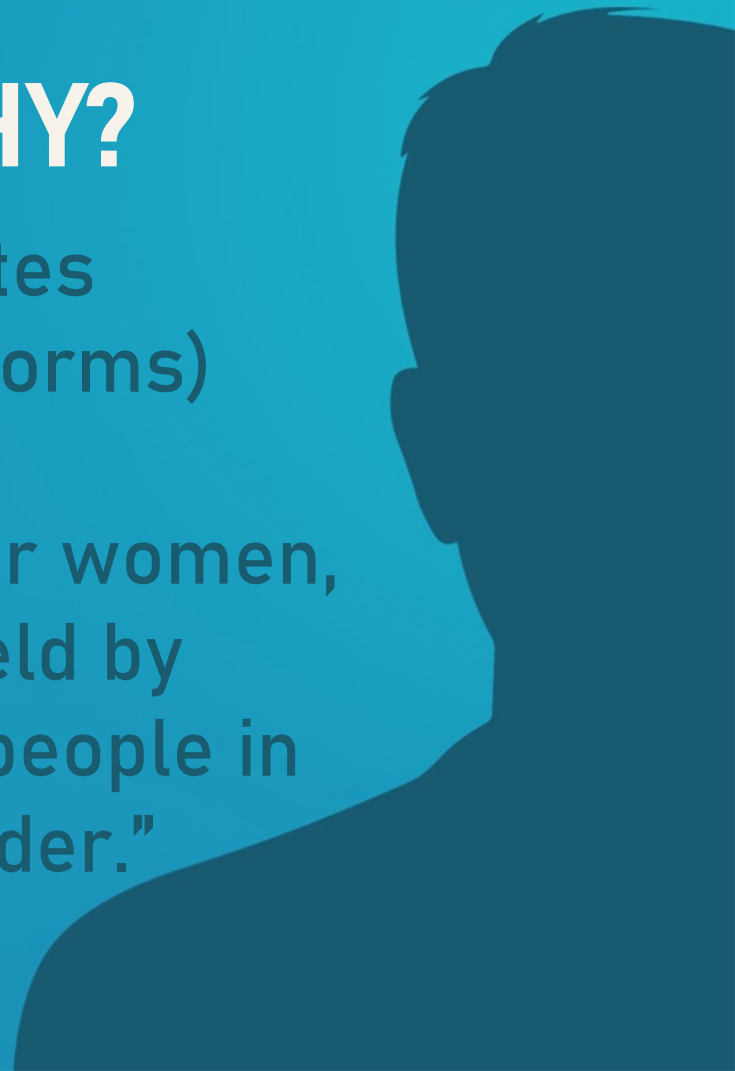
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“Deeply ingrained biases see men hold most positions of leadership and control resources in both the public and private spheres, while women play a secondary role and are seen as weaker and better suited to domestic labor. As such, a woman's place in a patriarchal society is primarily to be homemakers, procreators or caregivers.”



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“This male dominance perpetuates beliefs and practices (cultural norms) that -- whether consciously or unconsciously -- favor men over women, and these beliefs are not just held by men, but by the majority of the people in that society, whatever their gender.”



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“Despite strides towards sex equality that have been gaining momentum for more than a century, the US remains a patriarchal society.”



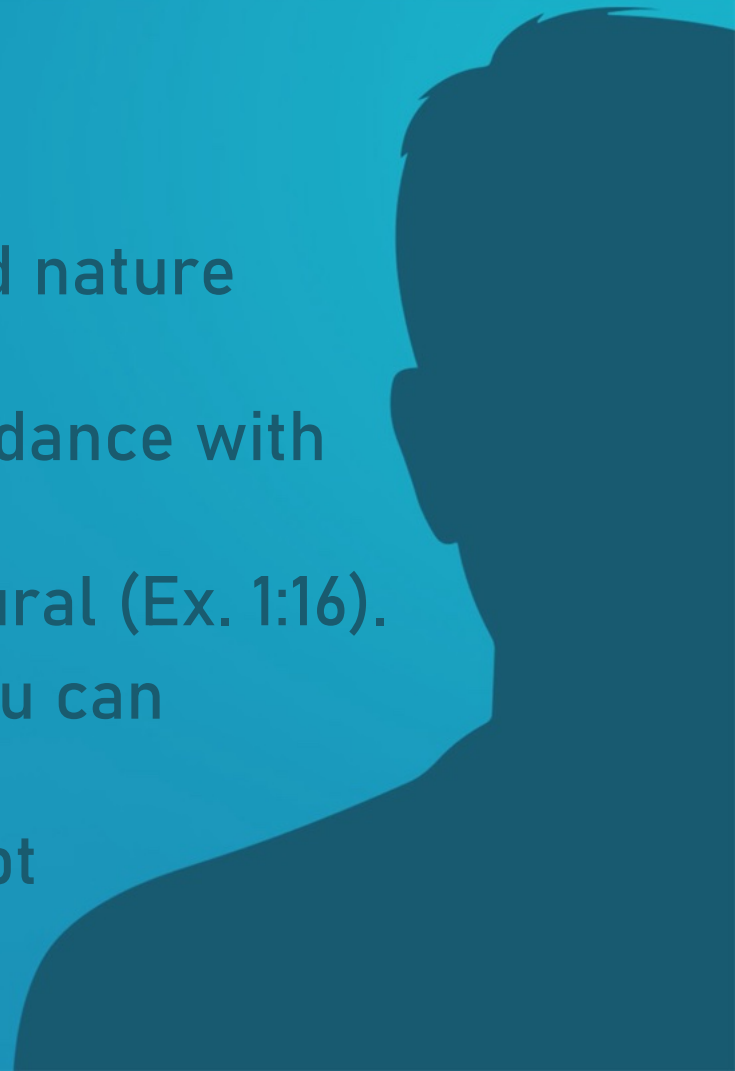
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“The patriarchy is a social system that was designed by men to favor men. It has been adopted throughout the ages through learned behavior and cultural norms that put men on top. To dismantle this ideal, we have to challenge the entrenched biases against women.”



WHAT IS NATURAL?

- Patriarchy is a part of our created nature (1 Cor. 11:8-12).
- God commands us to act in accordance with creation (1 Tim. 2:12-15).
- Even pagans can see what is natural (Ex. 1:16).
- You cannot destroy nature, but you can suppress it (Rom. 1:18).
- What is natural can still be corrupt (cf. Ex. 22:16).



BUILD UP PATRIARCHY

- Teach young men to respectfully submit (Rom. 13:7).
- Point them toward excellent examples of patriarchy (Phil. 2:29).
- Guide them toward a mission (Gen. 1:26).
- Help them think of family in terms of mission (Gen. 2:18).

