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Preface

The rise of female pastors, female elders, and females singing like pop stars while dressed in blue jeans in religious organizations demands vigorous action by men professing godliness.

While many believers will not describe themselves as feminists verbally, they hold on to ideas rooted in the feminist ideology.

I am duty bound to expose feminism in the church so believers can become "Christian soldiers marching as to war" to confront antichrist forces robbing the church of testosterone.

Study "The Feminist's War Against Christianity" and you will become part of the solution and not part of the problem.

There is no attempt to balance out this subject on feminism with the Biblical duties of men. My job is to bring the Word of God to where Satan is attacking the church . . . and, not to add artificial sweeteners to the truth so it tastes better to a generation of churchmen who have bowed to the religion of feminism.

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Swamped by Feminism



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Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

1. Where Have All the Men Gone?

"Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." (Jeremiah 5:1).



Figure 2: Freepik

♦ During the reign of Josiah (641-609 BC), Jeremiah could not find one good man in Jerusalem . . . much less a prophet of the Lord (Jeremiah 5:1ff).

Ten years ago, Hanna Rosin's book, "The End of Men," argued that feminism had largely achieved its aims, and that it was time to start worrying about the coming obsolescence of men. American women were getting more undergraduate and graduate degrees than

American men, and were better placed to flourish in a "feminized" job market that prized communication and flexibility. For the first time in American history, they were outnumbering men in the workplace. "The modern economy is becoming a place where women hold the cards," Rosin wrote. (The New Yorker).

In relation to the modern church, where have all the men of steal and velvet gone . . . where have all the prophets as unshakable as a mountain?

Where are the men with sword in hand defending the weak and quietly doing it without fanfare and hoopla?

Most pastors are trained to be feminists – fair and balanced . . to never say anything that might offend a female in the church. For this reason, women don't know the meaning of "submission" to husbands. Christian counseling is never about the sins of which the woman needs to repent. Christian pastors are trained to beat men with a guilt stick and to lecture them on how they need to love their wives more.

Prophets (true men) in the church have disappeared, but why?

Neither the world nor the Church can tolerate a manly prophet until they have killed him.

- Ahab imprisons Micaiah,
- Joash kills Zechariah,
- Herod slays John in prison,
- Eudoxia banishes,
- Sigismund burns Huss.

Priests hated our Lord with a perfect hatred; the priests of Jerusalem ridicule Isaiah; the priest Pashur put Jeremiah into the stocks; the priest Amaziah expels Amos; the priests Annas and Caiaphas slew the Lord of glory; the priest Ananias bid them smite Paul over the mouth" (Dean Farrar, Jeremiah 5).

Why then do men of faith suffer such hardship?

Those professing godliness are doomed to walk alone – "lonely are the brave" – Lonely are the holy.

Barnes comments on Psalm 44:22 "For thy sake we are killed all day long . . . " that the true cause of the calamities of God's prophets is not because of their sins, but because they love God:

"It is because we are thy friends, and because we worship thee. It is not on account of our national sins; it is not because there is any prevalent idolatry, but it is because we are the worshippers of the true God, and we are, therefore, martyrs. All these calamities have come upon us in consequence of our attachment to thee." (Emphasis mine)

John Rushdoony says more pastors lose their jobs because of being faithful to the Word of God than for any other reason.

In modern times, good pastors are being replaced by sheep-petters and trendsetters.

The world hates true prophets, but loves idealists who espouse utopianism.

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means (lawlessness); and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:31).

Men of integrity stand no chance in politics. Politicians cannot tolerate a righteous man. Disagree with the media, and they will eliminate you. Object to homosexuals and the elite will crush you. Try to be the salt of the earth and you find yourself out on the street beggin' for yur supper.

Real men have been replaced by corruptocrats and aggressive misogynists under the curse of Eve who are more concerned with power than principle, wealth than the health of America.

Biblical prophets studied the Word of God to instruct men on what they needed to hear; but, modern hand-shakers and baby-kissers study the polls so they can speak what doormats want to hear.

Clarke comments on Jeremiah 5:31:

"False prophets and worldly priests have been in all ages the bane of religion, and the ruin of many souls. When profligate people stand up

on behalf of profligate priests, corruption must then be at its height."

One thing stands out as needful: to become a true man in communion with God.

When President Garfield was a boy, and was asked what he would be, his reply was:

"Well, first of all, I must make myself a man; for, if I do not succeed in that, I shall not succeed in anything."

The Bible illustrator says the following:

"What is it to be a "hero"? A "hero" is simply the English form of the Greek "heroes," which primarily meant a "man," a real man, a separate and unmistakable man, as distinct from "anthropos," or mankind in general. By a recognition of this very truth, that a man's distinctness as a man among men works and measures his exceptional character and capabilities, the Greeks came to call a grand man, or a great or preeminent man, a hero, as another way of saying that he was "distinguished" man.

Real men love Jesus and seek to please Him by being wholly devoted to His will. And, those who love Jesus become real men.

Good men establish understand roles and enact rules for the home and church. But, feminists can't stand rules and will do everything in the power to destroy the man.

Neither the world, nor feminists, nor the apostate Church can tolerate a true man until they have killed him.

2. Definition of Feminism



Figure 3: Freepik

♦ Armed with daggers and swords radical feminist are rippling through society hacking, cutting, and chopping at anything and anyone that opposes them. Screaming at the top of their lungs they demand equal rights, affirmative action for women, legal power to kill their babies, and that government pay for their abortions. That men must be like women blares through the megaphones of feminists. Wounded Christians with broken marriages and estranged kids would do well to

understand how feminism poisons every watering hole in America. Let's start with definitions.

Feminist: The woke, engineered definition of a feminist is one who advocates women's rights based on the equality of the sexes. But, this definition is polished, sophisticated rhetoric bearing the marks of deceptiveness and dishonesty.

The Biblical word(s) for "feminist" include the terms "odious woman," "strange woman," "whorish woman," "brawling woman," "contentious women," "foolish woman," "evil woman," "odious woman," and "rebel."

Odious:

Proverbs 30:23 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: . . . For an **odious woman** when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

The word "odious" (sane') means **hateful** – a word closely associated with "anger," "bitterness," "resentfulness," "idolatry," and "evil." The odious woman hates God and His law.

Strange:

Proverbs 2:16 To deliver thee from the **strange woman**, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

Solomon uses the word "strange" (zuwr) because the odious woman is a stranger to God's law-order; a stranger to the covenant; an alien to the commonwealth of Israel.

Whorish:

Proverbs 6:26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

The word "whorish" (zanah) refers to promiscuous woman, single or married, who preys upon men and women for sexual favors. It also represents gold diggers who trade sex for money. These naughty women know how to use their "ass-ets" get what they want.

Brawling:

Proverbs 21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a **brawling woman** in a wide house.

The word "brawling" (midyan) refers to woman who produces strife and contention in a relationship by challenging and contradicting and stabbing her adversary.

Contentious:

Proverbs 21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

The word "contentious" is a translation of the Hebrew word midyan which is translated "brawling" (striving) in Proverbs 21:9 except in Proverbs 21:19 he adds the adjective "angry". The word "angry" (ka'ac) refers to a spirit that is easily vexed, grieved, and frustrated.

Foolish:

Proverbs 9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

The word "foolish" (keciyluwth) refers to a "roaring," "clamorous," "murmuring," "stupid," loud woman who thinks her opinions ought rule mankind

Evil:

Proverbs 6:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

The adjective "evil" (ra) refers to that which is "bad," "disagreeable," and "malignant." It is translated "wicked," "affliction," "harm," "noisome," and "grievous."

Rebel:

Hosea 7:14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they **rebel** against me.

The word "rebel" (cuwr) is a verb that means "to turn aside" from doing what is right.

Feminist Movement: The Biblical word for "**feminist movement**" or "feminism" is described in Colossians 2:8 as "philosophy and vain deceit."

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The term "philosophy" (philosophia) and "vain deceit" (kenos apate) refer to intellectual movements that contain "doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1) that whip through society to "capture" souls and to carry them off as Satan's booty; that is, movements that snare souls and separate them from the gospel and our Lord's salvation.

Feminism is a religion born in rebellion with its own self-law the Bible calls "idolatry."

Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and **idolatry**. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

3. Heretical Women

1 Timothy 2:12 and 1 Timothy 4:1

♦ At no time does the Bible permit a woman to be a pastor or to have authority over men.



Figure 4: Skabash - https://www.skabash.com/famous-

Under the inspiration of the Spirit, the apostle Paul commanded the churches:

"I permit not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." - 1 Timothy 2:12

"The Bible is clear that men are to be the elders/pastors/bishops/shepherds of local churches. The overseer, Paul tells us, should be the "husband of but one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2). He should manage his own family well

(verse 4-5). In his instructions to Titus, Paul, once again, emphasized that the elders of the church should be men- "husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient" (<u>Titus 1:6</u>).(Nigerian Pastor – Renewed Mind –'How Covert Feminism Destroys the Christian Family')

Anytime you hear a woman call herself a "Christian" pastor, heresy hovers over the conversation.

Why this prohibition against women teaching men? Maybe the weakness of being easily deceived has something to do with it (1 Timothy 3:14).

Jacqui Lewis, self-proclaimed "Christian" pastor, attended the militant feminist march in Washington in January 2019, and here is what she boasted:

'Our Common Enemy Is White Supremacy Transphobia, Sexism'. What?

"I am so glad to be able to follow my indigenous family and share some words of blessing," Lewis said as she opened her speech.

"Standing here and looking at you and thinking about this movement makes me want to tell you what it means for me to be a Christian pastor."

"There's all kinds of Christians, but I'm the kind (of heretic) that believes that there's more than one path to God, the kind that believes that every single body, no matter who you love and how you look (even trannnies), is created by God exactly as you are." (Jacqui Lewis, Middle Collegiate Church in New York) (Parenthesis mine)

That God creates Sodomites and trannies; or, that there are many ways to God strikes against the fundamentals of Holy Scripture (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 7:13; John 14:6).

Jacqui Lewis may indeed be a liberal, militant, feminist pastoress, but there is nothing "Christian" about her! (1 Corinthians 2:15).

Can the same be said of Joyce Meyers, et al.?

Source: https://armenianchurchsydney.org.au/learning/respectful-traditions-of-the-armenian-church/

4. The First Blast of the Trumpet



Figure 5: Freepik

♦ We are living in a time when churchmen are more affected by feminism than by the Word of God. That churches are aggressively advancing female pastors, female deacons, female elders, and female choir leaders stands out like soot on a white blanket. Some groups have brought in drag queens to read Bible stories to children in order to demonstrate their radial inclusiveness. But, is any of this Scriptural?

John Knox's corrective on 16th century feminism applies to today as much as it did in the 16th century.

Before John Knox returned home from exile to become a hero of the Scottish Reformation, he penned a shocking polemic against women in roles of authority (queens) in his pinnacle work, "The First Blast of the Trumpet."

Knox used "monstrous" and "regiment" in a primitive sense to mean "unnatural." He argued that female dominion over men was against God's law and the law of nature. He grieved the future of the Protestant faith lay solely in the hands of a queen in England who was largely hostile to the Biblical faith (1556).

The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women

THE PREFACE

The kingdom appertains to our God. [Psalm 22:28]

I am assured that God has revealed to some in this our age, that it is more than a monster in nature that a woman shall reign and have empire above man.

If any think that the empire of women is not of such importance, that for the suppressing of the same any man is bound to hazard his life: I answer, that to suppress it is in the hand of God alone. [6]But to utter the impiety and abomination of the same, I say, it is the duty of every true messenger of God to whom the truth is revealed in that behalf.

First, I am not ignorant how difficult and dangerous it is to speak against a common error, especially when the ambitious minds of men and women are called to the obedience of God's simple commandment.

I have determined to obey God, notwithstanding that the world shall rage thereat.

"Son of man, I have appointed thee a watchman to the house of Israel, that thou shouldest hear from my mouth the word; and that thou mayest admonish them plainly, when I shall say to the wicked man, 'O wicked, thou shalt assuredly die.' Then if thou shalt not speak, that thou mayest plainly admonish him that he may leave his wicked way, the wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require of thy hand. But and if thou shalt plainly admonish the wicked man, and yet he shall not turn from his way, such a one shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul" (Ezekiek 33:7-9).

See Part II, Knox's View of the Biblical Role of Women -- https://www.gutenberg.org/files/9660/9660-h/9660-h.htm

5. When Liberals Are in Charge of a Church

♦ According to Breitbart News 7-28-2020, the Swedish Liberal Church is set to loose over a million members because they have rejected Scripture, ordained women, rejected absolutes, adopted inclusive, permissive feminist policies, and set up a "church" ruled by women.



Where is the testosterone in the Swedish church?

"They shall not come near to me, to serve me as priest, nor come near any of my holy things and the things that are most holy, but they shall bear their shame and the abominations that they have committed" (Ezekiel 44:13).

"My people—infants are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, your guides mislead you and they have swallowed up the course of your paths" (Isaiah 3:12).

""Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under

obedience, as also saith the law" (1 Corinthians 14:34).

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first (apostasy), and that man of sin (the sinful man or woman) be revealed, the son of perdition. Who (he or she) opposeth and exalteth himself (or herself) above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

"I will therefore that men (andros: holy males) pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (1 Timothy 2:8, 11-12).

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1).

"For there are certain men (now women) crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men (and women), turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 4)

The Swedish men would do well to repent deeply for permitting women pastors to be employed in the church. Oh, that God would raise up godly men to lead His flock.



Figure 6: Source unknown

6. Feminism Explained

The Feminists' War Against Christianity

"Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, 'Bring, that we may drink!' The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks." - Amos 4:1-2

♦ The "cows of Bashan" refer to fat wives of Bashan in the northern kingdom lying around in luxury commanding their husbands to bring them wine to drink. This snapshot exposes a society where odious women ruled over men. Instead of being a "helpmeet" to their husbands, they barked orders at their impotent husbands demanding they perform the menial task of a household slave. Is there a more miserable than the man who can't say "No!" to his wife?

Some commentators think this refers to luxurious rulers and effeminate nobles, but this would be meaningless, if fat women growling to their husbands were not a mark of society.

These fat women are called "cows" because they were remarkably rich, uncommonly large, and headstrong (Benson).

What a picture of a feminist society!

Ask a hundred different women, "What is feminism?" and, you'll get one hundred different answers.

<u>Feminism means</u> whatever a woman wants it to mean: equality of women, power of women, strength of women, opportunity for women, freedom for women, rights of women, superiority of women, crushing manhood, lesbianism, rights to reproductive services, dominance, rights to hate men, etc.

<u>First</u>, feminism is a religion. Since religion is about fundamental values, feminism is as much a religion as Hinduism and Islam. This religion competes against Christianity for the hearts of women. Therefore, Christians must be alert they do not synchronize feminism with the Christian faith.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Second, feminism was not born yesterday. It began with Eve and remained a threat to the social health in every generation.

Amos referred to the feminists of his days as the loud, self-indulgent "fat cows of Bashan" who shouted tyrannical orders at their sheepish husbands.

<u>Third</u>, religious feminism battles the Christian law-order. In bed with the antichrist, this radical religion opposes righteousness, justice, and mercy.

<u>Fourth</u>, feminism does not adorn itself with femininity, virtue, or beauty. In fact, it appears that grisly pudgy sticks to feminism like ugly on a fat lady. Beauty can't befriend feminism because their tongues are "set on fire by hell."

Foreign to this movement are beautiful women with "a meek and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:1-6).

The events of the past decade - . . . the emergence of the

#MeToo movement, the overturning of Roe v. Wadehave -- had a sobering effect on this sort of triumphalism. The general tone of feminist rhetoric has grown distinctly tougher and more cynical. (Hanna Rosin, "The End of Men" – The New Yorker)

<u>Fifth</u>, like "Black Lives Matter," the feminist movement seeks power over mankind, power in the home, power in government, power in the church.

Feminists see themselves as born strong and superior to men.

"Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong, it's about changing the way the world perceives that strength." G.D. Anderson

"Women are always saying, 'We can do anything that men can do.'
But men should be saying, 'We can do anything that women can do.'"
Gloria Steinem

Feminists have declared war on everything masculine.

Feminists belief women are victims in society - victims of men, victims of government, and victims of family members; i.e. they have been duped, swindled, and cheated in life by others.

Feminist ideology, rooted in the search for political, economic, and sexual rights for women, views sexual victimization as a result of women's subordinate position in a patriarchal society. (DOJ)

Feminism espouses the ridiculous notion that white males are privileged, and that all women are oppressed.

Feminists swallow the lie that all men are racists, and that women are fair and unbiased.

Feminists gravitate toward views that white men are racist pigs, sexist jerks, and the cause of all pain in the world.

Feminism seeks power over men, over families, over churches, over corporations, and over government.

"Liberal feminists focus on striving for legal equality between the sexes. The family has long been a clear source of inequality." (Tutor2u; sociology)

Feminism believes that all bosses are automatically white privileged, oppressive capitalist who had their jobs handed to them without working for it.

Feminism promotes the belief that women ought to have the right and power to kill babies.

Feminism countenance the belief that women should be treated better than men; paid more than men; and, advanced in corporate business above men.

", there's a lifetime of income inequality between men and women and more . . . " (The UN).

Feminism posits the theory that women should rule the home; that men should be like women:

"We've begun to raise daughters more like sons...but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters." (Gloria Steinem)

Feminists surmise that women are equal to men mentally, emotionally, and physically.

Feminists theorize that women have been cheated out of jobs such as law enforcement, firefighting, and combat armed services.

Feminists seek entitlements and preferential treatment in the market place.

Feminists' rapacity cannot be satisfied because these women never have enough power, money, or fame.

Fueled by bitterness, resentment, and hate; feminists ooze with head-jerking, I'm-gonna-kill-you insults.

Equality stands as a pillar in the feminist's mind, but it can never be achieved in the real world.

Feminists do not seek to help young boys or men in certain situations to be treated as equals.

Feminists do not complain that women are two years more advanced in their reading and speaking skills than men.

"Women's reading comprehension and writing ability consistently exceed that of men, on average." (Standford Medicine Magazine)

Feminist do not complain that more women enter college than men.

"In 2021, the census estimated that 21.1 million Americans were enrolled in college, according to the annual American Community Survey. About 12 million of them people were female, and about 9.2 million were male. That's a difference of about 2.6 million, or a 56%-to-44% split" (NBC Magazine- 8-2023)

Feminists do not express outrage that affirmative action favors women over men.

Feminists do not complain about the 100,000 sexually assaulted men in U.S. prisons; i.e. more men are assaulted by Sodomites than all the women raped in the U.S. annually. Why are feminists silent on this human abuse?

Feminists are concerned about breast cancer, but express no concern about prostate cancer which effects 86% of all men.

Feminists are not active in helping men abused by their wives physically, and verbally. There are no shelters, self-houses, or court advocacy programs for abused husbands that have been psychologically ripped to shreds by the swords of verbally abusive women.

"One in 6-7 men will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime" (mankind.org.uk)

Feminists express no concern about the tragedy of men who commit suicide or who are injured in the work place, or who die in combat.

Feminists seem to be oblivious to men who are verbally abused, beaten by wives, raped in prisons, mistreated in public, and injured in the market place.

Feminists fail to come to the aid of men who are convicted of crimes and received sentences twice as long as women convicted of the same crime.

Feminists are not engaged in saving the lives of unborn babies scheduled for execution at abortion mills.

Feminists do not complain that fathers seldom win custody in a child-custody case.

"Fathers are granted custody only 18.3% of the time." (Divorce Lawyers for men).

Feminist do not complain that men are not taken seriously in court when they testify that their wives are gold diggers mining them for their wealth.

Feminists do not condemn the yelling, screaming, shouting, slanderous libel other feminists exercise against men. In fact, the number one rule of feminist is "Don't shout back." In marriage.com the author blamed the man: "Not prioritizing her" and "neglecting her".

Feminists seem blind to Proverbs 31, and that meek and quiet spirit which characterizes beautiful women (1 Peter 3:1-6).

Woe to the man that marries a feminist!

In summary

Feminism is a radical religious political movement that is anti-equality, anti-God, anti-Christ, anti-Christianity, anti-humility, and anti-feminism, anti-beauty, and anti-man.

"Except you repent, you shall likewise perish," - Jesus (Luke 13:3)

"The Lord GOD has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the

7. What Feminism is NOT

Feminism is NOT about the Welfare of Women

"These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage." - Jude 1:16

♦ Feminism is not about the welfare of all women nor is it about equality.

Women were declared equal with men on the first day of creation (Genesis 1:26). Further, women have had "equal political rights" in this country for over 70 years. Affirmative action tipped the scales a long time ago.



