

9—Redeeming Masculinity

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INTRO:

I. → Malachi 4:1-6

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.

→ 2 And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

→ 5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

- II. Toxic Masculinity: relational dominance, sexist arrogance, emotional suppression, overcompetitiveness, domestic violence, egotistical machismo
- III. “We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful.”—C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

BODY:

I. Servant Authority

A. A real man uses his strength to protect those in his care.

1) Psalms 82:1-4

*God presides in the great assembly;
(the Elohiym stand in the assembly of El)*

*he renders judgment among the “gods”:
“How long will you defend the unjust
and show partiality to the wicked?
Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

2) **GUARDING MOLLY IN SEATTLE**

B. A godly man uses authority for building up not for tearing down.

1) **2 Corinthians 13:10**

This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

2) **USING STRENGTH TO KEEP SOMEONE SAFE**

II. Selfless Generosity

A. A strong man does more than just carry his own weight.

1) **Philippians 2:3-4**

*Do nothing out of **selfish** ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

2) **LEARNING WORK ETHIC FROM OUR FATHERS**

3) **GRANDPA MILLER—THREE OF EVERYTHING**

B. A generous man makes room for others to thrive.

1) **1 Peter 3:7**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

2) **DAVE EDLER APPOINTING MOLLY, MOLLY, FAWN, SUSAN**

III. Sacrificial Love

A. A Christlike man lays down his life for his loved ones.

1) **Ephesians 5:25-27**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

2) **TITANIC—DON'T LET GO**

75% women survived, men 20%

B. We are all blessed by the sacrifice of a strong man.

1) **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. (KJV)

2) **PRAY FOR FATHERS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 103:13-14

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.