Feminism and God

1. Women are made in the image of God.

Gen 1:27 "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

2. Order in the family

See "Marriage and Family relationships"

3. In the Kingdom of God, there is no distinction between men and women

Gal 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

4. Paul exalts many Christian women in ministry

Rom 16:1-2 "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. [2] I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me."

Rom 16:3 "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. [4] They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them."

Rom 16:7 "Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was."

5. Many other important women leaders in the Bible

Miriam – lead singing and dancing -Ex 15:20, Micah 6:4

Huldah – prophetess to the king – 2 Chr 34:22

Deborah – wife, prophetess, judge, leader in battle, Mother in Israel - Judges 4

Esther – became queen, saved her people - Book of Esther

Mary – the virgin who conceived, carried, birthed and raised the Son of God – Luke 1 & 2

Anna – a prophetess who prophesied over Jesus – Luke 2:26-38

Lydia – leader of a house church - Acts 16:14

Priscilla – wife, teacher, co-worker with Paul, co-leader with husband – Acts 18, Rom16:3

6. The wife of a noble character – Proverbs 31:10-31

Pro 31:12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

She works hard, makes clothing and sells some, gets food and cares for her household, buys a field and plants a vineyard, makes good trades, is kind to the poor, her husband is respected, gives faithful instruction, fears the Lord

7. Keepers at home – 1Tim 5:14

So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, **to manage their homes** and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

8. My Testimony of feminism to faith and God's order

9. Benefits of Feminism

Women are treated with respect and honor.

Women get equal pay for equal work.

Laws created to protect women and children

Fairness and protection under the law

10. Drawbacks of Feminism

Abortion – women who have had abortions are more likely to be depressed, suicidal, to get breast cancer, to get female cancers

Sexual immorality – ungodly sex creates soul ties, gives guilt, regret and shame

Venereal diseases – there are over 150 venereal diseases in the USA