Divinely Established Patriarchy

**What is patriarchy?** A system of society or government in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it.

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” – Gen. 2:18

**I. Man is incomplete without woman.**

Hence the natural and desirable state for man (and woman) is heterosexual marriage.

Ps. 128, Prov. 18:22, Prov. 31:10-31, Matt. 19:4-6, I Tim. 5:14

**II. Woman is designed and ordained to be man’s helper.**

Hence, in the taking of dominion (as per 1:28), man is in a leadership/authority position and woman is in a helping/subordinate position.

Therefore:

**A. A man is to be the leader of his home.**

Gen. 18:19, Eph. 5:22-24, Col. 3:18, II Tim 3:4-5, I Pet. 3:1-6

**B. Qualified men are to be the leaders of Christ’s church.**

Acts 6:3, I Tim. 2:11-14, I Tim. 3:1-12, Titus 1:5-9

**C. Men are to be the leaders of civil society.**

Ex. 18:21, Deut. 17:14-20, Is. 3:12, Prov. 31:23

**D. Men are to be the protectors of:**

* their families (Neh. 4:13-14)
* their churches (Acts 20:28-31, Titus 1:9-11, I Pet. 5:1-2)
* their civil societies (Num. 1:20, Num. 1: 22, Num. 26, Num. 32:20-27, Josh. 1:14, Josh. 6:3, I Sam. 8:10-13)