Feminists have a reputation for being unmarried, unhappy, miserable butch females with the personality of a barking chihuahua.

Peggy Grande of Fox News asked a penetrating question about the Senator from California, "Is Senator Feinstein really a champion for women? All women?"

She adds this insight:

"A true champion for women would have handled the Christine Blasey Ford accusation entirely differently than Senator Feinstein did. A champion

for women would have afforded her the decency of privacy, to vet this claim behind closed doors, as is regularly done in confirmation cases, and as she personally had requested.

A champion for women would have handled this early and discreetly, at a place and time of Dr. Ford's convenience, not allowing her to be used as a puppet in a political circus, herself unaware of all the ways she had been betrayed by those claiming to support her.

A true champion for women would be speaking out for the women who have accused Keith Ellison and Bill Clinton of sexual and physical misconduct. And she would also speak out for innocent bystanders caught in the crosshairs of this national charade – Mrs. Kavanaugh and her two young daughters. They are among the

truest victims and yet have not received her support, or her apology.

A true champion for women would celebrate the historic low unemployment that women all across the nation are experiencing and would be applauding our president for making that happen, regardless of party.

Is Senator Feinstein really a champion for women? All women? Or just those who fit into her political narrative, serve her political purposes and can be used by her and the political machine to amass additional power for the Democratic Party?" (October 8, 2018, Fox News)

Today's political circus is not about women; it's about trickery and deceit to gain political power.

8. Feminists' War against God's Law-order.



◆ Christians decry feminism formally, but are radically impacted by it informally.

Even though people can't identify the source of ideas, ideas and imaging shape people's beliefs.

The subtle messaging of feminism has impacted us all . . . and not for the better.

While believes do not define

themselves as feminists, they often hold on to ideas rooted in feminists ideology.

Feminism is not about "women's rights," but self-law and political power.

It's a militant, quasi-lesbian bias begging for privileges from the government and the overthrow of Christian law.

Feminism does not make America better. It acts like a social cancer robbing our society of spiritual energy and moral health.

Modern feminism began during the Woman's Suffrage Movement (circa 1890s) whereas women were given the "right" to vote (1928); i.e. the government gave

woman permission to rebel against their husbands and vote contrary to the man's leadership in society and in the home.

Feminists rebel against God's AUTHORITY! I don't know where the term "feminazis" originated, but it accurately describes the Feminist Movement -- a movement hell bent on conquering men, destroying the family, and demoralizing the nation.

Feminist t-shirt: "ANGRY WOMEN WILL CHANGE THE WORLD."

Is the world better off with angry, bitter, loud-mouth women yelling in the face of men? No, they "disquiet the world" (Proverb 30:23).

Women are now filing for divorce at double the rate of men because of feminist beliefs the government will take care of them. Rejecting male leadership, feminists want the government to be their husband; i.e. to provide for them and to protect them.

"Nearly 70 percent of divorces are initiated by the wife" (The Jimenez Law Firm).

Feminists view genuine Christians as a threat to their agenda. They are correct. Real men promote a mother in the home cooking dinner and raising his children for God's glory. The state of motherhood seems more important than a woman slaving away in an industrial plant or working in a high-rise office 50 stories high (1st Timothy 5:14). Of course, wimpy, hen-pecked husbands are exempt from the wrath of the feminazis.

The feminist's way doesn't work. The business woman will tell you that you can only have one President. She will tell you that you can only have one mayor, one governor, and one CEO of a corporation. But the feminists lie to young women telling them that when they get married, they can "bring home the bacon and fry it in the pan; that the home can have two heads – a he and she. But, two-headed deformed monsters don't live very long.

Feminism has its roots in **Genesis 3:6** where Eve revolted against the husband God gave to her.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Notice carefully the three juicy rewards coveted by Eve:

- 1. Eve saw "that the tree was good for food."
- 2. Eve saw "that it was pleasant to the eyes."
- 3. Eve saw that it was "a tree to be desired to make one wise."

Satan proved to be skilled liar. He persuaded her that disobeying God was going to make her into a god. But, the opposite happened. Ugly stuck to her like pretty on an ape.

Biblically, a Woman's Place in Still in the Home

"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan." —1 Timothy 5:14 (See also Titus 2:1-7).

Feminists commit hara-kiri because they rebel against authority.

Feminism leans away from women's rights and equality because it loves to be the black sheep on the farm avoiding the green pasture watered by God's Word.

Like atheists, feminists cry, "We don't believe there is a God who has revealed himself to men and delivered to mankind His absolute law order.

Strictly speaking, the feminist wants nothing to do with the Word of God. You can see this in the various forms of Christianity where women preachers demand women's EQAULITY in the home; EQUALITY in the workplace; EQUALITY in the leadership of the church. Because the modern church oozes with estrogen it has lost its manly strength and virtue.

But, it's worse than this. The feminist longs to be her own god.

If more Christian women would get into the book and stop listening to T.V. commercials, the divorce rate among Christians <u>wouldn't</u> be equal to non-Christians. Feminism denies the Word of God and specifically God's law-order prohibiting women from usurping authority over men (1st Timothy 2:12; 1s Peter 3:1).

Furthermore, feminism seems synonymous with lesbianism and abortion. Civil rights are one thing, sinful rights are another. Feminists are living so close to the Poisonous Tree you can hear the hissing snake in feminissssssm.

"Lesbian feminism is a <u>cultural movement</u> and <u>critical</u> perspective that encourages women to focus their efforts, attentions, relationships, and activities towards their fellow women rather than men, and often advocates <u>lesbianism</u> as the logical result of <u>feminism</u>." (Wikipedia)

Feminism has infected the church. Fifty percent of students in many seminaries are women. They all want a voice in the pulpit. But, God has <u>not</u> called women to preach. He called them to love their husbands and children. He wants them in the home, <u>not</u> in the pulpit.

Godly wives and mothers who understand the highest calling of a woman is not to be a lap-dog for some commercial business, but to raise "a godly seed" will

always be in demand. Feminists say that don't want to be a "doormat" for some husband, but end up being a doormat from CEO in a huge corporation.

The greatness of America are its godly wives and mothers who understand the highest calling of a woman is not to be a lap-dog in some commercial business, but to serve God in her home. And, you can be that woman, but it starts with desire to be a "handmaid" of the Lord who wants to be God's woman to raise a "godly seed" (Malachi 2:15).

God calls wives to submit to their husbands, before He calls husbands to love their wives; i.e. a husband's love is not the grounds of submission.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." - Ephesians 5:22

"Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." - 1 Peter 3:6

"Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man." - 1 Corinthians 11:9

God wants the best for women and they receive the best when they love their children and their husbands.

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." — Titus 2:4-5

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." - 1 Corinthians 11:3

What kind of woman are you - a woman of the times or a woman of Christ?

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones." —Proverb 12:4

9. Women Trained to Be Enemies of Christ

Leviticus 19:16 You (women) shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your (male) neighbor: I am the LORD.



Figure 7: Freepik

♦ Christin Biasey Ford accused Brett Kavanaugh of attempted rape 34 years after the alleged event in order to prevent him from becoming a Supreme Court Justice.

Wild and reckless, it appeared she would do anything or say anything to destroy his appointment to office.

We'll never know if the accusation was true or false, because there were no

witnesses, no police report, and no verified complaint was filed with D.A. Ms.

Ford had no proof and accepted no responsibility for the purported assault. Yet, 34 years later this woman had the audacity to come forward with the accusation with no proof of claim.

Rape does not come out of nowhere. Many inducements precede these kind of events like dating, hand holding, kissing, embracing, petting and the like and all with the female's approval. If there are no scratches and bites the woman consented to the alleged rape. Isn't false accusation called a crime?

Radical feminists in rebellion against God's law-order encourage younger women to slander males – to accuse them of sexual aggression, rape, and other kinds of assaults. In so doing, haven't they become enemies of Christ?

'Make them scared' website posts uncorroborated sexual assault claims against male students. The site features dozens of unsubstantiated allegations; take them 'with a grain of salt,' moderators say. The. website allegedly run by University of Washington students allows individuals to publicly accuse people of sexual assault with no evidence and no penalties. Who can survive in a political climate where predatory feminists target men for assassination?

The website, titled "Make them scared UW," was first registered in November of last year but reportedly launched in late September of this year by University of Washington students, the Daily UW campus newspaper reports.

A lawsuit accuses Seneca Valley California "mean girls" of targeting boys with false allegations.

Slander is a form of murder and the weapon of choice by odious feminists. In these days when women are being trained to use a six inch tongue to slay a six foot man.

Riley Griffin, Hannah Recht and Jeff Green, October 5, 2018, report:

The headlines alone are dizzying. Since the New York Times reported allegations of serial predation by movie mogul Harvey Weinstein a

year ago, at <u>least 425 prominent people across industries have</u> been publicly accused of sexual misconduct, a broad range of behavior that spans from serial rape to lewd comments and abuse of power.

Feminism, eating at the fruit of the Poisonous Tree, follows the sin of Eve seeking ultimate power over men. These slanders are literally getting away with murder. Under Biblical law, these false accusers would be killed.

"The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst." - Deuteronomy 19:18–19

Proverbs 6:16-19 addresses these issues:

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet (or tongue) that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Churchman must return to the principles of law and train their congregations to recognize slander and oppose it pragmatically so they do not become enemies of Christ.

10. Sexual Harassment by Feminists

♦ Men do not have a monopoly on sexual harassment.

If sexual harassment is defined as seeking to stir up the sexual desires of the opposite sex, women are crackerjack good at it. *Playboy Magazine* built an empire off attractive women who were willing to strip off all inhibitions to stir up the prurient interests of men.

Many a woman has used men and offered them services for an opportunity to climb the ladder of success.

Here is another example of female sexual harassment.

Kansas Dem Andrea Ramsey, accused of sexual harassment, will drop out of U.S. House race

By Lindsay Wise And Bryan Lowry

11. Suffering Caused by Women's Suffrage



Isaiah 32:11 Tremble, you complacent women; shudder, you daughters who feel secure! Strip off your fine clothes and wrap yourselves in rags.

♦ The Women's Suffrage Movement began in 1848 in Seneca Falls New York to fight what they called the "cult of womanhood."

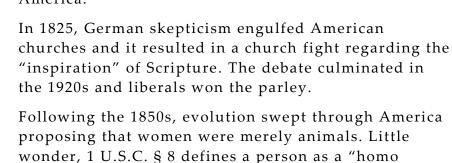
It was led by Susan B. Anthony, but she would be horrified by what is done in her name today.

This movement had a context.

Yes, women have been abused and mistreated in history . . . but so have men.

In the early 1800's the principles of the bloody French Revolution with its

principles of anarchy, nihilism, and atheism crept into America.



sapien" which is defined as an ape.

In 1835, the churches were divided between the Southern Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists and

the Northern Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists.

The north rejected Biblical authority, the deity of Christ, and salvation by faith. The South with its conservative scholars stood firm on the authority of Scripture and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus, the South gained the honorable label, "Bible Belt."

Heavy taxation on the South, issues on slavery, and debates on the constitution further divided the nation. And, it was in this climate of individualism, lawlessness, and division that the Women's Suffrage Movement erupted like a volcano.

Southern Gentlemen, who showered women with honor, resisted the movement because it divided the sexes and declared war on the God's plan for the family.

Weakened by the Civil War, and with the South in ruins, the women's movement gained a foothold and was called the "Woman Suffrage Association."



In the 1920s, Congress enacted law permitting women to vote; and, this legislation opened Pandora's Box.

Carefully consider the evils and pain the Women's Suffrage brought to America. Who could have predicted its unintended consequences?

The Women's Suffrage Movement opened Pandora's Box. Consider the evils coming out of this Movement:

- The Women's Suffrage Movement, a.k.a. Women's Rights Movement declared war on Christianity and God's law-order in the 1920s.
- In the 1920s, the liberated woman pitched her tent under the Poisonous Tree. She smoked, drank, danced the Charleston, and voted. She bobbed her hair, wore make-up, and went to smooching parties. Reckless and silly, she flamboyantly flaunted her hauteur against Christian values. The press called her the "flapper."



- The Women's Movement increased promiscuity of both men and women . . . and especially teens. Feminists blast virginity considering such a condition naive and unsophisticated -- a smoke screen to cover their own guilt.
- It changed America from a nation of families to a nation of individuals.
- It divided the family by empowering women to vote against their husbands.
- It empowered women to easily divorce their husbands and vice versa. 80% percent of divorces are filed by women—many of whom are feminists.
- Single parenthood with the plight of working mothers and unsupervised children cropped a harvest of delinquents.
- It empowered divorced women to vote against the land owners. Thus, the welfare state was created making divorced women with children dependent on government.



- The Playboy Empire was born with the consent of naked pagan women eager to make money by flaunting their ass ets (1953).
- The new morality demanded the pill . . .contraceptives) so women could fornicate without consequences. With marriage no longer needed, women could have sexual relations without commitment . . . without a husband . . . and, if they failed, the State was there to take care of them.
- Because of feminism, skirt seams went up, clothes came off, mini-skirts rose in popularity, and bikinis became a rage. Today, Desnudas dominate Times Square as the NY Post explains:

"Foul-mouthed desnudas, grabby Hulks and touristterrorizing gangs of Minnie Mice are still brazenly holding the Crossroads of the World hostage even amid a heavy presence of NYPD cops, who act oblivious to their disturbing antics" (2017).

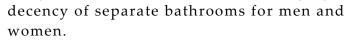
- Christian churches dropped the practice of women veiling their heads (woman's head covering) while Muslims started the practice of the hijab due in part to the decadence of the West (1960s).
- Pornography, once in the black market, came out of back alley theaters to Main Street in the 1960s to demoralize a nation.
- The principles of atheism, communism, and socialism gained a foothold. 41% of women now identify with the liberal, progressive, feministic, socialistic democratic agenda compared to only 32 % of men (Gallup Poll, 2009).



- Even Christian women are forced out of the home into the work place. Because of changes in the market place, men are no longer able to provide for their families. Employees have lowered the wages of men to accommodate the glut of female workers entering the work force. By 1985, it took two salaries to support the family.
- Feminism murdered America's patriarchal society and replaced it with a

- matriarchal hierarchy. Legislators decriminalized infanticide empowering women to kill their babies with impunity despite a father's objection.
- In the name of individualism, prayer and Bible study were removed from the public school system (1962).
- By 1965 censorship in Hollywood by Catholic / Christian organizations was all but dead.
- By 1968, unwed mothers and their bastard children became a major economic problem. Taxes increased.
- Sodomy and lesbianism came out of the closet. Today, 80% of homosexuals have more than 50 sexual partners a year. The modal queer has between 100 150 partners in their lifetime.
- The movement created a climate of abuse for Hollywood sexual predators like Harvey Weinstein.
- Feminists declared war on men, the family, and children.
- Feminism divide the sexes, empowered racism, and created unnecessary tensions in the work place.
- Feminism in Sweden and Norway popularizing such radical programs as transgender day and the construction of penis slides and vagina swing playground equipment for children.
- America fell into shame devoting the entire month of June to celebrate queers, trannies, and drag queens.
- In England, the force of feminism and unwed mothers created apartment complexes called "male deserts" because only unmarried, divorced women are permitted to rent apartments.
- The rise of bastard children: 40% of children born today are born to unwed mothers, mainly black. Don Lemon (journalist) says 72% of black children are born bastards. So, if you call a black man a bastard, your chances of being correct are 72%.
- Women gained the power to kill their unwanted babies. Since Roe v.
 Wade over 60 million, innocent, unborn human beings have been
 painfully and maliciously butchered and poisoned while still in the
 womb. America the beautiful became America the ugly.
- Killing innocent babies is legal, and capital punishment of convicted criminals is illegal in many states. Oh, the hypocrisy of it all.
- Sex education advancing the twisted lusts of promiscuous fornicators, Sodomites, lesbians, and transvestites continues to rise. Abortionists are never out of work.

- Lesbianism became mainstream giving rise to the LGBTQ political movement. Shame became accepted; hanky-panky became normal behavior.
- Feminism created scream movements led by fat, ugly, unmarried, fornicating women protesting political candidates on the right.
- Feminism created the lie of "a war on women," and empowered the lie that "diversity is a strength." While there is no war on women, there is a war on boys; moreover, diversity is not a strength, it is a weakness to overcome.
- Planned Parenthood (PP) was born. PP now accommodates the murderous wishes of immoral, pregnant, unwed mothers mainly black African women (Sanger, 1923).
- Welfare increased to accommodate unwed mothers. Roughly 743,000 children living with unwed mother are receiving public assistance in the U.S. (Statista).
- Women, Sodomites, and transvestites joined the military for job security but in so doing have weakened the nation's security. No war has or will ever been won by women.
- STD and AIDS infected millions of Americans because of fornicating women and unprincipled men.
- Women's Suffrage feminized America softening the character of this great nation. Clean shaven cutesy boys replaced manly Hollywood actors like John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Marlon Brando, Burt Lancaster, Jimmy Stewart, Paul Newman, Clint Walker, Lee Marvin, and Gregory Peck.
- Feminism created liberal college courses on *Sensitivity Training* and *Overcoming Toxic Masculinity* whatever that is.
- Women's Suffrage feminized the media so that the day's news is reported by high-pitched, motor-mouthed women producing hyperacusis in men – buzzing, ringing, and noises in the ears.
- The feminists promoted the gender-bender movement challenging the



- Faggots and queers gained access to public schools to indoctrinate children and capture the minds of the most vulnerable among us.
- Girls lost their charm and cuteness by being transformed into cussing, screaming,



- demanding, loud-mouthed butch feminists.
- The women's rights movement produced radical, liberal, socialist politicians such as bi-sexual Hillary Clinton, Maxine Waters, Michael Obama, Angela Davis, and Susan Rice.
- The Feminists Movement multiplies chaos by confusing young men and young women about their roles in the family and in the work place.
- National debt: Accommodating America's social welfare problems has tripled the debt of the United States.

Jeremiah 9:20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

• The Women's Rights Movement is not about rights but about franchise power -- power over men -- power over the family -- power over the State -- power to kill -- power to possess - power to make money. Isn't the love of money the root of all evil?

But, a few positive things have come out of moderate feminism:



- Christian education exploded (1970s).
- Homeschooling went mainstream.
- Homeschooling parents are creating smart, bright, morally-excellent students for America.
- True Christians became anti-feminism, anti-lesbianism, anti-abortion and anti-transvestite because these forces mar America and destroy its goodness.

Oh, the suffering caused by Women's Suffrage. We can't shut Pandora's Box, but we can reach into God's Word and pull out hope.

Isn't it time for good men and women to wake up and to return to the Biblical model with the man as king and head of the home, and the woman as the queen and charm of the home (Proverbs 31:28; Ephesians 5:25ff)?

12. Feminism- A Doctrine of Demons

♦ Q: What are the Doctrines of Demons?

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart (apostasize) from the faith (Orthodox Christian Faith), giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy (think of the liberal media's fake news); having their conscience seared with a hot iron (promoting unconscionable acts) 3 Forbidding (hindering, withholding) to marry (by living together), and commanding to abstain from meats (radical vegetarianism), which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

When you think of the doctrines of demons, don't think of one-eyed monsters spittin' out four letter words.

Think of rich men in blue suits and college age women blathering nonsense about equality to anyone who will listen.

With so many doctrines of demons, it is not only impossible but undesirable to list them all. But, here are a few:

New Age Attraction

Ophrah:

"Without exception, every human being has the ability to transform any weakness or suffering into strength, power, perfect peace, health, and abundance" (Living the Secret).

George Bernard Shaw:

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will."

Jack_Canfield:

"The Law of Attraction is the most powerful law in the universe. Just like gravity, it is always in effect, always in motion. It is working in your life at this very moment. You are always in a state of creation. You are creating your reality in every moment of every day. You are creating your future with every single thought: either consciously or subconsciously. You can't take a break from it and decide not to create because creation never stops."

The_serpent:

"Ye shall be as gods."

Feminism

Irina Dunn -

"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

Roseanne Barr:

"The thing women have yet to learn is nobody gives you power. You just take it."

Jessica Valenti: "The worst thing you can call a girl is a girl."

Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest (tolerate, permit) that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Genesis 3:16 "... your desire shall be to rule over your husband."

Promotion of Homosexuality

Reuters:

"These are just some of the ways U.S. public school students will learn about LGBTQ – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender queer – history in a growing number of states moving to mandate inclusive K-12 curriculum." (Reuters)

Sarah Schwartz Report:

"Four States Now Require Schools to Teach LGBT History." (Illinois, California, Colorado, New Jersey)

Gender-bending

Joe Biden:

When asked by an Iowa college student at the State Fair how many genders does he believe in he answered:

"There are at least three."

