

Our Contemporary Task – Thinking Biblically About Issues of Sexuality and Gender in Africa.

Part 1: Holding Fast to the Word – Scripture as the Anchor of Our Worldview

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” — Isaiah 40:8

Two Dangers to Resist

- **The Fog of Many Truths** (*Pervasive Interpretative Pluralism*)

When disagreement is used to undermine the clarity and authority of Scripture.

- **The Slide from Scripture to Sentiment** (*Hermeneutical Drift*)

When personal experience replaces biblical conviction.

Part 2: A Call to Remember God’s Design

Proposal 1: Remember the God Who Is Good—And Who Said It Was Very Good

Genesis 1 – God’s creation—including gendered humanity—is fundamentally good.

Proposal 2: Remember the Goodness of Distinction—It Is Not Good for Man to Be Alone

Genesis 2 – Aloneness is answered not with sameness, but with complementary difference.

Proposal 3: Remember Our Contemporary Challenges—The Fall and Its Fruits

Genesis 3 – The fall distorts gender, sexuality and relationships.

Contextual examples: *fatherlessness* and *rugged individualism*.

Proposal 4: Remember the Lord Jesus—Our Prophet, Priest, and King

As Prophet – *Matthew 19:4-6*

- To reject Genesis is to reject Jesus.

As Priest – *Hebrews 2:14-18*

- Fully human, fully compassionate, fully able to help.

As King – *Philippians 3:20-21 & 1 Corinthians 15:47-49*

- Risen and Triumphant: From Self-Rule to Christ's Rule

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