Outline
Lesson 7 – Sociology: the divine Imprint

I. Introduction – The God of Order
   A. Psalm 19 – “The heavens declare the glory of God…”
   B. Job 12 – “But ask the animals, and they will teach you…”
   C. Listening to a chicken egg – The exquisite design and intricacy seen in a chicken egg
   D. Scriptural emphasis of order – Job 25:2, 1 Corinthians 14:33, James 3:16

II. Social Order – The Divine Imprint
   A. “It is not good” – Genesis 2:18 – Why was it “not good” for man to be alone?
   B. Triune structure stamped upon Social Order
      1. God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit
      2. Family – Husband, Wife, Children
      3. Church – Christ, Leaders, Flock
      4. Our world – Three realms – Physical, Spiritual and Social
   C. Relationships, Roles, Authority, Submission and Unity within social spheres

III. Importance of relationships
   A. What happened at the fall? – Relationships were severed and damaged – between God & man, man & man, and man & creation
   B. Aloneness - “It is not good for man to be alone” – Aloneness is contrary to God’s nature; in all eternity, there had never been aloneness before
   C. God’s design of social institutions and social laws
   D. Intimate Three – God’s design for unity, intimacy, oneness - Family, Church, God and Man

IV. Family & Church

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A. Ephesians 5 – Roles and relationships of members in these spheres – Authority, Submission, Oneness

B. Love and Respect between husband and wife

C. Honor between children and parents, flock and church leaders

V. Conclusion – Pathologies of the Family

A. Divorce – Malachi 2:16 – “I hate divorce…”

B. Lack of respect – 1 Peter 3:7 – “…so that nothing will hinder your prayers…”