Traditional boy's choirs have been sued for gender-bias. What's next: suing women's synchronized swimming, diving, and women's gymnastics for gender bias?

God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33).

So called "Right to Abortion"

Any Ryan:

"One method of destroying a concept is by diluting its

meaning. Observe that by ascribing rights to the unborn, i.e. the nonliving, the anti-abortionists obliterate the rights of the living."

Katha Pollitt:

"Young women need to know that abortion rights and abortion access are not presents bestowed or retracted by powerful men (or women) — Presidents, Supreme Court justices, legislators, —but freedoms won, as freedom always is, by people struggling on their own behalf."

Misandry, Racism, and Hate

Olivia Neutered John: "Kill all men (starting with the white ones)"
University of South Dakota Tells White Students to Stop Taking Up Space.

False Petition Signed to Remove White-man icon on crosswalk signals.

What's next: Demanding all brides wear black dresses and all morticians wear white suits?

Religious Subjectivism

Dalai Lama:

"The basic fact is that humanity survives through kindness, love and compassion. That human beings can develop these qualities is their real blessing."

Buddha:

"What you are is what you have been, and what you will be is what you do now."

Neo-paganism Mother Nature Goddess Movement:

Eva Morales:

"Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans."

Thich Nhat Hanh:

"Sooner or later, we will have to recognise that the Earth has rights, too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans."

Anasazi Foundation, The Seven Paths: Changing One's Way of Walking in the World

"There is a power in nature that man has ignored. And the result has been heartache and pain."

Alex Trebek:

If you can't be in awe of Mother Nature, there's something wrong with you.

Martha Stewart:

I'm very inspired by nature - you could say Mother Nature. I look at things around me and get all kinds of inspiration daily.

Whoopi Goldberg:

That's the thing about Mother Nature, she really doesn't care what the economic bracket you're in.

Mariolatry

St. Basil the Great:

"O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all you necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity."

Pope Paul John II:

"Let us offer ourselves to God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the act of thanks and willingness . . . "

RCC's General Confession:

"I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly."

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead [their] dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger." (See Jeremiah 4:14-15).

Omnism:

Ramakrishna:

"All religions are true. God can be reached by different religions. Many rivers flow by many ways but they fall into the sea. They all are one."

Dalai Lama:

Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength.

King Charles:

And it's always seemed to me that, while at the same time being Defender of the Faith, you can also be protector of faiths."

<u>Vegetarianism:</u>

George Bernard Shaw:

"Animals are my friends...and I don't eat my friends."

Leo Tolstoy:

"A man can live and be healthy without killing animals for food; therefore, if he eats meat, he participates in taking animal life merely for the sake of his appetite. And to act so is immoral."

Despising Marriage

Consider the RCC's veneration of virgins and celibates as true, holy saints and the prohibition of ministers being married.

Consider the RCC's veneration of Mary as the "Mother of God" and the papal doctrine of her perpetual virginity.

R/changemyview CMV:

I have been with my boyfriend (who shares my same views) for over five years. I don't believe in marriage, but it gets me a lot of drama from family, friends and strangers.

Cher:

"Men should be like Kleenex: soft, strong, disposable."

Ellen DeGeneris:

"I believe one day a 'ban on gay marriage' will sound totally ridiculous. In the meantime, I will continue to speak out for equality for all of us."

Elephant Journal:

"I'm a Love Coach & I don't believe in Marriage."

Abhijit Naskar:

"Love has no gender - compassion has no religion - character has no race."

Reddit:

"Why would you marry someone who you've never lived with? Sure you might think you know their habits and quirks but do you really?"

Aveda King: In the 21st Century, the anti-traditional marriage community is in league with the anti-life community, and together with the NAACP and other sympathizers, they are seeking a world where homosexual marriage and abortion will supposedly set the captives free.

Apostasy:

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first (apostasia), and that man of sin (apostate clergyman) be revealed, the son of perdition . . . whose coming is after the working of Satan (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 9).

Q: Has Christ given his church any such power over devils?

Answer by Albert Barnes:

"Yes, he has; see Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:15; Luke 9:1. And that this power was not to die with the apostles, nor to cease after the apostolic age, we learn from the perpetual practice of the church, and the experience of all ages." (Albert Barnes).

Answer from the Holy Scripture:

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. – Romans 16:20



Meet the Enemy

The Origin of Feminism



Figure 8: Unsplash

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths." – Isaiah 3:12

13. In the Garden



Figure 9: Freepik

♦ Genesis 1-3 introduces the foundation principles which govern Western Civilization. Jesus, Paul, and Peter constructed rules for marriage and the church on creation grounds. If it was not grounded on fact, it would have no NT authority.

Therefore, it behooves us to take this account seriously because our success in life depends on it.

Hostile to Christianity, anthropologists devised theories to lessen the influence of Christianity upon society and to impair the dignity and nobility man.

Man did not evolve from some primordial soup when two rocks bumped hips together.

The LORD God created man out of dust and forged him into a living soul after His image. Man was not created a child, but a man capable of doing work and carrying responsibility.

2:7 And the LORD (YWHW) God (elohiym) formed (yat'a sar) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (ha'yah); and man became a living soul (nephesh).

2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed (yat'sar).

The LORD God created the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Law represents the ultimate concern of any society and likewise in the Garden.

The Scriptures teaches that Biblical law finds its source in the sovereignty and love of God, and <u>not</u> nature. The LORD gave the law to Adam for his good. Without law the Garden becomes a jungle where happy existence flees the realm of possibility. Few things are more derelict than the notion that Christian people are free to choose the law under which they will live.

Second, all law has its source in religion. "Gods" create laws for their subjects. Consequently, all law reflects someone's ultimate values. Unless men recognize all law as religious in nature, he cannot understand the tension between Christianity and feminism.

Identify the source of law in a society, and you will find its god. If the source of law is nature, then nature becomes the god of that society. If reason is the source of law, then reason becomes the god of that society. If science is the source of law, then science becomes the god of that society. It the people are the source of law, then the people see themselves as gods. If a judicial oligarchy is the source of law, then that source is the god of that society. Modern humanism places the source of law in legislatures, thus the State becomes a god to this society.

In Scripture, the LORD God emerges as the Source of law. Identify the source of law for any institution and you can uncover its god.

Breaking God's law has serious consequences and in this cause breaking the law resulted in misery, disease, and death.

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (muwth).

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet (e'zer) for him.

The Spirit informs us that man needs companionship and intimacy, and that a state of loneliness stands naked of goodness.

The LORD gave Adam the task of identifying and naming the animals. Without a companion, he remained incomplete. The LORD made the woman to be Adam's helpmeet. The word "helpmeet" (e'zer) means helper. The Scripture calls the LORD God our E'zer in Psalm 54:4, and woman the man's e'zer in Genesis 2:18, 20.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Who can imagine the intelligence and mental agility that it took for Adam to identify and name all the species?

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet (e'zer) for him.

Purpose: God created the woman from man to be his helper. Though a mutual benefit exists, the LORD did <u>not</u> create man for the woman. The reversal of this purpose destroys society (Amos 4:1-2).

In classifying the animals, Adam realized that he was alone. Thus, the process of marriage begins when a man realizes he needs a helper-companion-friend and wife.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Marriage springs from this account as God's ideal plan for men and women. Government did not create marriage.

Strong marriages are **not** bound by love alone, but by the law of contract – a three party contract:

A Biblical marriage involves a covenant-contract between three parties: God, the man, and the woman. The modern "marriage license" creates a contract between the government and the couple. Why would any Christian couple start a marriage under State law and not God's law? Why place your union under the authority of the State and not Holy Scripture?

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

The LORD God christened Adam to be "man" (ish); and, Adam titled Eve as his beautiful ish'shah (woman).

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Marriage required the first couple to leave, weave, and cleave to each other. Notice the original couple had a clear conscience – a requisite for a successful partnership. Eating fruit from the poisonous tree creates guilt; and, guilt works as poison to every relationship

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The foundation of a successful marriage builds on the solid rock of oneness, purity, a clear conscience, and surrender to God's law-order.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Thus, the LORD lays down the rule of marriage – to leave one's parents and to weave and cleave to each other.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Oh, that every couple might recognize God's law-order. Those that accept the Biblical ideals of marriage possess a God-ordained purpose for life, and possess a clear conscience without guilt eating away at their relationship.

14. The Fall of Man

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?



Figure 10: Freepik

♦ The Spirit provides us with the account of man's fall from wealth into poverty; from innocence into sin. He introduces us to the tempter, who came to Eve, the weaker vessel.

The serpent raised the question to create doubt.

Doubting God's Word, therefore, is the mother of all evil.

Doubting God's law opens the gate to the Poisonous Tree.

From this account we learn that marriages begin to crumble when a couple doubts God's law-order; i.e. Satan's seduce the first couple by luring them into abandoning God's law-order and to choosing their own self-law.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12)

The woman or man that despises God's Law-word places his / her marriage on death row.

- 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

The conflict began over a question of law became Eve's stumbling block. Eve not only doubted God's law, she multiplied the prohibition when she said, "neither shall ye touch it." At this point, Eve acted upon presumption and "color of law."

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan's scheme shifts from a ploy of doubt to a strategy of direct contradiction. Resorting to sorcery, he convinced Eve that God was withholding something good from her. By convincing Eve that experiencing evil reaped goodness, she comes under the spell of total deception. From this point on, deception left its scar on Eve.

What Satan said was only partially true. He withheld the fact that Eve would never be able to stop doing evil . . . and that she would spend the rest of her life in unhappiness and misery.

When Eve believed the serpent, she changed gods. A legal revolution took place. When Eve adopted "another law," she forsook God's law. In an act of idolatry, she replaced God's law-order with her own philosophy which fed her curious appetite for that which was forbidden.

Gain this perspective: a legal revolution in society indicates that that society has changed its gods.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Under the spell of deception, Eve believed that denying God's command would result in a benefit and not a liability.

Under the spell of deception, she enticed her husband to abandon God's law. However, Adam was not deluded. In taking a bite of the forbidden fruit he made a conscious, voluntary decision to betray the LORD. He rejected God's law-order and history became a record of sin's ugly consequences.

A society that believes it can disobey God's law-order with impunity devours poison mushrooms and goes crazy.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

The Spirit shows us the severe consequences of disobedience. As soon as Adam and Eve sinned, a cloud of guilt took the sunshine away. Having forsaken God's law-order, both forfeited His favor. The promise of happiness never came. Shame drove both to hide their nakedness from God and one another.

The word "naked" (*eyrom*) is not the same state as being nude. Nudity is not sin. The use of "naked" informs us of a change in the original couple from

innocence to shame; from a state of shinning beauty to ugly-grim. Death began its awful work.

The pronouns "them" and "they" are used four times in this text notifying us that the original couple was suddenly engaged. They attempted to cover up their shame and to create a new gestalt using fig leaves for clothes. Things synthetic replaced the things authentic.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

If the first journey into sin produced guilt, the second consequence involved a course of hiding from God.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

We have in this text the entire history of mankind unfolding: man hiding behind fig leaves from God; and, God seeking man.

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Adam used the pronoun "I" four times in his answer to God's question. Instead of being occupied with the wonder of the Creator, Adam became entangled in a web of wretched subjectivism.

The pronoun "I" is "ego" in Greek. We get the words "egotism," "egotistical" and "egoisms" from this term – a psychological expression of one trapped in self-centeredness. When people use the pronoun "I" excessively, it means the person has plunged into the sea of obsession with one's self.

Subjectivism conveys a state of being totally pre-occupied with one's own thoughts, emotions, and actions. Entrapped in the briar patch of self-centeredness, self-occupation, and self-interest, he cannot escape.

Subjectivism thrives when all of man's knowledge and interests are derived from his own experiences and feelings . . . when he becomes his own criteria of right and wrong . . . when he measures other men by his own shallow perspective.

"Got Questions.org" defines subjectivism as a philosophy:

"Subjectivism is the philosophical theory that there is no truth outside of one's own experience. It is contrasted with objectivism, which believes the opposite: that truth exists outside of experience and that, though we may not entirely understand that truth, it is there and it is absolute."

This text teaches us that man no longer searches for God, but that God searches for man. Man no longer pre-occupies himself with the Creator, but finds himself chained to self-interest

When people only talk about themselves and what they are doing, eating, wearing, shopping, and seeing, they appear trapped in the weeds of "wretched subjectivism."

Only the power of God can enable an *ish* or *ish-shah* to escape the thorny shrubbery of subjectivism planted in the religion of feminism.

15. Eve's Deception



Figure 11: Unsplash - Andreas Bodemer

♦ Eve's deception caused the couple's ejection from Paradise – a weakness that has followed women from the fall.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 1 Timothy 3:11-13

Paul grounds the Lord's prohibition against women teaching men on the deception of Eve that brought death to mankind; i.e. the apostle seeks to prevent women from repeating Eve's transgression to the injury of her family and nation.

The apostle thinks clearly. He describes eating the forbidden fruit as a "transgression" against God's law. The fall commenced with Eve's deception and ended with her daughters being infected with the curse. Sin and death entered the human race through the mind of a deceived woman. Consequently, the Lord prohibits women to teach men in the church.

Notwithstanding she shall be saved (from repeating Eve's transgression) in childbearing, if (3rd class conditional) they (women) continue in faith (Christian doctrine) and charity (agape love) and holiness (devotion to God's law-order) with sobriety (a sound mind)." – 1 Timothy 2:11-15.

The word "saved" does not address eternal salvation, but refers to being rescued from transgression -- from repeating Eve's transgression. Marriage and rearing children focuses women on their purpose in life which emerges as the Lord's safeguard against following into the sin of deception.

God's Remedy for the Fall and Man's Plunge into Wretched Subjectivism

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

"The first gospel" or the *protoevangelium* focused man's hope on something outside of him – the coming Messiah, the defeat of Satan, and the restoration of the original order.

The *protoevangelium* is the mother promise of all prophecy which contains the coming of the Messiah, the crushing of the anti-god forces of history, and the restoration of humanity from the toxicity of sin and the vortex of wretched subjectivism.

The "I" is God.

The "thee" refers to the serpent and the spirit behind the serpent, Satan himself. The woman is Eve, Israel, and Mary the mother of Christ all rolled into one.

"Thy seed" introduces evil men, the anti-God, anti-Logos, anti-Christ forces and all its political forms that arise during history. The "seed" of the serpent becomes "Cain," "Nimrod," Babylon, Jezebel, Athaliah, Assyria, Rome and its scorpion children. "Her seed" specifies the Son of God, the son of Mary, the Christ-child, the Logos of the Greeks and the Messiah of Israel.

The term "bruise" alludes to injury, wounds, and a crushing defeat. Before us is the imagery of man crushing the head of the serpent with his foot. God informs us that a Champion will be born among men, the seed of a woman, who will smash Satan, reverse the effects of eating the fruit from the Poisonous Tree, and to defeat the source of all evil.

The phrase "thou shall bruise his feet" identifies a coming serpent-smashing Champion Who will be wounded in the contest. We know this Champion as the Lord Jesus Christ. His wounds are those received at the cross.

Thus, the restoration of God's law-order and the defeat of Satan and death becomes the heart of prophecy.

I.e. the answer to sin shame belongs to the Son who came "to save his people from their sins" Matthew 1:21.

16. Eve's Curse

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

The woman is Eve. The Hebrew word for man is *ish* and the Hebrew word for woman is *ishshah*. There are only two genders of mankind (*anthopos*): *ish* and *ishshah*, male and female, man and woman.

The phrase "thy desire shall be to thy husband" should be translated, "Thy desire shall be to rule over your husband."

The word "desire" means "craving, longing, or hunger." In Genesis 4:7 the same verbal construction refers to sin's desire to rule over Cain.



THE CURSE: Just as a woman cannot prevent the pains of child birth coming upon her, she can't prevent the urge to control her husband; i.e. she wants her husband to be her helpmeet.

When the Ex-husband of Megyn Kelly, Fox News Anchor, was asked why they obtained a

divorce, he replied, "I wanted a wife . . . so did she." (Daily Mail)

THE CURSE MARKS ALL WOMEN! Everything within a woman wants to control her man for her benefit. Her desire to conquer, command, control, manipulate, and dominate a husband moves like the katabatic winds in Commonwealth Bay (150 mph on a regular basis).

If left unchecked, a woman will destroy her marriage, and every organization she touches. She can't eradicate this impulse.

For this reason Scripture warns men, "It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman." (Proverbs 21:9).

Because of this, Scripture forbids a woman to pastor a church (1 Timothy 3:12ff).

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him

This text informs us that sin works to rule over men and women. As sin rules over mankind, sin rules over women driving to control their husband and others.

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♦ God's Remedy for the Fall

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Thus, the goal of Messiah's mission is the restoration of God's law-order, Satan crushed, death defeated, and Paradise Restored.

That is, the answer to sin, guilt, and shame is in the Son who came "to save his people from their sins" Matthew 1:21.

The "Seed" arrived in the person of Christ to save men and women from their sins

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God: For God so loved the world . . . The personal, infinite, triune God of the Bible loves men and women. The proof of his love is that he sent his Son to pay for the sins of men . . . your sins. (true guilt incurred by your sin and disobedience to His law).

Christ: That He gave His only begotten Son . . . Jesus is son of Eve, Abraham, Jacob, and David. Yet, He claimed to be the only declared Son. He is the Son of God, the Messiah, and God's appointed King. God gave his only Son for you because there was no other way for you to pay the debt you owe to God. Christ died for your sin as your substitute so you would not have to face the horrors of God's judgment.

He is the serpent made sin for us that we might be healed (John 3:14). Moreover, He paid the debt with his blood, the currency of the spirit world, that we might be ransomed and taken off death row.

Faith: That whosoever believeth . . . The "whosoever" is you (man or woman). If you want God's love and forgiveness, you must personally respond to God and receive His gift of eternal life by faith. No one is born a Christian. Every man woman and child must hear and believe if they want to enter life.

Judgment: Should not perish . . . penalty of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Without a Savior, the mallet of justice will fall on all sinners. Failure to respond will result in eternal death (hell). You can escape the darkness of God's judgment by accepting his remedy for your sin--the death and resurrection of Christ. He saves those who believe not only from the penalty of sin, but the power of sin.

Salvation: Should have everlasting life . . . When you receive Christ as your Savior, God grants to you the blessing of the Age to Come -- eternal life. To believe is to be saved and to possess eternal life. To have eternal life is to know God (John 17:1-3). To have life means you will share in the benefits of the Age to Come, and that when you die, you will be ushered into the presence of your Heavenly Father.

Trust Christ and you can be saved from sin's curse, Adam's curse, and Eve's curse for this gospel is the power God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).

While men are not saved by law, they are saved in order that they might have the power to keep the law (Romans 8:4).

18. Eve in the Desire of Women

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Figure 12: Unsplash

♦ The woman is Eve.

The Spirit uses the term "woman" (ish'shah) used 11 times in this chapter.

Contaminated with Eve's curse, her daughters are born with a nature hell bent on controlling their husband, and mind susceptible to deception.

The Hebrew word for man is *ish* and the Hebrew word for woman is *ishshah*.

There are only two genders of mankind (anthopos): ish and ishshah, male and female, man and woman. People like Joe Biden who advocate multiple genders are nuts!

"There are at least three,' Biden, 76, can be heard saying. The woman then asks him to name them. 'Don't play games with me, kid,' he responded, adding that he was the "first one" in the Obama administration to come out in support of marriage equality." (Newsweek, 8-11-2019).

In the home, the man stands as the king and the woman enjoys the status of a queen . . . and a good king treats the queen very well.

I affectionately refer to my queen as my ishshah yapha or "beautiful woman."

God announces his judgment on Eve for enticing her husband into sinning against God and for her failure to maintain a subordinate role to her husband.

The words "sorrow" (itstsabon / etseb) refers to the labor / pain of child birth and the complications that follow.

To emphasize a statement, the English uses exclamation points, darkening letters, italics, and underlining terms to accent the importance of a word in a

sentence. The Spirit uses the term "sorrow" twice as a way of emphasizing a truth; i.e. double usage of a word shouts God's exclamation (!) in Hebrew.

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The word "desire" means "craving, longing, or hunger." Genesis 4:7 has the same verbal construction which refers to sin's desire to rule over Cain.

Not only do women have (1) a weakness of being deceived, (2) they are driven by a desire to control their husband.

Whether women know it or not, they wish their husbands would be more attentive to their needs. Instead seeking to be a man's helpmeet, they want their husbands to serve them. Just as a woman cannot prevent the pains of childbirth, women can't prevent the Herculean urge to control their husbands. If not taken to the cross, women can drive men out of the home with their verbal cat-of-nine-tails.

