

**02 – God behaving badly – Is God sexist or affirming?**

**Passages in the bible that trouble you deeply?**

**“What are some of the passages that have caused you to believe the bible is sexist and anti women?”**

**Sexism = “prejudice, stereotyping, or discrimination, typically against women, on the basis of sex”**

**A great start**

**... God’s word affirms BOTH male and female are equal in value.**

**A suitable helper is one of equal value but different roles.**

**“like Adam but opposite to him”.**

**But what about the Fall?**

**Gen 2:16, Adam was the one told by God NOT to eat the fruit of this tree.**

**... Adam was standing there the whole time... saying nothing.**

**Eve is given pain in child birth.**

**Gen 3:16 ... your husband will rule over you**

**Gen 3:17, Adam is punished. Like Eve... the punishment he is given lasts his whole working life...until he dies.**

**... the number of words**

**... Romans 5**

**Other terrible passages**

**Lot ... Gen 19.**

**Deuteronomy 22 ... terrible sexual abuse occurs among them.**

**... the penalties often, if not always, are there to protect females from exploitation.**

**Deut 22:22**

... commands that a man must pay the bride price, marry and can never divorce, an unmarried woman whom he has forcibly violated.

see 2 Sam 13:1-20

... Amnon and his sister Tamar.

### The Role of Women in God's world

Judges 4 ...Debora

1 Samuel 25 ... Abigail

2 Sam 14, 2 Sam 20

Mark 14:3-9

### The God who sees me.

Gen 16:13, *"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'*

Luke 7:36-50

"Do you see this woman?"

### Why do people claim God is sexist?

... problem that people often have with God is mostly because of our poor example as his followers.

Do you affirm and build up people of the opposite sex?

Do we treat each other equally as people saved by Grace?

Do you treat people of the opposite sex as people rather than objects the provide for your needs?

What sort of sexist jokes do you tell or what sort of sexist attitudes do you have?

If you want to do some more thinking on this area

- <https://jude3project.org/podcast/sexist> - Jo Vitale
- Is God a moral monster - Paul Copan