**Lesson 7 – Sociology: The Divine Imprint**

1. **Introduction – The God of Order**
	1. Psalm 19 – "The heavens declare the glory of God ..."
	2. Job 12 – "But ask the animals, and they will teach you ..."
	3. Listening to a chicken egg – The exquisite design and intricacy seen in a chicken egg
	4. Scriptural emphasis of order – Job 25:2, 1 Corinthians 14:33, James 3:16
2. **Social Order – The Divine Imprint**
	1. "It is not good" – Genesis 2:18 – Why was it "not good" for man to be alone?
	2. 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
	3. Relationships, Roles, Authority, Submission and Unity within social spheres
3. **Importance of relationships**
	1. What happened at the fall? – Relationships were severed and damaged – between God & man, man & man, and man & creation
	2. 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
	3. God's design of social institutions and social laws
	4. Intimate Three – God's design for unity, intimacy, oneness - Family, Church, God and Man
4. **Family & Church**
	1. Ephesians 5 – Roles and relationships of members in these spheres – Authority, Submission, Oneness
	2. Love and Respect between husband and wife
	3. Honor between children and parents, flock and church leaders
	4. Divorce – Malachi 2:16 – "I hate divorce ..."
	5. Lack of respect – 1 Peter 3:7 – " ... so that nothing will hinder your prayers ..."
5. **Conclusion – Pathologies of the Family**