For this reason Scripture warns men,

"It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman." (Proverbs 21:9).

For the reasons above (deception and domination), the Scripture forbids women

to pastor or to teach men in church (1 Timothy 3:12ff).

This means the God-fearing woman must seek the Lord God on this matter and pray that God will save them from the power of Eve's curse.

While a woman can't eradicate this impulse burning from within, she can resist it, fight it, and control it; i.e. she must be filled with the Spirit to control her tongue (James 3:8, and to speak with wisdom and kindness (Proverbs 31:26).

Moreover, women have no authority in Scripture to sit on the throne in her marriage, the church, or a nation. To do so is treason to God and rebellion against His law-order.

Do <u>not</u> hear what is not being said. This order does not forbid a woman from advising her

does not forbid a woman from advising her husband or attempting to persuade him regarding a decision that must be made in the affairs of marriage.



Figure 13: Unsplash

For women this means they cannot resort to clever matron manipulation and extortion to achieve their wish.

Moreover, the Spirit forbids women from using sex as a tool for reward and punishment (1 Corinthians 7:1-3).

Every good king listens to the queen. He knows he must make decisions for the good of those in his house.

For men this means the man must recognize Eve's curse at work in his spouse and not surrender to an eruption of this trait as Adam did with Eve.

God holds a man accountable to lead his wife righteously and lovingly. Irresponsibility and bad decisions only add fuel to the fire. Giving in to the desires of an aggressive wife and not accepting responsibility for leadership are two fractures that can bring a marriage to his knees.

The Remedy: The law "he shall rule over thee" protects women. A woman under the coverture of her husband has an umbrella to shield her from nefarious plots by the enemy.

Furthermore, taking on the duties of a mother has a way of keeping a woman from repeating Eve's transgression (1 Timothy 2:12-15).

The first commandment for women in marriage "to submit to her husband," indicates that women are (1) to accept the role of a subordinate to her authority in marriage (Ephesians 5;24); and, (2) to honor his role as head of the home. This includes, but is not limited to, wearing a head covering as a symbol of his authority over her (1 Corinthians 11:1-16).

This law-order insinuates Eve' curse works within all women: "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." (1 Timothy 2:14); i.e. she transgressed the law of God because she acted under a cloud of deception.

Deception impairs the deceived because they do <u>not</u> know they are deceived. No woman wants to hear they are prone to deception, but they must. Modern clap trap by feminists that they are stronger then men . . . they they can succeed and be happy without a husband . . . that they can do anything a man can do and better . . . that they can define what it means to be a woman on our own terms expose the deception and the full scale war against God's law-order.

The accusation of male chauvinism does <u>not</u> work here. We stand on the authority of the Holy Scriptures.

Moreover, this law-order places an onus on God-fearing man pick up his sword and mantel in order to lead and care for his wife. Following God's law-order in marriage requires diligence from both the husband and the wife.

Control your desires or your desires will control you.

19. Solomon's Warning to his Son about Feminists



Figure 14: Freepik

♦ As a king-judge who adjudicated all kinds of disputes, Solomon discerned the nature of men and women about the distortion sin caused in both sexes.

Part of his son-prince training involved a warning about being trapped by the snares of the strange woman.

Can any young men who thinks he has a tiger by the tail or that he understands women be in his right mind?

Proverbs 2:16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

The adjective "strange" describes a stranger to God's law-order and <u>not</u> an alien from another country. Employing words as smooth as butter she offers delights that tease the delights of young men. She captures men her well-oiled tongue.

Proverbs 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

Proverbs 5:20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

Proverbs 6:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Proverbs 7:5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

Proverbs 9:13 A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

Proverbs 11:22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

*There is private shaming that injures a man's spirit; and, there is public shame that damages a man's reputation.

Proverbs 14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

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Proverbs 21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 30:20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

These women are the full blown product of Eve's curse, beautiful to look at, but as deadly as bullets. Even Christian women experience the residue of the curse at work in their own lives that disrupts their marriage. Unfortunately, there are no seminaries with a counseling program that addresses this malignancy among women.

20. Eve's Curse on Women Throughout History



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Introduction

♦ Women's suffrage changed everything. Though men can't identify the source of ideas, they are deeply influenced by teachers, commercials, and news-buzz promoting feminism.

Though things are rapidly changing, men tend to idolize women and put them on a pedestal.

In the 1960s, rock songs conveyed a message that all human happiness can be

found in making love.

Dreamy rock songs idealized the opposite sex fueling Woodstock the "Free love Movement: "Don't be Cruel, Bye Bye Love, Hound Dog, Rock Around the Clock, Wake Up Little Susie, Please Please Please, Earth Angel, Great Balls of Fire, Dream Lover and more.

Like dancing clowns at a circus, modern men lost their minds and voted feminists (male and female) into public office: Now, Sodomy, lesbianism, queer "marriage," LGBTQ Movement, Transvestism, trannies in women's sports, and gender-bender confusion ripples through society demoralizing the nation.

Furthermore, many pastors have been caught up in the trend to idealize women. . . not in a sexual way, but by considering them "better" than they really are -- a view that can blind pastors to the sins of women under Eve's curse.

The First Blast of the Trumpet

In the 16th century, John Knox, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland, wrote a book called "The First Blast of the Trumpet. His book scourged the Queens of England for rebelling against God's law-order and ruling over men.

The Second Blast of the Trumpet

Maybe it's time for a Second Blast of the Trumpet.

- To warn men about idealizing women and blaming all relational problems on themselves. "If my husband would love me more, I would . . . "
- To warn men that all woman are under THE CURSE of Eve and if they get into positions of political power they will destroy the nation (Genesis 3:16).

While this article blasts women ruling over men, do not use this study to bully women. Men, too, are under the curse . . . but with a different bent.

While there are few things more beautiful than a woman who fears the Lord (Proverbs 31), there are few things more terrifying than an odious women with zero commitment to God's will for them.

Let's review the fall and what happened in the first hours of human history.

Lessons about the curse from Eve

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took

of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Sin entered the world through Eve. Deceived by Satan, she persuaded her husband to eat the forbidden fruit. Consequently, she fell under the power of sin and specifically(1) the weakness of being easily deceived, and (2) with wretched desires to control her husband. Eve's curse landed on all women! But, Christian women seek the Lord and urge Him to save them from the power of sin.

Adam, on the other hand, knew what he was doing. He sinned willfully, not covertly. Consequently, he fell under the power of sin and specifically the weakness of shunning responsibility. The battle with irresponsibility trails all men. But, godly men fight it.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

The phrase "thy desire shall be to thy husband" should be translated, "Thy desire shall be to rule over your husband."

The word "desire" means "craving, longing, or hunger." In Genesis 4:7 the same verbal construction refers to sin's desire to rule over Cain.

Eve's Curse is the desire is to rule over men, especially husbands. Moreover, Eve was deceived, and this weakness is passed on to all women.

If left unchecked, a woman's weakness can destroy a marriage, and every organization she touches. She can't eradicate this impulse. But, she can control it.

For this reason Scripture warns men, "It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman." (Proverbs 21:9).

Consequently, Scripture forbids all women, even those with a theological degree, from pastoring a church (1 Timothy 3:12ff).

21. Lessons about Eve's Curse from King Solomon

Proverbs 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:



Figure 16: Unsplash

The word "strange" (zuwr) refers to one outside the kingdom of God; to a woman galvanized by THE CURSE.

Her main asset which she uses to lure men into her web of control is her clever, foxy tongue which Solomon compared to a "drop of honey" that is "smoother than oil."

Proverbs 5:20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

The verb "ravished" (shagah) means "to be violently led astray" to do something clearly immoral or "bitterly snared" by a predator. In a religious sense it is translated "wander out of the way" in Deuteronomy 27:18; "erred exceedingly" in 1 Samuel 26:21; and "erred through wine" three times in Isaiah 28:7.

The term "strange woman" (zuwr) introduces us to a woman driven by the powers of THE CURSE. Coveting something God forbids, she manipulates the foolish into acts of fornication, adultery, etc. -- something permitted by rebel lawmakers in America, but clearly condemned in God's law.

Proverbs 6:25-26 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery (smooth) of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

Solomon's orders his son to navigate away from the seductress. He wants him to discern women who are controlled by THE CURSE, and to be delivered from female predators that "hunt" for his "precious life (soul) (nephish)."

The word "keep" means "to guard" or "be protected from" from the "evil woman" - the ra isha.

Notice the assets (hooks) of this beast of prey: a smooth tongue, sugar-kissed honey-roasted words, beddable beauty, and dazzling eyes.

These women are dominated by Eve's CURSE -- powers at work even in the best of Christian women -- tendencies that must be conquered by the power of the cross (Colossians 3:5-11).

Proverbs 21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

The Four-alarm fire in this house belongs to the woman, not the man. Solomon does not exhort the man to love more; he blames division to this woman's critical tongue [You'll never hear this in a "Christian" counseling course.]

The adjective "brawling" means "contentious, combative, testy, demanding, complaining, antagonistic."

"It is better" implies a choice; i.e. if you have a choice to live in a NY mansion with an odious woman or to live in the Harlam ghettos on the corner of a roof top, chose the latter. Happiness depends on it.

Women under the power of Eve's CURSE can drive men out of the home, out of the church, and out of Congress.

Proverbs 21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

You can find this same lesson in verse 9 except Solomon adds the adjective "anger" in this text to the traits of a woman driven by Eve's CURSE.

"It is better" implies a choice; i.e. if you have a choice to live in a mansion with an odious woman or to live alone outside the city in a cave, chose the cave! Happiness depends on it!

A pastor mentioned to me that he had never met a Christian woman who felt being contentious was her problem. After thinking about his statement, I realized that I had never counseled a woman who thought she was the problem in the marriage either. All blamed their husbands. None asked for prayer for themselves. And, most asked me to pray for their husbands.

In these CURSED minds, the problem was always the husband.

Christian women do not understand that they are under the curse and that every time they spontaneously challenge their husbands they are being contentious. The CURSE of contention works in every woman, and it must be recognized and taken to the cross.

Again, do not hear what is not being said. Wives must address matters to her husband at the proper time and in the right spirit. The timing and manner must be carefully considered lest they batter their husband with a cat-of-nine-tails.

Proverbs 27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Solomon compares the odious women to the sounds of a leaking roof on a rainy day - drip, drip; i.e. contentious women drip with criticism, drip with complaining, drip with expletives, drip with blasphemies, drip with invectives, drip with contumelies, drip with disparagement, and drip with whining and more.

Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

The term "fools" includes male and females. Have you ever considered that foolishness pouring out of the mouth of a woman UNDER THE CURSE calls (begs) for a slap? Signs of a battered woman may be evidence of a woman's out-of-control tongue. (See the remedy at 1 Peter 3:1-5, 6-7).

Men do not slap women who speak to them timely in respectful tones.

22. Lessons about Eve's Curse from King Augur

The Odious Woman

Proverbs 30:21-23 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear . . . For an odious woman when she is married . . .

The word "married" is the Hebrew word baal which means "married" or "to be ruled over" by a husband. It is translated "a man's wife" in Genesis 20:3.



Figure 17; Unsplash

♦ The English word "odious" (sane; saw-nay') refers to something repulsive. In Hebrew odious means "hateful." It refers to people who hate God (Exodus 20:5) and their fellow man (Genesis 37:4). Thus, the odious, bitter woman hates God and His law-order. Adjectives like proud, insolent, and witchy come to mind.

Solomon does not address the unmarried, single woman with bad character. He addresses the married woman with kinetic

evil (ra). Something about marriage (authority) detonates her nuclear impudence.

Notice the effect. Because the odious woman has a tonnage of hate "the earth is disquieted" and "cannot bear" her. The Hebrew word "disquieted" means "to tremble, quake, rage, quiver, be agitated or to quiver." I.e. no one earth can live with an odious, volcanic woman.

Notice the enlarged effect. Not only can a husband not live with an odious wife no man on earth can live with her either. There nothing a man can do to improve his marriage. Nothing! The world *trembles* and *quakes* because of her.

The Hebrew word "bear" (nasa) means "to carry, lift up, or to bear." The adverb "cannot" negates the verb; i.e. the earth cannot tolerate a bitter, angry, hateful woman.

No one on earth has the strength to endure these kind of woman. Think of Jezebel, Athaliah, and Vashti, Herodias, Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinam, Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright, Susan B. Anthony, Maxine Waters, and Nancy Pelosi.

You must not accuse Solomon of being a male chauvinist. Responsible fathers warn their sons about wayward women. Evil does not exist in the atmosphere, it resides in men . . . and in women.

23. Lessons about the Eve's Curse from Miriam

the sister of Moses

Numbers 12:1, 15 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman . . . And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days (because of her leprosy): and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again.

♦ Both Miriam and Aaron chided Moses; but, apparently, Miriam instigated this insurrection. Aaron repeated Adam's sin and submitted to the ambitions his contentious sister.

Upset over Moses marrying an Ethiopian woman (non-Hebrew), Miriam threw her burning coals of criticism at Moses in a way to rule over Him.

Her criticism was a form of control . . . the result of THE CURSE. Miriam not only injured Moses reputation, she repeated Eve's transgression -- something that could not be tolerated in the new nation.

Remember, Miriam was of "good stock." Moses, Aaron, Miriam, and Hur were giants in the Hebrew nation. She even became a prophetess. Her spirit-inspired song found its way into the Holy Scripture (Exodus 15). So serious was her sin of "sharing her opinion" about Moses choice of wives, God STRUCK HER WITH LEPROSY!

The leprosy in her body was an expression of the leprosy (odiousness) at work in her soul. Being struck with leprosy was God's way of telling this woman to

"zip it" and control the powers of THE CURSE erupting from within. So Miriam might learn the ugliness of her odious sin, she had to stare hopelessly at her leprous sores for a week.

Furthermore, think of the effects Miriam's railing had on the whole nation. Israel's march to Canaan was delayed seven days. Two million people were affected by her sin - thus, the odious women disquiets the world.

In grace, however, God removed the leprosy, restored Miriam, and continued the march to the Holy Land.

Pastors would do well to consider the criticism coming from "Christian" wives about their defective husbands. Isn't this evidence of the CURSE IN ACTION?

24. Lessons about the Eve's Curse from Michal, Saul's daughter

2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.



Figure 18: Unsplash

This chapter contains the account of King David escorting the ark to Jerusalem. Overcome with the joy of the occasion, David humbled himself, removed his royal robes, and danced in the street with the common folks.

Michal, daughter of Saul, despised David for his zeal for the Lord.

The word "despised" means "to show contempt:" anger, bent eyebrows, and a curly sputtering lip, etc.

The lesson: The more a man serves the Lord, the more a contentious woman will show contempt for her king-husband for not complying with her wish for

riches, fame, and status. So serious was Michal's contention, God afflicted her with sterile -- a just punishment for a woman void of respect for the Lord -- an act of grace upon Israel because this judgment prevented Michael from reproducing odious children to the ruin of the nation.

25. Lessons about Eve's Curse from Abigail

The Holy Spirit describes Abigail as a beautiful and discerning woman trapped in a marriage to a fool (1 Samuel 25:3). The death of her first husband freed her to marry another. When David proposed, she accepted.

Observe how Abigail overcame the curse in becoming the wife of David. She exemplifies the ideal attitude of Biblical women. How many women get married with the attitude of service? Abigail did!

1 Samuel 25:41 King James Version (KJV) And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, <u>let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.</u>

26. Lessons about Eve's Curse from Other Biblical Personalities

Lessons about the curse from Sarah

Genesis 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

While flawed and under the curse, Peter under the inspiration of the Spirit holds up Sarah as the model wife (See 1 Peter 3:1-5). While she struggle to believe the prophesy that she would have a son in her old age, she called Abraham, her 'lord' - a model outlook for all married women. Oh, that sisters in the Lord had that attitude.

Some may ask, "What about Deborah? God called her to judge Israel."

No, Deborah was not a judge nor does the Scripture call her one. God's law forbids women from holding the office of a judge, queen, or lawgiver.

Biblically speaking, women are not permitted to judge matters related to national interests. Such an operation would be the curse in action!! Rather, Deborah calls herself a "mother in Israel" and <u>not</u> a judge (Judges 5:7). Moreover, it was Barak who made it into God's Hall of Fame and <u>not</u> Deborah (Hebrews 11).

With one-third of the judges in U.S. District Court being women, the Biblical mind must conclude God judges America for her sins.

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and a women rule

over them" (Isaiah 3:12).

Lessons about the curse from Queen Jezebel

1 Kings 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

Jezebel, the worst of Eve's daughters, a female antichrist, persecuted the LORD's prophets and had them executed. Odious women hate the Lord and his church.

Lessons about the curse from Queen Athaliah

2 Kings 11:1 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

Athaliah, the daughter of Jezebel, walked in the sins of her mother. With murder in her heart, she ordered the execution of all the babies in the king's nursery. Only one child escaped. Think of the tragedy of it all. This *ra isha* nearly wiped out the Messianic line -- ONLY one boy survived to keep alive the Messianic hope.

We learn that Eve's CURSE contains the power and desire to murder babies -- a love of death that odious women acquire. There are over a million abortions a year in the U.S.A. Women driven by the curse entrap men, fornicate, commit adultery, and then murder their own offspring -- a fulfillment of Psalm 37:28.

Lessons about the curse from Bathsheba

1 Kings 1:15 And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

See 1 Kings 2 where Bathsheba foolishly advised Solomon to give Abishag as a wife to Solomon's older brother which would have handed the kingdom to Adonijah.

Under the spirit of deception, Bathsheba failed to discern the covert plan of Adonijah to seize the throne, and unwittingly participated in the plan to have Solomon deposed as king.

Note: Bathsheba's lack of perception about the covert motivation of Adonijah startled Solomon. Under the Adamic curse, this Queen Mother was susceptible to deception -- an plausible argument why no woman should lead the family, church, or nation.

Know that wretchedness of deception presupposes the deceived do not know they are deceived.

Lessons about the curse from Isaiah



Figure 19: Unsplash

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them" (Isaiah 3:12).

As proof God was judging the nation of Israel, Isaiah pointed to the presence of woman sitting in power.

The presence of childish rulers and female rulers provide evidence God exercises judgment in the nation.

Women in the legislature, Congress, judgeships, and city council are a curse to the nation, and not a blessing.

Lessons about the Curse from Queen Vashti and Queen Esther

Esther 1:15 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

King Xerxes hosted a banquet for his governors at Persepolis. Persian conferences lasted for months because of the distance these governors had to travel.

Notice: "Jewish" sources on this chapter contain perverted presumptions on what happened at this feast. That Vashti was having a nice, sweet tea party with her guests, and that King Xerxes was drunk as a skunk wanting his wife to disrobe in front of his drunken friends **is Ashkenazi nonsense**! These Ashkenazi rabbinical sources are not reliable!! And, neither are the Bible teachers that rely on these Talmudic writings.

Reasonable minds assume King Xerxes wished to introduce his beautiful wife to his guests; i.e. to show off his wife in an honorable way. Most good men are proud of their wives and want to formally introduce their treasure to friends and guests. Xerxes was no exception.

But, Vashti refused to obey her husband / king's legitimate order to appear -- not because she was a good woman but because she was being contentious and wanted to display he queenly powers to the other women in the kingdom. Her defiance of her king-husband was an act of overt rebellion -- a challenge to his authority that could NOT be tolerated.

Upon advice of the Persian "wise men which knew the times" (counselors, Magi, and the king's cabinet), King Xerxes fired the queen and had her escorted out of the palace and let loose on the streets to beg for bread, clothes, and shelter.

Then King Xerxes, grandson of King Cyrus, the Persian Messiah (Isaiah 45:1), arguably delivered <u>the most important executive order ever issued in history</u>:

"all the wives shall give to their husbands honor, both to great and small . . . that every man shall bear rule in his own house" (Esther 1:20).

With this order Xerxes crushed women's lib! He saved the Persian Empire from the clutches of Vashti, the leader of the empire's feminists.

Contrast proud Vashti with beautiful Esther who bowed in humility to touch the king's golden scepter before she petitioned her king-husband (Esther 5:2ff).

Lessons about the Curse from Mary and Jesus

John 2:3-4 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

The term "woman" is not a verbal smack, but a respectable term used at the time. Our Lord addressed His mother with the greatest respect and tenderness.

We have before us a slight, respectful admonition by Jesus to his mother.

Seeing the need of the hour, Mary rightly brought the crisis of a lack of wine to Jesus' attention. But, it appears she pressed Jesus in her spirit to provide a solution -- and, He did; but, not before correcting the thinking of Mary in a tone that only Mary could discern. Apparently, even the virgin mother used her motherly powers, in a human sense, to persuade Christ to respond to the wedding crisis.

For Mary and the people at large, action is determined by the outer stimulus (need); for Christ, by the eternal will of the Father. Their hour is always ready; His is the development of a law. (Ellicott).

"His answer is another form of that question kept in Mary's heart: "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" but "they understood not the saying which He spake unto them" (Luke 2:49). (Ellicott).

"Woman, what . . . " a form of speech that both signifies some displeasure for her unseasonable interrupting him, and also that she had no right nor authority upon him in this thing - (Matthew Poole).

Lessons about the Curse from the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 14:35 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

The apostle lays down rules for church services. With a hot iron, the apostle burns the rule of silence into Holy Writ: silence for the majority of the

congregation; silence for the majority of men in the congregation; silence for men with a prophetic gift pressing for exercise; and, silence for women.

The Apostle Paul does not lay down this rule because women are inferior to men, or because men are more talented at speaking than men, but because God wants men and women to accept their roles as God's will for their pilgrimage here on earth. Disorder in a church frustrates that purpose. Women leading hinder God's plan for the kingdom.

1 Corinthians 11:6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

The apostle orders men to remove their headdress in church as a statement they are made in the image of God, and he commands women wear a covering as a sign of authority (1 Corinthians 11:1-6). For those women who would not comply, the apostle orders churchmen to shave her head. Yes, Godly people take these commands seriously. Paul does not joke! Paul sees the remedy for rebellious woman in the church as shaving her bald.

This order did not seem odd to the Corinthians because both Jews and Greeks often shaved the head of fornicators and adulteresses as a form of public shame.

The practice of headcovering denotes Christ is the head of man; that God appointed the man to be the head of the woman (1 Corinthians 11:1-3). Few things are more important than this truth.

The practice of headcoverings signifies headship. Men remove their hats/caps as a symbolic statement that they understand (stand under) the authority of Christ as their head.

Women cover their heads as a symbolic statement they are aware of the curse and that they understand (stand under) God's law-order in reference to His ordained roles for men (leadership) and women (submission to their husbands); and, that this church stands under God's law-order.

This instruction was not unique to Corinth as this was the practice in all the churches at that time . . . and, the practice of European churches for the last two-thousand years.

Lessons about the Curse from Paul to Timothy

1 Timothy 2:11-13 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

As a dutiful apostle, Paul announces Christ's rules for his church.

The verb "I suffer not" (evpitre,pw) should be translated, "I do not permit." This apostolic statement of authority does not stem from Paul's personal, private

opinion. The use of the pronoun "I" signifies the apostle represents Christ as His ambassador.

"Let a woman learn in . . ." - We get the word "disciple" from the noun form of the word "learn." Church should be a place of instruction about the gospel (1:10) and about Scripture (4:15). This rule implies women are to assume the role of a disciple in the church of Christ. And, so are men!

The phrase "over men" should be translated "of men" (a genitive). I.e. "I do not permit a woman to teach or to have the authority of men" in the church. Women should be in a learning role in the assembly of God's people, not in a teaching role where men are present.

The phrases "in silence" and "in subjection" are prepositional phrases describing either the environment of her learning or the instrument of learning.

Women are to learn "in silence? (h`suci,a). The word means just what it says, "silence" or "quietness." In Paul's defense (Acts 22:22) before the crowd at Jerusalem, the crowd became quiet (h`suci,an) when they heard Paul speak in Hebrew.

In other words, Paul wants women to be quiet like this crowd when the pastor speaks.

Women to learn with an attitude "in all subjection." The military word "subjection" (u`potagh) demands the subordinate "to arrange oneself under a superior." The adjective "all" (pa,sh|) defines "subjection," i.e. there are no exceptions. Feminists hate the term "submission" because the hate God and His Word.

1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Paul provides the reason for this prohibition. Women are restricted from being in an authoritative teaching role belonging to men, because of (a) the order of creation, and (b) the danger of repeating Eve's transgression due to the CURSE OF DECEPTION attached to women.

1 Timothy 5:9 -12 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man... But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

Paul addressed the matter of the care of widows. He forbids the church from putting younger widows (under 60) on the charity-welfare list. Notice Paul recognizes the power of THE CURSE on women. If tempted sexually, they WILL give into that desire and fornicate -- something disqualifying for widows on the church welfare rolls.

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Lessons about the Curse from John in the Book of Revelation

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

The final vision of the Beast system (world government) is <u>not</u> compared to the reign of Atilla the Hun. John likens the final system to a great whore tutored in the depravity Jezebel and Athaliah.

This Whore of Babylon, a global commercial system, controls international trade at the end of the age. The final government on earth bears the marks of odious feminism.

Perhaps it's not an accident that 42% of the staff at the UN are women eager to press their feministic agenda on the whole world. Google records 51% of the staff at the UN are women.

As this article is being written,

- America has a hackling woman as vice president.
- 1/4th of the Senate is made of women.
- There are 125 women in the House of Representatives.
- Four women sit on the Supreme Court
- 12 States have female governors.
- 10 women in the West are Prime Ministers including Jacinda Arden of New Zealand who is unmarried and had a baby out of wedlock while in office -- a disgusting women who has about 15% approval rating and who ordered unvaccinated people to be arrested and put in quarantine for 14 days.
- The failing EU government has more women than men.
- Lis Truss, Prime Minister of England, was forced to resign after a few weeks in office because of her extreme whacko liberal policies and administrative incompetence.
- About 20 percent of the U.S. army is made of women; i.e. if we have a war, our country will be defended by women. Humm?

- The U.S. army has over 80 women generals. Just what you want if you have to fight a war.
- In 2021 the U.S. Air Force has 992 female pilots.
- In 2020 over 930,000 unmarried, fornicating-adulterous, immoral women decided to murder their babies.
- We are in WWIII where the West (NATO) has declared war on Christian Russia.
- The U.S. dollar is collapsing around the world.
- The U.S. and the world is enduring hyper inflation.
- University professors can't define the difference between a man and a woman.
- The U.S. census bureau informs us their are 980,000 Sodomite-Lesbian so called "marriages" in the U.S.
- 0.6% of people in the U.S. identify as transgender where the government promotes child sex-change operations.
- Drag Queens are invited to public schools in an attempt to convert youth to be transgender.
- 79% of the people in the U.S. have received the death jab causing a 5.3% increase in death rates.
- While not all of this can be blamed on women, the world has to ask,
 "Do we need more rebellious, feminist women and more epicene men in power?



27. Beware of the Alpha Female

Proverbs 6:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

♦ America produces generations of women who do not know how to love.

Since the 1970s, the feminist movement has manufactured alpha females that do not have the

capacity to love or succeed in marriage.

Without faith, they cannot be faithful. Because they refuse to subject themselves to a husband, they become slaves of a corporate master. Modernnism calls the women "Alpha Females."

The Biblical word for "Alpha Female" is an "odious woman." - Proverbs 30:23.

Alpha females are a product of the post Christian era (A Second Estate) where careers are more important than motherhood, where women have an opinion on everything from green beans to the correct military strategy to defeat Isis in Aleppo.

Their opinions are not germane to themselves, but are the result of indoctrination and coercion by powerful forces at work in society: communism, antinomianism, Fabianism, socialism, feminism, and other isms.

To the alpha wife everything is "No!" Unless, of course, she wants it to be a yes. If she doesn't make the decision, it can't possibly be good. In competition with men, she must macro manage the home, make the decisions, and have her way with the finances. Quite simply, the alpha female must be the boss. Her opinions become the standard of right and wrong – in her own thinking.

Beyonce, Ms. Nasty Judd, Whoopie Goldberg, Madonna, Joy Behar, and Rosie O'Donnel come to mind.

"Man is a jurisdiction in the First Estate. Woman is a jurisdiction in the First Estate. They are separate and equal. Man is pushing Woman into the Courts as rulers and leaders, but they have NO STANDING in that capacity. Man is derelict in his Duty to operate inside the First Estate Law . . . as Protector and Provider of the King's Nursery." (Mushroom Report, Dec 10, 2022).

See the concept of two estates:

"And the angels which kept not their first estate (beginning, rule, jurisdiction), but left their own habitation (home, authority, jurisdiction), he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day" (a second estate) (Jude 6).

Because feminists have left their first estate, they become resources to exploit by those building their own estate.

Because she has an opinion about everything, she can't keep a marriage together. Marriage is bound together, not on feeling, but on faith; not on love alone, but on law.

The opinions of a feminist are not strong enough to keep a marriage together. Only a house build on the rock can survive the floods and pressures of life. Eventually a feminist will divorce her man, depend on government to be her husband, and join hands with other angry alpha females to demand society grant them special privileges and political power.

In short, the alpha female is the very opposite of a Christian woman who has a "meek and quiet spirit" (1 Peter 3:4). The Holy Scripture says, "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Proverbs 31:12.

The Biblical word for alpha female is an "odious woman" — the word "odious" (sane) means hateful, resentful, and bitter; i.e. she is a stranger to the kingdom of God (Proverbs 2:16; 7:5). Potipher's wife, Penninah, Jezebel, Athaliah, and Herodias are of this class.

Proverbs 30:23 — "For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: . . . an odious woman when she is married."

Feminist t-shirt: "ANGRY WOMEN WILL CHANGE THE WORLD."

Susan Venker has this to say:

"Alpha women aren't exactly new, but they were once a rarer breed. Today they abound. There are several reasons why, but it's in large part due to women having been groomed to be leaders rather than to be wives. Simply put, women have become too much like men. They're too competitive. Too masculine. Too alpha.

That may get them ahead at work. But when it comes to love, it will land them in a ditch."

The Christian woma n ought to study Godly women, keep her head down in prayer, and to own God's will for wives as expressed in Holy Scripture; i.e. to acknowledge God's jurisdiction over her.

The Christian man would do well to avoid the American feminist and search high and low for a women with a heart to obey the God - "a woman who fears the Lord" (Proverbs 31).

No real man can live with an alpha woman and be happy; and, no woman will be happy with her hands on the helm. God did not make her to steer the ship. If she commits mutiny and makes herself the captain of the ship, her vessel will be lost at sea.

God's man seeks a companion, not a competitor—a woman that opens her mouth with wisdom as opposed to an alpha female whose tongue is oiled with verbosity—a woman whose power is feminine, not masculine.

28. Beware of the Male Feminist

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.



Figure 21: Courtesy of Congressman Patrick Murphy

♦ A male feminist believes women have freedom to live by self-law instead of God's law; that a woman should be subject to the tyranny of corporate tyrants, instead of a loving husband; that it is acceptable for women to lead men in the home, the military, and politics.

Adam was the first male (feminist) who yielded to the warrant of his wife.

Masculine republics give way to feminine democracies. Feminine democracies give way to permissiveness societies. Permissive societies scream for law and order because society cannot

endure crime caused by idealists in control of the ship. Law and order can only be restored by a tyrant. Tyrants can only be removed by masculine men. Masculine men establish masculine republics.

Beware of a nation led by women.

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Beware of a church led by women.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I (the apostle Paul) suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Beware of a home lead by a woman.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Some thoughts:

"The feminist movement taught women to see themselves as victims of an oppressive patriarchy. ... Self-imposed victimhood is not a recipe for happiness." __ Phyllis Schlafly

"Strong women do not need feminism because they are not a victim."

The Word of God calls a woman to follow her husband before the holy text calls a man to love his wife.

A humble man leads his family and holds dear his wife's trust in him (Ephesians 5:23ff); moreover, he is a man of faith, not feelings; and man under law, not a man under ooey-goey luv.

A strong man listens to Christ and then leads his wife. A weak man pleases himself because he has abandoned the tough job of being a responsible husband; a man under self-law instead of God's law.

A man must deny the fake warrant equality if he is to subpoen others to a life of responsibility.

"Absolute power corrupts absolutely" is a formal fallacy because a good man will use authority to build his family.

The most unhappy man on earth is one trapped in a marriage where he cannot say "no" to his wife.



Figure 22: Unsplash

29. A King's Edict that Crushed Feminism

How King Xerxes crushed feminism in his empire



Figure 23: Unsplash

♦ If you could save the world, what would you do?

If you could get a law passed in Congress to make the world better, what would it be?

There was an executive order posted by Xerxes (Ahasuerus), the great Persian King, that saved the empire (Esther 1).

Esther 1:20 So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his

kingdom, for it is vast, all women will give honor to their husbands, high and low alike."

The Text

I am amazed at how Jewish and Christian scholars can't "see the forest for the trees" in this passage. These commentators tend to present all they know about King Ashasuerus and to miss the main lesson of the passage -- the rebellion of Queen Vashti against her husband . . . and king.

If Vashti's sin had not been confronted and dealt with forcefully, it would have undermined the nation from within and do what no foreign armies could do.

Biblical authors were master historians notorious for their accuracy and simplicity. The Spirit left nothing out of record unessential to the purpose the inspired text. Trust the text . . . and, beware of reading into the text what is not there.

Commentaries on this chapter are glutted with extra historical detail which may be helpful, but these commentaries are also replete with speculation, suppositions, and presumptions. Beware!

King Ahasuerus

Let's take a look at King Ahasuerus. Biblical scholars generally identified him with Xerxes I of Persia a.k.a. Artaxerxes (486-465 BC). His father was Darius the Great (521-486).

We are first introduced to his power. His empire extended from India in the east, to Egypt and Ethiopia in the south, and into Greece in the west. The text says his kingdom was divided into 127 provinces. It is estimated he ruled over 50 million people or 44% of the world's population. No man before or since has had such power. His grandfather was Cyrus the Great. Carved into reliefs are consistent themes that God created the world, created mankind, and created man to be happy. That God created "man to be happy" was a novel idea — the rage of the age. Moreover, he gave credit to his creator as he understood him for the grace to rule as king of kings, and leader of leaders.

His palace (Shushan) was in the capital city Susa, an ancient city of the Elamites and Parthianians located about 150 miles east of the Tigress River in Khuzestan, one of three capital cities used to rule the empire. Today, Shushan lies buried in ruins at a modern, archaeological tell in Iran.

Consider his simple philosophy: Think good thoughts, speak good words, and do good deeds.

He viewed power as an instrument to do good and to serve the people. Like all good kings, he was totally intolerant of rebellion and insurrection. He squelched dissent and in exercised swift, lethal judgment where and when it needed to be applied. His early defended his borders against Greece and Turkey.

Jewish and Christian historians take great delight in excoriating King Xerxes. They seem to derive joy and power in pointing out sins, flaws, and defects. The goal of which is to show what a wicked, wretched man and how great they are. The text does not. Liberal historians deny the whole Esther story because it lacks verification in secular records. The truth is that he had no more or less faults than the rulers of the modern era. Moreover, as flawed as he was, he had more power, more wealth, and ruled over more people than anyone in history. The focus in the Book of Esther is NOT UPON THE DEPRAVITY OF KING XERXES, but upon THE DEPRAVITY OF QUEEN VASHTI and the global crisis she created. Selah.

The Festival

In the third year of his reign, Xerxes held a festival for his military commanders, probably an effort to unify his kingdom—an empire that contained powerful factions with political hot spots in Babylon, Egypt, and Greece. There are many extra Biblical resources that can provide historical detail to the wars and battles fought by Xerxes but they are superfluous to the message of Esther.

Xerxes invited his officials from 127 provinces to come to a six month festival—a coming together work-party to unite the empire. He designed this "staff party" to display power and to discuss the issues the governors faced in their administrations. Six-month celebrations were not uncommon to the Persians and we should not read into this more than is written.

During the final week of the festival, the king put on a display of pageantry in the courtyard of the Susa Palace— The holy text presents a sample of the wealth and grandeur of this king in Esther 1:6.

"There were white cotton curtains and violet hangings fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rodsand marble pillars, and also couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble."

The king hosted a seven day banquet where "drinks were served in golden vessels, vessels of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished according to the bounty of the king" 1:7). But, Xerxes did not make drinking wine compulsory. Because of the abuse of power at such celebrations, Persian law made participation voluntary (1:8). Moreover, the king instructed his butlers to remember this rule and not force wine on any man not so inclined.

At the same time the King hosted the governors, Queen Vashti threw a big bash for the ladies in another part of the palace (1:9-10).

The King's Order to Vashti

In a jovial moment induced by wine, the king proposed to introduce the queen to his delegates to show off her beauty and to provide more evidence of his wealth and greatness (1:11). The holy text does not infer that the king had deprayed intentions.

Much like Hollywood show cases movie stars on the red carpet, Xerxes wanted to show off the beauty of the queen. No man wants to be ashamed of his wife. Proud of beautiful Vashti, He wanted to present her to his honored guests. But, what should have been a proud moment for the king, turned into a shameful

disaster—a crisis which not only shattered Xerxes' marriage, but threatened his entire empire.

The text does not condemn Xerxes for requesting Queen Vashti to appear before his guests. The king had just displayed his wealth and power to the dignitaries. He wanted to parade his attractive wife like any good man would want to do.



Figure 24: Freepik

The appearance of Vashti would have been the "icing on the cake" at the king's banquet.

Whatever bad opinions his officials may have had about Xerxes, they would certainly be erased by seeing the dazzling queen. To read into this event that the king was asking Vashti to disrobe and appear naked before his guests, shows more of the warped, perverted sexual corruption of rabbis than it does the depravity of the king—a Jewish myth, Titus 1:4.]

When formerly summoned by the king's staff of eunuchs, Vashti willfully refused to present herself—an act of rebellion to impress the ladies, but also a decision that insulted the king and puzzled the guests (1:2). Furious, King Xerxes consulted his advisers on what to do.

Esther 1:15 "According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti, because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?"

1:17 "King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.'"

Xerxes counselors were not light weights. These were the most powerful rulers on earth. So important are these men, the Scripture lists all seven of them by name (1:14)! There is wisdom in the multitude of counselors (Proverbs 15:22).

Their wise reasoning and counsel provide a lesson for all men and all women (1:17). American leaders don't hold a thimble full of their wisdom.

<u>First</u>, Queen Vashti's behavior looked like measles on Miss Universe. Wrong, wicked, and wretched her inexcusable behavior had to be axed at the root.

Esther 1:17 For the queen's behavior will be made known to all women, causing them to look at their husbands with contempt, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.'

In defying her husband, she demonstrated disdain for God's law-order. When she disobeyed her husband and king," she repeated the sin of Eve.

What a terrible thing it must be for a woman to rebel against her husband!

<u>Second</u>, the Queen not only sinned against her husband-king, she showed contempt for king's governors and officials. There is no indication in the text that Vashti was required to do anything but "appear." A simple formal command, duty demanded she honor Xerxes's request, not only because he was her husband . . . but also because he was her king—a double wrong. Her naughty, devilish, willful wicked rebellion demanded swift and severe action by Xerxes.

<u>Third</u>, her rebellious behavior threatened the stability of the empire.

Every woman in the kingdom admired Vashti and her privileges. All wanted to be just like her. Her bad example would hit the caravan gossip lines and everyone in the kingdom would hear the report about her defiance. By despising her husband, she provided a notorious, bad model for all women. The rebel feminists would use her example to justify contempt for their husbands and create chaos in the kingdom.

Esther 1:17-18 For the queen's behavior will be made known to all women, causing them to look at their husbands with contempt, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' This very day the noble women of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will say the same to all the king's officials, and there will be contempt and wrath in plenty.

The Bible teaches us that God created the institution of the family, the institution of government, and the institution of the church. A wanna-be strong nation must build on the foundation stones of the family unit. If the family crumbles, the state crumbles. Policies that undermine the family are a coffinworn path to the graveyard of nations.

God ordained men to rule the family with wisdom, strength, and love. The godly path requires women submit to their husbands and respect them. (Genesis 3; Proverbs 31; Ephesians 5:25ff; 1 Peter 3:1-7). To admire and support disrespectful, competitive, contentious, resistant, defiant, argumentative women who are in rebellion to their husband's leadership hangs the family on the gallows.

<u>Fourth</u>, there is no indication in Scripture these men misjudged Vashti's actions. Xerxes may have been in a tizzy about his wife's disobedience, but who can question that sound reasoning of the Magi? Xerxes had to act swiftly and decisively; and, he did.

The Remedy

<u>The first remedy</u>: The judgment was cheetah-swift. Xerxes divorced Vashti, removed her from the palace, and kicked her out on the street.

Esther 1:19 If it please the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be repealed, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.

As evil as divorce seems, it would have been a greater evil to tolerate Vashti's treason to King Xerxes. No man is obligated to put up with a woman who defies his authority. No man!

Bottom line: God gave two rules to women to bring stability to the family unit: (1) "Wives, obey your husbands" (Ephesians 5:22-23), and (2) "let the wife see

that she revere her husband;" i.e. to honor, to fear, and to respect the head of the family. Vashti did neither. Xerxes rightfully sacked her immediately and took away her estate—a powerful model on what ought to happen to every rebellious wife. A marriage can't have two wives and survive. A weak, jellyfish, pantywaist man creates his own disaster.

Vashti represents the quintessential odious woman (Proverb 23:10).

Next, his advisers urged him to marry another women "better than she." God was at work! In His sovereignty, the LORD God rewarded Xerxes with a beautiful Jewish wife-queen with an excellent spirit who understood God's role for wives (Genesis 3:16-18; Proverbs 31). In her respect for the king, she achieved all the honor and power Vashti only dreamed about.

<u>The second remedy</u>: The Persians passed a law "that every man be master in his own household." It was already the law for marriage in God's Word, but here it received Royal affirmation—that men are heads of their homes.

Think how great this executive order became!

This law literally saved the Persian Empire. I don't know of too many laws that have preserved empires, but this one did! Law cannot regenerate man or society, but it can repress evil. These "wise men" at Susa crushed domestic rebellion, saved the family, and rescued the nation from the ravages of feminism!

What brilliance! What foresight! What wisdom!

And, the reader would do well to reflect on the wisdom of the sages. Remember, their sons composed the wise men who came to worship Christ (Matthew 2).

- Their counsel was wise because it preserved the family unit.
- Their counsel was wise because they overcame evil with good. This law was good for the nation . . . good for families . . . and, good for women.
- The law was wise because Xerxes modeled how men must not tolerate rebellion in the home. Limited tolerance has a place in the home, but at no time should a man endure rebellion.
- The law was wise because it warned women against repeating the sin of Eve.
- The law was wise because it preserved the social order in the Persian culture.
- The law was wise because it was narrow. The rulers did demand women submit to men, but only to their own husbands. The Bible does not teach male dominance of women. Women are not less than men,

but when they get married, there is authority in the home that women must recognize . . . or lose their place.

Today, our foolish politicians are dreamers wanting to save the world from global warming and a collision with Planet Nibiru. The laws they pass and taxes imposed weaken the family unit, embolden women to assert leadership over men, and create a welfare society where women are dependent on the U.S. government as their provider and protector.

Since the 1960s, immoral, sensual, bellicose, fornicating women have murdered over 60 million innocent babies in America. This killing spree ranks up there with Joseph Stalin. In 80 percent of the cases, women are the first to file for divorce. Loud, defiant, braless feminists march in the streets protesting everything from power to kill babies and funding for sex changes. And there is no end in sight. The feral cat done jumped out of the bag. And, once you let the wild cat get out of the bag, you're gonna have a hard time getting it back in.

If you are a woman, you would do well to grasp the main lesson in this chapter and to recognize what a terrible thing it must be for a woman to rebel against God's law-order by defying her husband. Godly women reject everything connected with viperous Vashti.

If you are a man, you would do well to revisit God's plan for you -- to provide loving leadership in your home, to let your wife know what the rules are, to pursue a Biblical model for the family, and, to never tolerate disrespect for your position as head of the home.

Husbands that know this will be better leaders in the home; and, pastors who understand the curse at work in odious women like Vashti will be more perceptive and better counselors in the church.



Restoring God's Law Order in the Church



Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

30. Keys to the Restoration of God's Laworder



Figure 25: Freepik

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." – Ephesians 3:21

♦ The world has gone bonkers over queers, lesbians, transvestites and drag queens . . . and, some segments of the church have gone over the edge.

The remedy for all this madness includes the church practicing the ordinance of headcovering as it is a symbol of authority. This trademark represents the headship of

Christ and His law-order for mankind.

A healthy church seeks to glorify God by Jesus Christ. When man rejects subjection to God and asserts his self-law, he does not become free. Rather, he becomes subject to Marxism, Fabianism, socialism, feminism, antinomianism, or other isms.

In these days of apostasy, the church needs restoration, reformation, and revival.

I'm sure there are many ways to glorify God and to restore His church, but here are a few that come to mind:

- □ Build on the authority of Scripture. This involves restoring God's law to a position of Lex Rex (the Law is King).
- ☐ Restore the true gospel and cleanse the church of frivolity and subjectivism.
- □ Honor Christ as head of the church practically by figuring out a way to dissolve any 501 c 3 status in which the body has been trapped.
- □ Restore the Ordinance of Headcovering in 1 Corinthians 11, and set up the Lord's Supper to be one of the central practices of the church.
- ☐ Incorporate essential but minimal rules for church services including a dress code.
- □ Practice a life of holiness and devotion to Christ, and restore church discipline (1 Corinthians 5).
- $\hfill\Box$ Focus on developing "happy" and "holy" male leadership in the church.

31. The Cross and Freedom

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

♦ No doubt many women have suffered unthinkable abuse by men, but so have men.

Our Savior's work at the cross saves men and women of faith. The preaching of gospel frees sinners from the penalty and power of sin; that it frees women from the shackles of slavery to be the woman God's wants her to be. Moreover, faith in Christ elevates women as co-equals of the benefits of salvation. Pity the man that abuses one of his daughters!

But, the cross does not free women from suffering associated with the burdens of this life, nor does it free them from the duty to respect their husbands.

32. Mary, the Model Woman

Luke 1:38



◆ Do women want to be like Mary anymore? Or men, for that matter?

Where have all the sweet, innocent women disappeared to in this country?

The secular, humanistic works of John Dewey and odious women like Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, and Hillary Clinton have contributed to the disappearance of humble women.

How beautiful are the words of Mary,

Figure 26: Freepik Mary "Behold the handmaid (servant) of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38).

Truly magnificent in purity, humility, spiritual heritage, innocence, simplicity, submission, peace and trust, she turns out to be the opposite of a feminist.





Figure 27: Unsplash - Contrast the look of a feminist with Mary in Christian Art

Consider her greatness: a Hebrew of Hebrews, a daughter of Abraham, an Israelite, descendent of Judah, descendent of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and David - a true Israelite indeed; i.e. she was a pure, virgin princess in the family of King David who saw herself as a handmaid of the Lord.

In Christian art Mary

is portrayed with head covered as a sign of submission, with a halo as a sign of saintliness, with her chin slighted tucked and eyes closed as a symbol of her humility. Contrast the look of Mary with the look of a feminist.

Many a Christian woman has been inspired by Mary and sought to imitate her pure devotion to the Lord . . . but that is rare today?

How many women in America graduate from the public school system who identify themselves as the "handmaid" of the Lord? Most are hell bent on conquering the world, proving themselves superior to men, and rising up the ranks in some corporation.

Name one woman you know that considers herself a servant of the Lord peacefully submitted to the unexpected reversals of Providence -- an unexpected pregnancy, a financial reversal, poverty, hardship, and rejection by the Head of State (Herod)?

For that matter, how many pure men do you know who have unconditionally subjected themselves to be a "servant of the Lord"?

If Mary is not our model of a servant, who is?

Oh, that all of us would be able to say with Mary, "I am Thy servant," "be it unto me according to thy word."

33. Sarah, the Model Wife



Figure 28: Source Unknown

"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." – 1 Peter 3:5-6

◆ First, observe how the Scripture upholds Sarah as the model wife

Peter declares Sarah to be the model wife, not because she was flawless, but because she called Abraham her lord; i.e. she recognized his authority in the home and surrendered to it.

When did she call Abraham "her lord?" She truly recognized Abraham as her head and her lord "in her

heart."

Second, observe the mark of a precious wife

What makes a woman beautiful is not her brain, eloquence, figure, or appearance, but her submission to God's law-order. This lovely wife clothes herself with a meek and quiet spirit – precious attire for the soul which all holy women adorn themselves. She dresses well and humbly(cosmos), but the Spirit draws attention to her demeanor.

Third, the beautiful woman engages in good works. Her chapped hands reveal she knows how to cook, do dishes, change diapers, write letters, and dig in the garden.

Fourth, the beautiful woman controls her emotions and tongue. She lives by faith, not by fear -- "are not afraid with amazement (terror)."

34. The Precious Wife

Case Law for Wives in 1 Peter 3:1-6

1 Peter 3:1-2 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.



Figure 29: Greek Orthodox, Orthodox Christianity

♦ A theme in 1 Peter is holiness.

God calls men and woman to be holy and devoted to the law of the LORD God (1:15).

The theme of "suffering well" hits the Christian priority list in 1 Peter (2:21). Holiness must be worked out on the bumpy roads of life's pilgrimage.

Just as Peter has a message for the suffering Christians in chapter two, he has

instruction for pious wives and husbands in chapter three. He addresses the wife first. Without a submissive wife, the man cannot lead or love.

The adverb "*likewise*" directs us back to the previous section addressing the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ through whose "wounds we are healed" (3:24).

Not all wives have a husband devoted to Christ. Peter understands the varying conditions of marriage and that the fruit of the Poisonous Tree works griefin families. Because Christian women are connected to the tree of life, they have the potential to become "wounded healers."

Peter exhorts Christian women to follow the Lord's example and to be the instrument of healing for an onerous husband that hasn't recognized God's authority over him.

<u>The first step</u> toward winning her husband's affections hovers around being "subject" (hupotasso) to him; i.e. to be an obedient, respectful wife.

Peter builds on the original creative order in Genesis that the man rules over his wife. The Spirit does <u>not</u> order her to subject to men (plural). That would be insane. A woman is no man's doormat! Her duty entails arranging herself under her husband's authority. All family problems begin here; i.e., with a fractious woman who won't subject herself to her husband's authority (Genesis 3:16).

Likewise, the remedy for <u>all</u> family problems begin with a wife committed to godliness – with a woman devoted to a "chaste conversation" coupled with fear of displeasing her husband. Remedies seldom begin with the man.

But, being "subject" has more to do with esthetic than pragmatics. As a vase of roses adorn a living room, submission beautifies the woman. As clothes make a woman pleasant to look at, her meek attitude makes her charming and adorable.

The "if any" is a first class conditional -- assumed true; i.e., even though the man married a believer in Christ, he remains an unbeliever.

Notice the purpose clause, "that they may be won" to Christ through the godly behavior of the wife and her voluntary submission to the man's authority in the home.

The means of winning the unbelieving husband rests on her quiet, silent godly behavior, and not on her skills of talking a man into concession.

Peter does not exhort the anxious wife preach to her husband, but to live out her faith in quiet godly service under the eye of God; i.e., to "shut up" and to put flesh and bones on her faith so the husband can see the difference faith makes in Christian women.

A woman struggling with difficulties in her marriage due to her husband's lack of faith would do well to remember that "actions speak louder than words;" that flogging a man with her tongue doesn't produce a happy man. Faith at work in the hands and feet roars more than faith on the lips; i.e. the concerned wife needs to learn how to give sermons through silence.

When a child was asked to describe love, here is what she wrote:

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' (Dennis Chapman, What is Love)

The phrase "obey not the word" deserves clarification. Like all of God's commands this instruction has limits. Peter does not ask women to submit to husbands who are lawless criminals or to husbands that are abusive and violent. That would be an assignment to a hellhole on earth.

"Obey not the word" refers to an unbelieving, married man or to one who has not yet embraced the gospel. We assume the man has flaws but not so insolent as to forge abusiveness.

The wife may be wounded emotionally by her callous husband, but Peter sees an opportunity here for the wife to become a WOUNDED HEALER just like our Lord Jesus Christ; that somehow, her love for the Lord would be greater than her hurts and wounds (2:24). Peter encourages the woman to do all within her power to make her husband a happy man by respecting his status in the family and doing all she can to fulfill his wishes.

See Christianity at its best!! Faith with skin on emerges as the greatest kind of religion. Requiring women to submit to tyranny cross the line into foul ball territory. God requires no woman to submit to tyrants.

3-4 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man

of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Peter describes beautiful women.

The word "adorning" comes from the nominative cosmos, the last word in the sentence. It refers to the outer dress or physical arrangement of a woman. We get the word "cosmopolitan" from this word which refers to beauty and fashion referred to here as "plaiting the hair," "gold" jewelry," and refined "apparel." The sophisticated woman pursuing fame and a career places a premium on charm and outward looks.

<u>Not so</u> with a pious woman. She does not neglect her appearance, but places a priority on internal beauty. Marked by happy submission to her husband as God's will for her she increases her value.

We have a strong contrast in verse three through the use of the conjunction "alla." It can be translated, "But, let it be . . ." By his imperative "Let it not," Peter condemns an emphasis on external fashion to the exclusion of internal character. Lipstick on a pig doesn't change ugly.

He calls Christian women to put vogue fashion on the "back burner" and to move "spiritual beauty" to the front burner; i.e. to stress the adorning herself with an excellent spirit in the "hidden part of the heart."

Peter does not order Christian women to dress in a pile of rags, but to braid their character with humility and a restful soul. As we are all aware, external beauty fades over time and youth gives way to the wrinkles of old age. Incorruptible spiritual beauty never goes out of style.

The precious *duvet* (*doo'va*) that God threads in the Christian heart of women comes off the loom as a rare silk-interlace called "*a meek and quiet spirit*."

Meekness and weakness can't hold hands. Meekness involves strength under control -- strength at rest due to a quiet confidence that God controls all things. The meek woman does not lack emotions, but her emotions are tethered to the sovereignty of God. She has opinions, but they are held in reserve to be shared at the right time.

A *meek* spirit lacks the crushing force and the over-powering argument of a head-shaking, finger-wagging bimbo. Meekness opposes fear (phobos) and the impulse to equivocate on every issue in the home.

Meekness shows muscle without having to flex. A meek woman believes God accepts her even though her husband projects signs of displeasure. She doesn't have to make demands on her husband or manipulate him through subterfuge. because she knows God loves her.

While she would like to have her husband's approval, his approval adds nothing to her acceptance "in the Beloved." In surrendering to her husband, she does the will of God . . . and His approval smiles on her like sunshine on a lily (Ephesians 1:6; Romans 12:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:18).

A quiet spirit rests in the middle of a storm. Its sails are dignity and poise; charm and confidence. When the thunder clouds gather and the winds howl, the quiet spirit stands like a rock because it knows God has her best interests at heart.

While cosmopolitan pagan women are tossed about on the white-capped waves on the tempest of marriage, the Christian heart rests because her confidence anchors itself to the cross.

While carnal women are filled with doubts about their safety and demand to get their way, the quiet heart has assurance "all things are working together for good" because God loves her and she loves Him.

A godly woman knows the Potter has his hands on her vessel and His feet on the wheel.

Yes, she wishes her husband was more sensitive and less abrasive, but his lack of response to God does not determine her response to Christ. She knows God's law for the home, and accepts it. Furthermore, she knows that actions speak louder than words and that the gospel hums with harmony through her quiet, godly conduct.

5-6 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Again, we have the word "adorn" (kosmos or cosmos). The Christian woman may be married to a difficult man, but the beauty of a quiet submissive wife shines like the rays of the sun. Other godly women have been married to insensitive, rock-headed husbands -- men who make decisions with catastrophe written all over it. Living under a flawed, impetuous man is scary indeed but "going your own way" is more scary (Isaiah 53:6).

Oh, that husbands would consider the advice of their perceptive wives. But, they often don't! Thus, the trial of women -- having to follow dismissive, insensitive husbands.

Christian women are challenged to believe that an invisible God can impact their visible, imperfect husbands; Christian men are challenged to trust and follow a perfect God they cannot see or hear. **Notice the two traits of holy women**. The beautiful women of old adorned themselves in two vestments:

<u>First</u>, they adorned themselves with the robe of faith and trusted that God knew what He was doing by assigning them such flawed men to live under.

Second, these holy women adorned themselves with the sandals of obedience subjecting themselves unto their own husbands; i.e. they closed their eyes to the circumstances, crossed their fingers, trusted God, and obeyed their husband's orders. Not always easy, but always right!!

Sarah's example comes into focus. "Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him Lord." Leaving the watered lands of Mesopotamia to live near the dry plains of Beersheba must have frightened Sarah. Abraham's order to call herself his sister to Pharaoh caused great anxiety. Abraham deferred the decision of the choice of real estate to Lot and later organizing a 400 man army to pursue five kings to rescue Lot must have seemed like madness to Sarah. But, she submitted herself to Abraham's decisions.

When and where did Sarah call Abraham "lord?"

No record exists where Sarah addresses Abraham as "Lord Abraham" other than Genesis 18:12,

"Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?'

Like all women, three visitors and their conversation with her husband interested Sarah. While making preparation for her guests, she eased dropped on the conversation. When the heavenly beings informed Abraham that Sarah's would give birth to a son in her old age, she laughed and shrugged it off. But, in this account, she called Abraham "lord" in her heart.

Sarah called Abraham "lord" in her heart, not to his face. Over time, Sarah came to rest regarding Abraham's authority in the home. She truly saw him as her loving master.

Observe God's grace. In a state of unbelief about her being able to have children, the Spirit of God sees the good in her thoughts wherein she called her husband "lord," and recorded this virtue in the New Testament for the admonition of all.

In other words, the Spirit holds up her faith as a model for all devout women to follow. Those that do become the precious daughters of Sarah. Such women are as rare as white lilies in a coal mine.

The daughters of Sarah are not women of fear, but of faith; not women of amazement, but women of expectation.

Secular women give into hysteria and fear; but the daughters of Sarah have a quiet confidence that the LORD God controls every detail of their lives . . . and, that God guides and protects them through their husbands; that He, has the power to lead and direct their man without them having to say a word.

35. What Makes a Woman Beautiful?



Figure 30: Upsplaah, Caique Nascimento

♦ The secular world values verbosity, but the Holy Scriptures value godly behavior coupled with silence.

Furthermore, Harvard, Yale, and the Public Fool System train women to be obnoxious. Feminists are marked by pride, in your face, loud-mouth, bossy, stubborn, angry, and egotistical contentious mannerisms.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent." Madeleine Albright murdered 76 Branch Dividians in Waco, Tx, including 25 children and two pregnant women.

Ecclesiastes 3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Isaiah 41:1 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Amos 5:13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

Zechariah 2:13 <u>Be silent, O all flesh</u>, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to



Figure 31: Freepik

speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

1 Peter 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

The secular word values ego, self-esteem, hubris, and belief in one's self, but the Holy Scriptures values meekness and humility:

Exodus 10:3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Psalm 9:12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Proverbs 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, . . .

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is humble and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the <u>ornament</u> of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the <u>sight of God of great price</u>.

Lesson One: Truly, women talk too much. Though no law exists in the Talmud requiring women not to speak, some rabbis believe that a good woman should be seen and not heard. But, what an extreme position! The Word of God does not consign women to silence, but it provides this precious insight into the ideal Woman: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and, in her tongue is the law of kindness." - Proverbs 31:26

<u>Lesson Two</u>: All women want to look beautiful. One preacher used to say, "If the barn needs painting, paint it." When in public, look the best you can, but major on your demeanor and wearing a "meek and quiet spirit which in the sight of God is a great price."

36. Rule: Let Your Women Be Silent in the Church

1 Corinthians 14:34-36



Figure 32: Freepik

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." - 1 Corinthians 14:34-36

♦ Silence became the golden rule for holy women in the past, and pious women lay hold of it in the nowtime.

In this passage women are instructed to be silent in church where people assemble to learn the Word of God.

God ordained the locus of application for public gatherings of the whole church.

Not only does the Apostle lay down the rule of silence for women, the majority of men are required to be silent also.

This instruction does not apply to the home or for small group social gatherings or for business at the city market. The apostle does not insinuate women are cretinous or less competent than men. The gospel liberated women, but it did **not** place them in authority over men. What man has not benefited privately by the conversation and opinions of a godly woman? Holy women are not only a blessing in the church; they are sunbeams that warm the hearts of all.

I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother. ~ Charles Spurgeon

The verb "keep silence" (sigao) is an imperative; i.e., a command. We error when we conclude these commands are suggestions or an options. We must seem them as orders from our Commander. Women are not permitted to teach, speak in tongues, pray, or prophesy in any church around the Mediterranean.

Paul repeats this prohibition in 1 Timothy 2:11, 12. These rules are not a war on women. They are rules designed to protect God's law-order. Even the majority of men are ordered to be silent (14:30).

Like the angels ascending and descending on the golden staircase in Jacob's dream, the church must be a place of order and dignity. The most qualified and competent men were charged with the duty of instruction and prayer. Thus, "confusion" and "disorder" and "chatter" due to casual relations are proscribed.

When a woman has a theological question about a sermon, the Spirit instructs her to ask her husband – a man charged with the duty of knowing the Holy Scripture. Unfortunately, modern women are less likely to do this in part because of the rise of feminism; and, in part because most men are poor students of theology. But, if a woman did follow this instruction, she might be surprised to see her husband turn into a Bible student.

"As also saith the law," formed the ground of the Apostolic command -- a reference to Torah: (A) Genesis 3:16 where God defined the woman's role as "thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee;" and to (B) male leadership in Israel's institutions where leadership was drawn from the "men of Israel"--a phrase summoned over 56 times in the OT.

Leadership in the nation came from qualified men. Only men were called to be kings, priests, and prophets.

The Spirit issued the order to prevent a repeat of the original transgression--of Eve's usurpation of leadership, and Adam's desertion of responsibility. Only in rare instances do we read about a woman leading a portion of the nation and in each case it was during the times of apostasy. Take Deborah for an example.

Yes, Deborah was a prophetess, but she was <u>not</u> a civil ruler (judge) <u>nor</u> did she carry the sword of justice.

The Spirit chose the word "shame" in 1 Corinthians 14 because a woman speaking infringes on the original creative order; i.e. God appointed men to lead in the home, in the church, and in the nation. When a woman speaks (preaches) to the whole church, she over steps the role God has assigned for her and repeats Eve's presumption.

A woman speaking in church means she has usurped control of he church meeting much like the federal government does when it passes legislation outside the authority of its charter.

All authority is limited. The command in this chapter reinforces order, roles, and the necessity of male leadership in the church and the home. Just as women shame themselves when addressing the church in an authoritative manner, men shame themselves when they are passive and lackadaisical in home and church. Every war in history has been won by men. Likewise, the battle for truth must be advanced by men.

Like all rules, there are limitations to this law --a missionary report or a planned testimony for example or a couples' home Bible study appear to be exceptions to this rule. The way a large church of seven-hundred performs and the way a home church of 30 operates requires reasonable, flexible application.

Likewise, a godly pastor would do well to sit down with some older sisters and learn a thing or two.

John Gill summarizes the Christian position:

"... it is not permitted unto them to speak; i.e. in public assemblies, in the church of God, they might not speak with tongues, nor prophesy, or preach, or teach the word. All speaking is not prohibited; they might speak their experiences to the church, or give an account of the work of God upon their souls; they might speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; or speak as an evidence in any case at a church meeting; but not in such sort, as carried in it direction, instruction, government, and authority. It was not allowed by God that they should speak in any authoritative manner in the church; nor was it suffered in the churches of Christ; nor was it admitted of in the Jewish synagogue; there, we are told (b), the men came to teach, and the women "to hear": and one of their canons runs thus (c); "a woman may not read (i.e. in the law), "in the congregation", or church, because of the honour of the congregation;" for they thought it a dishonourable thing to a public assembly for a woman to read, though they even allowed a child to do it that was capable of it."

37. Rule: Women Must Wear a Heacovering



♦ In this chapter, Paul instructs the church about two ordinances: headcovering and the Lord's Supper.

He covers three subjects: headship, headcoverings, and head remembering.

Paul highlights the supremacy of three holy symbols of the church: headcoverings, bread and wine.

While we call headcovering a rule, but it is more than a rule. The rule of heacoverings are an Ordinance as sacred as baptism and the Lord's Supper.

In these days of apostasy, the church has abandoned the headship of Christ by becoming licensed 501 c 3 religious

organization, and denied God's law-order for men and women by abdicating the Scriptural practice of headcovering.

Consider the following as a reason to restore the Ordinance – a Scriptural mandate that honors the Lord Jesus Christ and His law-order.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

God's Hierarchy

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

"I want you to know . . ." is not a dietary suggestion but a staple necessary for spiritual vigor and vitality.

The Father is the Head of Christ. Christ is the head of man. Man is the head of the woman. This the divine will for the creative order expressed in commands associated with the ordinance of headcoverings.

By "head" Paul means authority to command and the requirement to obey. Christ is not inferior to the Father, but He was given duties as Son and Savior. As Jesus obeyed His Father, man should obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as recognizing the laws of nature are essential for physical health, surrendering to God's law-order produces spiritual health. As Christ was subordinate to the Father in the accomplishments of redemption man should be subordinate to Christ in the task of dominion (Genesis 1:26; Philippians 2:5-12).

Likewise, the woman must be subordinate to her husband at home and to the male led services at church for the advancement of the Christian faith (Ephesians 5:24).



Figure 33: Source unknown

The term "andros" can refer to "man" or to a "husband." The term "gunaikos" can refer to a "woman" or to a "wife.

Repudiation of a Covered Head

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

The apostle now instructs the church on the *paradosis* (dogmatic ordinance) he wants them to employ as a body of believers when the church assembles.

Using the term "ordinance," a legal term, makes the practice of headcovering Christian law! Paul removes headcovering from the category of a personal preference or local tradition and puts the practice under the domain of Biblical law.

First, the apostle instructs the men. Be informed, says the apostle: If a man prays to God or speaks for God wearing something on his head, he dishonors his head.

A covered head would refer to a scarf, a hat, a cap, a yamaka, or turbin of any kind. The phrase "his head" refers to Christ.

When a man prays with his head covered, he dishonors his King, the Lord Jesus Christ. When men approach God, they are to do so with uncovered heads; i.e. they are to remove their headwear when praying to God. This deprivation does not apply to all activities of life—only to duties associated with one's approach to the Creator particularly in a public assembly.

The term "dishonoreth" means "to shame" or "disgrace." For a man to demur in removing his hat in the worship of God shames the Lord Jesus Christ. If Paul were among us today, he would instruct old and young to remove their headwear in a church service because the practice honors and glorifies our Lord (John 17:1ff).

The modern "messianic" male, following a Jewish model, publishes his rebellion to the gospel by wearing a yamaka. Likewise, a pope or bishop who wears a zucchetto (scull cap) during prayer dishonors our Lord as Head of the Church.

"Praying" and "prophesying" are present participles referring to the type of religious activities that require the practice of hat removal. Prayer is a general

term for a reverent approach to God; and, prophecy refers to speaking the mind of God in an authoritative manner. Praying includes such activities as prayer, praise, worship, singing, contemplation, and confession. Prophesying includes activities like Bible reading, teaching, preaching, saying liturgies, and exhortation.

The apostolic instruction for men to remove their headwear and for women to place a veil over their head has limitation. It applies to one's public religious life. But, it does not apply to one's private activities in the home.



Figure 34: Unsplash

Repudiation of an Uncovered Head

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

Just as Paul has instructions for men, he has instructions for women.

Be informed, says the apostle: Every woman, old and young, who approaches God in a

public assembly dedicated to prayer or expounding God's Word with her head uncovered "dishonors" (shames disgraces) her head; i.e. her husband or the male authority figure in her life. Furthermore, she shames herself because an uncovered head reveals ignorance of God's law-order (Genesis 3:15), possession of a pagan world view, and obstinacy to the Law-word of God—a shame for a Christian woman!

This passage addresses the godly decor of a woman in holy assemblies. Paul does not grant permission for women to pray or preach to the congregation. Paul addressed this issue in chapter 14 where he requires Christian woman to remain silent in public gatherings as well as most congregants. Paul limits the responsibility of public prayer and preaching to holy, happy, hopeful men (1 Timothy 2:8).

The adjective "uncovered" (a-katakalupto) means "without a covering" or "without something down the head" or "without a veil or scarf." A woman who places a headdress on her head at church demonstrates she has respect for God's law-order.

Because she recognizes her subordinate role in the world and wants to please God, she veils herself as a symbol of her submission to the authority of the man who is obligated to protect her. The wearing of a veil signifies the woman recognizes and honors God's law-order; that she understands the curse on women and has committed herself to resist it (Genesis 3:16; Proverbs 21:9, 19).

To emphasize the utter shame of an uncovered head in public meetings, Paul likens an unveiled woman to a woman that has a shaved, bald head. Paul seeks to pierce the hearts of resistant, libertine Greeks by comparing an unveiled head to a condition of being shaved or bald. If a shaved-bald woman feels the shame of such contingency, should not the pious woman be embarrassed by approaching God without a headcovering (katakalupto)?



Figure 35: Source Unknown

A woman's long hair is <u>not</u> her symbolic "head covering" any more than an Old Testament priest's hair was a substitute for a priestly turban (Ezekiel 44:14, 20).

Pagan women have long hair and their long hair does not represent submission to God . . . but, wearing a scarf in church signifies a woman's submission to God's law-order.

A question arises, "When should women cover their heads?"

<u>The context</u> "when you come together" in verse 18 suggests Christian adornment should be applied at Christian gatherings when the whole church comes together as modeled in Acts 2:42.

Broader applications should not be discouraged; i.e., it seems appropriate for a man to remove his headwear anytime he prays publically; and, for a woman to cover her head in her approach to God other than a local church services.

A woman with a veil over her hair instructs us that we should all be surrendered to the will of God and the authority of Scripture in our lives. It informs us the woman is a woman of God and that we are come together to honor the Savior.

The apostle does not exhort women to take a public role in praying or prophesying. Those concerns are addressed elsewhere (I Corinthians 14:34ff; 1 Timothy 2:8ff). Paul exhorts women to veil themselves in public during the activities of prayer and preaching.

- 6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
- 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
- 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.
- 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

- 10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.
- 11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.
- 12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.
- 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?
- 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?
- 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.
- 16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Women covering their heads was not merely a local custom in Corinth, but a custom practiced in all the churches of God in the first-century. Moreover, Christians practiced this custom pin all churches throughout Christian history until the 1960s when feminism swamped the church. Robertson comments that this was a custom in all the churches and can be verified by observing the sculptures of the catacombs. Men had short hair, and women wore headcovering in church.

Moreover, a woman's long hair is a symbol of her natural beauty, but a headcovering is a symbol of her spiritual beauty; and, a woman submitted to God's law-order is a wonderful beauty.

38. Rules of the Church in Timothy

1 Timothy 3:15-16

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory, the pillar and ground of the truth."



Figure 36: Freepik

Rules for Christ's Church

◆ I went to a small, country church a while back where a man stood up to preach dressed in a t-shirt, sandals, and blue jeans. Later, someone told me he was their "pastor."

I asked one of the women after the service why she attended this "church organization." She replied, "Because there are no rules?" What? I responded. Even God has at least Ten Rules!" She looked puzzled.

In 1 Timothy Paul instructed Timothy on the rules for godly conduct in the church of Jesus Christ.

Paul's letter to Timothy lays down household rules men must follow when entering the "House of God." Ever home has rules and so does God's House. When entering the palace of the King, know the rules. After all, He is the King of kings.

The term "church" refers to a congregation of believers who come together for teaching, prayer, breaking of bread, and fellowship (Acts 2:42).

The "house of God" would be a church gathering, not a church building. Four nouns describe this community of believers: house of God, church, pillar, and ground of truth.

Paul informs Timothy of his purpose in writing his letter: "that thou mayest know," a hina clause with a subjunctive holding out the possibility that Timothy and his readers might come to a full knowledge on how men "ought" (de) to behave themselves "in the house of God."

The words "know" (eido) means "to perceive with the eyes." Men building the apparatus of the church must possess knowledge and teach men how to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:9).

The term "ought" (dei) means "must." It expresses necessity.

The word "behave" (anastrepho) means "turn up side down, overturn, to turn back, to re-arrange." I.e. when men enter God's House after being in the work place, they must go home, do an about-face, clean up, turn over, change clothes, dress appropriately in order to meet with the King and His people for worship. Church picnics operate under a different set of rules.

By describing the church "as the pillar and ground of truth," Paul informs us that the local church ought to be a tower of gospel proclamation. Public schools and

universities are <u>not</u> pillars of the truth. More often than not they are posts that shelve the "doctrines of devils." -1 Timothy 4:1.

The nouns "pillar" and "truth" lack the definite article because the apostle is highlighting the quality and superlative value of the local church.

Paul established rules for decorum because "great is the mystery of godliness."

The Greek words "godly" or "godliness" are mentioned ten times in 1 Timothy. When applied to men, it refers to Christ-like conduct and decorum. God, not man, must be the standard for men's conduct. Godliness applies to conduct and decorum. But, Timothy faced a challenge because mankind's interest in godliness epitomizes skinny on a fat lady.

These rules are not theories but pragmatics of the early church. By "pragmatics" (pragmateuomai) we do not mean "what works" but what practices honor the Lord. "Occupy" (pragmateuomai) till I come," said Jesus.

39. The First Rule for the Church

Pray for All Men



Figure 37: Freepik

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;" - 1 Timothy 2:1-3

♦ The verb "exhort" (1:18) establishes the rule of prayer in churches so kingdom citizens can fulfill religious obligations of supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, kings, and all in authority.

"First of all" refers to the rules and duties of the church. Paul holds up prayer as the first duty of public worship.

Some grammarians advance sharp distinctions between the following terms, but the effort may be futile as these sarcedotal duties are closely intertwined. Nevertheless, consider the following: The word "supplications" (deasis) refers to the soul's occupation with specific human needs that people have during the course of life. Whitby thinks "deprecations are for the pardon of sin, and averting divine judgments."

"Prayers" (proseuche) refers to the soul's occupation with religious duty, worship, petitions, blessing, and praising God; "for the obtaining of all spiritual and temporal blessings" (Benson)

"Intercession" (enteuxis) refers to the soul's occupation for mediation regarding people's serious troubles, conflicts, sins, and the burdens: "addresses presented to God for the salvation of others" (Benson).

"Thanksgiving" (eurcharistias) refers to the soul's occupation with its blessings and the benefits of living under the care of our Heavenly Father.

Benson: "supplications — To prevent evil; prayers — To procure good; intercessions — On behalf of others; and giving of thanks — For mercies received; be made for all men — Chiefly in public

Three subjects / objects of prayer are mentioned: all men, kings, and all those in authority; i.e. prayer concerns itself with the spiritual and physical needs of people: needs for provision, morality, salvation, character, self-restraint, strength, protection, and wisdom.

"All men" need prayer . . . mercy . . . salvation! "All" includes friends and enemies, those near and those far, the likable and unlikable.

"Kings" refers to those who sit on the throne of state power; those "in authority" refer to officers in the apparatus of government.

Paul inform us that men (anthropos) have a great need for their eyes to be opened so they can see God's work of salvation in Christ.

The greatest work of prayer involves "all men (anthropos-men and women) to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

The greatest threat to God's work are spiritual "principalities (arche) and powers (exousia)" that presumptively possess imperialistic jurisdiction over God's work; that seek total dominion over the total man for total time; that compete with God for the affections of men. This may refer to political rulers who need wisdom; who need protection; who need constriction, who need a spirit of self-restraint to just leave believers alone and let them do their work (evangelism) for the Lord without government regulation and sanction.

"The makers of our Constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness. They recognized the significance of man's spiritual nature, of his feelings, and of his intellect. They knew that only a part of the pain, pleasure and satisfactions of life are to be found in material things. They sought to

protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. They conferred, as against the Government, the right to be let alone -- the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men" (Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 478).

Accurate prayer does not ask God to give government employees peace, but petitions God to affect government so Christians may be able to conduct their work in peace without harassment from the overreaching State.

The word "quiet" (eremos) means "still and tranquil" -- the opposite of kinetic religion.

Likewise the term "peaceful" (hesuchios) refers to inner calm, tranquility — the opposite of being locomotive irritation. Service to God in prayer must flow from a calm heart and a rational mind.

The word "honesty" (semnotes) refers to a life of honor, dignity, seriousness, respectability, and "time-honored" character. Trench says the term relates to gravity (gravitos) or those cherished values that have real weight -- the opposite of casualness and carelessness. It applies to inward character as well as to outward deportment and attire.

"Good and acceptable:" Prayer performs like a contract with an offer and acceptance. Prayer offered for all kinds and conditions of men is good and acceptable before God — something to claim after every prayer. When we pray we go before the throne of grace. Because our petitions are taken before a throne, we know that our Lord has the power and resources to grant our prayers; because he has a throne of grace, we have the confidence that the weaknesses of our person, and the weakness of our prayers will be overlooked.

Prayers are not offered to a reluctant God, but to a willing God who desires the salvation of all men . . . all kings . . . and all officials in government service.

Prayers offered with the sweet incense of Christ seem to have great power because the Mediator between God and Man gave Himself as a ransom for all.

40. The Second Rule for the Church

Select Qualified Men to Lead in Public Prayer

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 Timothy 2:8



Figure 38: Freepik

◆ The word "I will" (Bou, Iomai) does not refer to Paul's personal feelings, preferences, or desires.

"I will" refers to God's will by virtue of Paul's commission to be a preacher, apostle, and a teacher of the faith among the nations (2:7).

In other words, God expressed his will to Timothy through Paul's apostolic authority. They are the

"commandments of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 14:37).

The word "therefore" (ou=n) refers back to Paul's earlier instructions that prayer be the main priority of the church (2:1-5).

The word "men" is <u>not</u> "anthropos" but "andros." The word "anthropos" refers to all mankind which includes men and women. But, the word "andros" refers exclusively to the male population in the church; i.e., to men or males. Paul instructs the church to appoint qualified males to lead the church in public prayer. Women are excluded from this duty. But, so are many of the men. Not just any man may pray. Paul restricts the duty of prayer to a few qualified men.

There are **four qualifications** for leadership in public prayer:

First, Paul assigns the duty and privilege of prayer to men (not women);

Second, Paul limits the duty of prayer to holy men (lifting up holy hands);

Third, He limits the duty of prayer to happy men (without anger); and

Fourth, He further restricts the duty and privilege of prayer to hopeful men (without doubting). The word "doubting" comes from the Greek word "dialogismou." It means to "slice through" or "to speak through," or "to slice through an argument." We get our term "dialog" from this word. In this context, Paul eliminates contentious, dubious, questionable men from praying. Prayer requires faith and hope.

When it comes to prayer, women are forbidden to lead the congregation in prayer. That duty falls to men, but not just any man. Those who lead the congregation in prayer must be holy, happy, and hopeful.

41. The Third Rule for the Church

The Women are to Dress Modestly

"In like manner also, that women adorn (kosmos) themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; {broided: or, plaited} But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Timothy 2:9-10



Figure 39: Freepik

◆ The phrase, "In like manner" (w`sau,tws), performs as an adverb modifying the main verb in verse eight, "I will" (bou,lomai).

Paul does not say, "Just as I want men to pray, I want women to pray." Rather, Paul means, "Just as I have instructions for the men in the church (Rule 2), I also have instructions for the women in the church" (Rule 3).

The infinitive "to adorn" (kosmos) should connects to the main verb "I will" in verse 8: "I will (2:8) that women adorn themselves (2:9) . . ."

The word "adorn" (kosmi,w|) means "to arrange or to adorn." We get the word "cosmos," "cosmopolitan," and "cosmetics" from this term. Woman in every age want to look their best in public.

The apostle does not order women "to dress down" or not to be concerned about their dress. He instructs them to adorn themselves appropriately for church.

By using the word "apparel" (katastolh/|), Paul teaches woman about suitable clothing for worship. The Greek adjective (kosmi,w|) modifies the word "apparel." This in turn relates to the infinitive "to adorn" (kosmei/n). It could be translated "respectable" or "honorable." Women are to wear appropriate, proper, respectable apparel in church . . . and apparel suitable for the activity conducted. Modest dresses and skirts are appropriate in every age.

Two genitives ("of" in English) follow defining what Paul means by respectable. The first word "shamefacedness" (aivdou/j) functions as noun meaning "modest." Modesty opposes modifiers like "sexy," "revealing," and "alluring."

The phrase "not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments" addresses the opposite challenge of deportment and extravagance. God wants women to dress nicely but not "fit to kill."

What you wear and the clothing you choose has theological inferences. *People dress according to their religious beliefs whether those beliefs be right or wrong.* Does dressing in gray like a mummy from head to toe, or in transgender clothing, or in unisex garb that makes a woman looks like a man seem appropriate and proper dress?

The second word "propriety" (swfrosu,nh) expresses the apostle's concern about the woman's attitude about her wardrobe. It can be translated "sobriety" or "self-control," and it refers to the internal, orderly arrangement of a woman's mental and emotional state.

The term "good works/deeds" identifies a godly woman's behavior. Paul instructs Timothy to set standards for the kosmos of the outer woman (modest clothing), and the kosmos of the soul (propriety), and a woman's public behavior (good works). Real beauty (godliness) begins in the heart (propriety), projects itself in physical appearance (adornment), and expresses itself by good deeds (behavior).

Paul does not instruct the women to "dress down" or to hide their femininity, but to arrange themselves properly as a Godly woman in the assembly of the church. When attending a public assembly of God's people, women should adorn themselves respectfully and modestly, i.e., they are to be appropriately covered -- not "under dressed" (without modesty) or "overdressed" (with gold and pearl-braided hair and costly clothing).

Because male attraction to the opposite sex has a long established historic tradition, "dressing way up" or "dressing way down" can take the focus off Christ and place it where it does not belong, on women as women.

Paul aims his instruction at women "who profess godliness" and demonstrate it by their good works. He directs his application to the church, not the workplace. How a woman dresses at work or for recreation may be different than how she dresses in a public meeting of the church. But, even here those "who profess godliness" dress appropriately for the occasion.

42. Fourth Rule for the church

Let your women be silent

2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

♦ Paul continues his instructions on how men and women ought to behave in the church. The word "learn" (manqane,tw) appears as a present, active, imperative verb in Greek implying continuous durative action. It should be



Figure 40: Upsplash

translated, "Let a woman learn in . . ." We get the word "disciple" from the noun form of this word. Church should be a place of instruction about the gospel (1:10) and about Scripture (4:15). Women are to assume the role of a disciple in the church of Christ.

The phrases "in silence" and "in subjection" are prepositional phrases describing either the environment of her learning or the instrument of learning.

Women are to learn "in silence? (h`suci,a). The word implies just what it says, "silence" or "quietness." In Paul's defense (Acts 22:22) before the crowd at Jerusalem, the crowd became quiet (h`suci,an) when they heard Paul speak in Hebrew. In other words, Paul wants women to be quiet like this crowd when the

pastor speaks.

Women are also to learn "in all subjection." The word "subjection" (u`potagh) belongs in a military catalogue. It means "to arrange oneself under a superior." Though the context is not military service, the thought conveys agape submission to pastoral leadership. The adjective "all" (pa,sh|) defines "subjection," i.e. there are no exceptions. Feminists are non-plused by the term "submission," but Biblical men and godly women will pursue its requirements.

43. Fifth Rule for the Church

Women are not permitted to teach men.

2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 1 Timothy 2:12

ullet The verb "I suffer not" (evpitre,pw) should be translated, "I do not permit." This verb is in the indicative, the mood of reality.

Paul uses "I", not as a male-chauvinist-rabbi, but Paul the apostle-not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead (Galatians 2:7)!

What does the apostle mean by "I do not permit a woman to teach or to usurp authority over the man."



Figure 41: Freepik

The word "teach" comes from the Greek infinitive "dida, skein." It refers to the act of teaching. The word "usurp" comes from the Greek word "auvqentei/n." Originally, auvqentei/n meant "to kill a man."

Later, it came to mean "having absolute authority over a man." Two negatives are used in the verse (ouvk, ouvde.). The negative forbids the action of teaching or the exercising the authority over males in some pastoral

function.

The phrase "over men" should be translated "of men" (a genitive). I.e. "I do not permit a woman to teach or to have the authority of men" in the church.

God calls women to take a learning role in the assembly of God's people and not in a teaching role where men are present. This does not mean, however, women cannot teach other women, teach the youth in a church, or hold a staff position in a church. Paul expects women to disciple other women and to teach their children (Titus 2:2-5); i.e., gifted women have a responsibility to teach two-thirds of the church—other women and the children. But, God has not given our lovely sisters the responsibility to pastor a congregation.

Only rebel women pursue the role of a pastor; and, a congregation who calls a woman to preach commits apostasy.

Men must be discipled by other qualified men, not by women. Likewise, women disciple women in the order of Titus 2:3-5.

This restriction on teaching males in church does not mean that a women has nothing to teach men or that in common communication a women cannot speak her mind or give her opinion on a subject. God forbid! Godly sisters have helped many a man from straying from the truth. But, this restriction does eliminate the female pastor-teacher enterprise in every church that names the Name of Christ.

44. Sixth Rule for Church

Elders / pastors must strive to meet the standards of godly leadership

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless... the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach... For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?... Not a novice,..." – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

"The Bible is clear that men are to be the elders/pastors/bishops/shepherds of local churches. The overseer, Paul tells us, should be the "husband of but one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2). He should manage his own family well (verse 4-5). In his instructions to Titus, Paul, once again, emphasized that the elders of the church should be men- "husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient" (Titus 1:6). (Nigerian Pastor – Renewed Mind –'How Covert Feminism Destroys the Christian Family')

♦ "This is a true saying" is Paul's way of authoritatively setting up standards a churchman must attain before he performs pastoral duties in the church. The following marks of maturity are found in the person and character of Christ.

While many men have "spiritual drives," business men, plumbers, engineers, and other novices turned pastor are not qualified to hold the office of overseer.

It takes years of training, discipline, study and preparation to hold the office of a pastor. If you are new to the ministry, consider calling yourself a minister of the gospel or apprentice in training rather than "pastor."

Because godliness follows maturity, all churchmen would do well to make these conventions the ambition of their life. And, the church would do well to wait and pray than to lay hands suddenly on an unqualified man (ordination - 5:22).

45. Seventh Rule for the Church

The man-pastor must guard himself and teach sound doctrine

4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart (apostasy) from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; - 1 Timothy 4:1

♦ Paul explains the reason for establishing the rules of the church. He dedicates a whole chapter to instructing Timothy on the necessity of grounding churches on the authority of Scripture.

Knowing, reading, reciting, studying, and guarding the pillars of the gospel is essential because of the spirit of apostasy at work in every age.

"the Spirit speaketh expressly" raises the question when did the Spirit reveal this? Does the Old Testament address this subject? One would be hard pressed to find an answer to this question in the gospels.

Apparently, the Spirit revealed this to Paul before he wrote this letter.

The adverb "expressly" (rhetos) means directly and specifically; i.e. the Spirit spoke to Paul directly and specifically. That the Spirit speaks "expressly" to men and women in our time after the formation of the canon adds to the apostasy of our time.

'in the latter times" refers to all ages prior to the return of Christ. Is there a qualified man among us who can say with absolute certainty that we are living in the last days of the latter times? Where is he, we want to know.

"shall depart from the faith" references a period of apostasy that will take place before the return of the Lord. The word "apostasy" (aphistami) refers to a dangerous departure from the faith. Apostasy does not include doctrinal error, differing doctrinal positions, struggles with the faith, backsliding, or leaving one denomination to go to another. It deals with leaving the Christian faith and joining a completely different religion -- a religion organized around "seducing spirits" and "doctrines of devils."

Can you hear the snake's hissing and the Devil's duplicity here? The doctrines of evolution, reincarnation, communism, LGBTQueer "marriages," feminism, abortion, homosexuality, and gender-bender notions come to mind.

"the faith" - the word faith carries with it the definite article to identify "the Christian faith" or "the gospel." Leaving "the faith" to go to "another faith" is apostasy. See the Greek adjective heteros (another) in Galatian 1:6).

The adjective pronoun "some" (tives), an indefinite pronoun, refers to a minor shift by a few and **not** a major movement out of "the faith."

It may prove impossible to list all the ways men can depart from the faith, but Paul lists a few of the "lies" coming from "hypocrites" (stoics, gnostics, ascetics) in his times: abstinence from marriage and certain "meats" of the day.

4:11 These things command and teach.

Paul requires Timothy to establish these rules dogmatically and accurately by giving him two imperatives: "command" and "teach."

"These things" refers to the gospel and its pragmatic rules for godliness in the church -- an accusative pronoun hemmed in between the two imperatives.

4: 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

"Take heed" (epecho), an imperative in the emphatic position, packs a powerful punch. It calls men "to pay close attention to," "to watch," "to guard yourself," and "to hold" to this duty. Two indirect objects are mentioned: "thyself" and "doctrine." The indirect object (dative) answers the question, "take heed to what?"

The second imperative, a present, active imperative, indicates that "taking heed" to personal and doctrinal integrity is not a onetime event, but a constant, ongoing, everyday duty.

The apostle required Timothy to apply the pragmatics (practices) of the gospel first to himself, and secondly to the church because the subtleties of sin and apostasy are always at work in the man. The angel selling fruits from the Poisonous Tree knocks on the minister's door every day.

Therefore, his ministry must be firmly grounded on Sola Scriptura -- the authority of the Holy Scriptures (4: 9, 13, 16); i.e. he must continually add fuel to the furnance to remain in the faith.

A Bible teacher must study the Word hours a day to "take heed" to "doctrine" (didakalia) and to insure that he stays within the boundaries of the Christian faith. In so doing, the minister will save himself and others from the apostasy mentioned in 4:1.

There are other church rules in 1 Timothy for governing a church, and pastors would do well to discover them.



46. To This Woman Will I Look

"But to this woman (man) will I look: even to her that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word." - Isaiah 66:2

Figure 42: Freepik ♦ A friend informed me that he has never met a humble woman. His observations are acute. Where have all the humble women gone in America?

Feminists are training young women by the millions to be odious, head-wagging, finger-shaking scorpions that no man can live with.

But, the apostle Peter describes the beautiful woman as having a "meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price."

Oh, that we had more humble women like Mary who said, "Behold, I am the **handmaid of the Lord**. May it be done to me according to your word."

Isaiah offers believers a promise.

The word "look" (nabat) in Isaiah 66:2 means to gain the attention of. How can a Holy God be attracted to shapely, yakety-yak women wearing slinky dresses and plastered with red lip stick? He hears and answers the prayers of humble (poor), broken women who tremble at His Word."

Will you be one of them?

47. The Priceless Proverbs 31 Woman

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN



♦ Our Lord has provided a Biblical model for Christian women in every age and every culture.

The Spirit presents the woman of great price in contrast to the seductive vixen that robs men of virtue and drains them of manliness in verse 30:3 and the odious woman that disquiets the world in 30:23.

Lemuel may be describing the golden assets of his queen mother.

Figure 43; Bible Images All Christian women are aware of this passage of Scripture. Most chuckle when they read it, but very few take it seriously. Most women do NOT want to be like this precious gem. Modernists want to be a cross between the painted women on the front cover of Cosmopolitan Magazine and Jessica Rabbit. Great Christian women are a cross between Betty Crocker and Virgin Mary.

Furthermore, feminists in the church hate the Proverbs 31 model (29:10) beause their own pea-size brains pumped full of secular nonsense tells them that to be important they must escape kitchen duty and do the paper shuffle in the push and shove of Wall Street.

Her value

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

"Who can find a virtuous woman?"

The answer is closer to "nobody" than "somebody." Neither David nor Solomon found this prize (Ecclesiastes 7:26), but Boaz and Elkanah discovered these treasures in Ruth and Hannah (Ruth 2; 1 Samuel 1-2).

A man can't buy this gem, he's not rich enough . . . and besides, she's not for sale.

Her trustworthiness

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

The virtuous woman holds the heart of her husband in the palm of her hands. She can crush him or set him free to be the man God calls him to be. She chooses freedom for him and thralldom for herself. Taking up the cross, she dies to daily to self. What a gem?

For a man to be emotionally vulnerable and to trust his wife with his precious all challenges the core of a man. Likewise, women are challenged to the core to let go of the reigns and to trust her husband. But, this woman did. In so doing, she overcame the curse of Eve and her natural impulse to micromanage her husband (Genesis 3:16). But, it gets better still. Not only did she let go of her impulse to control her husband, she submitted herself to him as head of the home and let him guide her.

Her good

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Instead of being a harping bloodsucker that drains a man of his will to live, this woman improved the man by ministering to his needs and bringing joy into his life. This woman pursued his interest and promoted his honor.

Men are easy to please as they only have three basic needs: respect, affection, and a hot meal. Most wives can't fulfill any of these, but virtuous women meet all of their husband's needs and then some.

Her hands

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

The outstanding feature of this woman was not her lips or her hips, but her cracked and chaffed hands. The Spirit draws attention to this woman's hands which He mentions six times in this passage. He mentions no other physical features of this woman. Why?

She did not have painted finger nails nor would her hands make it on the cover of "Beyoutiful Magazine." Her palms showed evidence of love: short broken nails, chapped, calloused, cut and rough from milking goats, weaving blankets, sewing clothes, cooking meals, washing dishes, making candles, and brushing her children's hair with a smile on her face. This woman had no tattoos on her hips. The scars on her hands and her work in the home declare her honor.

Her commercial skills

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

This woman deserves the title of a shopper's shopper with coupons in hand and with an eye for quality products at reasonable prices. "Ships" is plural. This patron visits local farmer's markets, camel caravan markets, and shipping-freight markets in search of merchandise for her family.

Her daily habits

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

This early-bird matron rising before the rooster crows to prepare meals for her husband, children, and servants.

Modern women don't have handmaids, they have mechanical servants: washing machines, dryers, electric lights, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, and other tools that service the needs of a household.

Her investment savvy

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She loathes careless and reckless spending. A careful invester, she knows how to navigate on the rough seas of commerce. An acute observer of real estate sales and market trends, she unilaterally purchases usable property -- a vineyard to grow grapes and to supply the needs of her family. The Spirit mentions her precious hands a second time. This time they are in the dirt.

Her strength

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

This description does not refer to her muscles or her physical strength . . . but to her moral courage. Often tired, she forces herself to do chores -- a sign of mind over matter, and the will over wants.

Her work day

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

Acquiring good merchandise informs us this is not a bland Walmart dogwag wearing spandex suckin' on a bottle of Mountain Dew, but a woman with discriminating tastes -- a matron in pursuit of excellence. The Spirit presents her as an early bird in the morning and an owl by night. Sleep? Yes, she sleeps, but it doesn't control her.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

This beauty mastered the spinning wheel like modern wives excel in sewing skills. She's a pragmatist, not a dreamy idealist trying to solve the problems in international politics with no ring on their left hand.

Under like modern women who have divided loyalties to a husband, family, friends, bosses, church organizations, and political party promotions, this woman focuses on supplying the needs of her family, and NOT organizing a political protest.

Her kindness

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

No one can accuse this matron of being a self-centered narcissist. Moved by compassion for the poor, she does all she can to relieve human suffering.

Her provision for the family

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

This woman clothes her family in raiment fit for a royal family. She choses "Scarlet", the regal color of kings. Even the color "scarlet" feels warm.

Her regal dress

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

"coverings" and "tapestry" refer to blankets and bed coverings. A modest woman she dresses in the finest of fabrics; i.e. in her wardrobe hang vestments fit for a queen.

Her husband and his status

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Her care in the home frees her husband to take part in legal and commercial matters at the city gates.

Her home business

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

She not only makes clothes for her family, but she has a wholesale business providing homemade clothing to city merchants.

Her character and confidence

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

"Strength" and "honor" refer to her sparkling character. Because she works and supplies the needs of her family she not only has no fear of the future, the joy of her accomplishments and the pride in her work twinkle with confidence on her happy face.

Her kind wisdom

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Because of the chatty nature of most women, Rabbis teach that a good woman should always be silent. The Gem in this chapter was not a chatterbox nor did she take a vow of silence. When she opens her mouth, she speaks with goldplated wisdom.

Her focus

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

This woman captures the attention of the Spirit from his watchtower in heaven because of the efficient and refreshing manner in which she balances her duties and manages the details of her domestic calling. By using the verb "looketh well" and the noun "bread of idleness" the Spirit draws attention to this woman's intelligent perceptions and her dutifulness to prosper her family business.

Her praise

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Neither her husband nor her children are mumbling moaners. Rather, they only have platinum praises for this cherished mother. All their thoughts about this golden treasure to the family tastes like honey.

Her excellence

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

the phrase "many daughters" reflects tender affection. "Virtuously" (chayil) refers to one's strength -- the power of an army.

Not only do her husband and children praise her, the Spirit of God sheds light on her beauty and supremacy -- she excels above all the blond bombshells in the market place.

Her inspiration

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

"Favour" (chen) refers to "graces," assets, or "charm."

Because she works under the eye of the Lord, praise surrounds her. A Godconscious woman, she stands out like a rose among men-conscious social climbers.

She works to please him when only He can see and judge. No one can accuse her of being a people-pleaser because whe walks in a "manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

Men love charm and beauty. The world has hundreds of industries dedicated to enhancing the allure and glamour of women, but these coveted features are deceitful because they add nothing to the family and more often than not they disguise the ugly sins of anger and bitterness. The crown of glory on this lovely woman represents the fear of the LORD -- a golden asset that honors the sovereignty, holiness, and majesty of the one, true God -- the expression of her faith.

Her reward

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

"her own works praise her in the gates;" observant men count her works and name them one by one. The mere mentioning of them trumpets her worth . . . and no words can add to her orchestra of honor.

Modern women would do well to model this Gem. Don't be discouraged. Life involves time and growth. Grow in the fear of the Lord. Employ your hands; develop life skills; and cloth your tongue with kindness. Set your sights on pleasing the Lord and one day people will rise up to sing your praises.

Remember the Hope: Our Heavenly Father is the God of recovery Who sent His only Son to save His people from their sins - (Matthew 1:21).

48. Eight Gems Owned by Godly Women

Titus 2:3-5

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

♦ This instruction is for women seeking godliness and is wholly unsuitable for feminists climbing up the corporate ladder.

The word "teach" or "train", a subjunctive expressing a wish, should be the occupation of older, mature woman; i.e. to train young wives to possess eight precious virtues owned by godly women.

Older women should teach younger women the skills and disciplines needed to have a successful home and marriage. Experienced wives and mothers will find their greatest avenue of ministry in teaching younger <u>wives</u> what they need to know to be effective wives, mothers, and homemakers. ~ John MacArthur



Figure 44: Freepik

Observe the eight precious gems owned by women professing godliness – gems "more precious than rubies":

The first gem possessed by Christian women - "to be sober."

The word "sober" (sophronizo) conveys the thought of controlling one's senses. Knowing that history reflects much on the hysteria of women, Paul exhorts older women to train younger women on how to control their minds and emotions.

"Sober" would also involve sobriety, controlling appetites for food and drink, and monitoring one's figure and weight.

No one is at their best when they are driven by disinformation in the mind or fear, anger, or despondency in the heart.

Practically, Paul wanted the older women to teach younger women to tether their thoughts, to "zip the lip," and to put reins on their fears.

The second gem possessed by Christian women -- "to love their husbands."

The word "love" in this text is not agape love, but philandrous; i.e. a practical, caring, hands-on type love. Generally speaking, pagan women don't have a clue about loving their man. Many are good at demanding, complaining, and socializing, but they are <u>not</u> good at meeting the needs of their husbands. They

are good at eating, sleeping, partying, and watching soap operas, but they are not good at understanding their man and following his rules for the home. The needs of a man are simple and few and most women don't have a clue about what they are. Most men can be quite happy if they come home to (A) a good meal and an ordered home, (B) a loving affectionate wife, and (B) a woman that respects his authority and follows his rules for the home.

In troubled marriages, you will find a woman from Venus driven by romantic idealism or a cold grouchy, complaining woman from Urnanus that barks orders at her husband like a Chihuahua on GNC "Rip Fuel."

No man can long endure coming home to a woman who opens a can of beans, is as cool as a cucumber, and drills him like a killer carrot.

A wife that's coughing out criticism like a sputtering tail pipe isn't very attractive. A woman who can't cook, is too tired for a bedroom rendezvous, and whose conversation is filled with bitter protests will find herself as lonely as an orphan hound. No man wants to come home to a barking dog.

Therefore, mature Christian women are exhorted to teach younger woman how to cook a tasty meal, keep a clean, orderly house, how to care for her husband's need for intimacy, and to weigh her words so that they are always respectful and edifying. No barbs allowed! An angry, neck jerking, motor mouth, in-your-face feminist will find herself looking to the government for food stamps.

The third gem possessed by Christian women - to "love their children."

Most mothers think of "love" as rule-bending indulgence or ooey gooey, marshmallow permissiveness – the kind of over-protective love that has disaster written all over it. Love must be defined. We dare not draw upon a pagan definition of love or the psychological model of love. Know that love springs from law, not feelings, and can be defined as obeying God's commandments:

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

The home is the institution of education. Parental duty includes training children in the basic skills that they need to be successful in life. This training consist of training children to obey God's law . . . but not necessary the fickleness of man-made statutes. Accepting responsibility leads to freedom under God. Under government, people become lap dogs for the State.

In devout God-fearing homes children are taught the law of the LORD God, His judgments, and His commands. When a woman teaches her children to love the LORD God and to keep his commandments, her children grow up responsible and happy.

Pagan women who yell and scream build their houses near Mount Vesuvius. Christian mothers build their homes near the tree of life, and bring their children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The fourth gem possessed by Christian women - to be "discreet."

The word discreet (sophronizo) is a reference to self-control.

Self-control is a rose in the bonnet of a good woman. It refers to the thermostat on her emotions and the filter on her mouth. It is the opposite of being anxious, worried, or loquacious. Pagan women are easily governed by their idealism and emotions. Husband and home are often neglected for more important matters like organizing a lobster empathy rally. Pagan women are known for their explosive emotions and sharp tongues. When troubles arise, a carnal woman can become a chatty-Cathy, a worrywart, or as critical as the Washington Post about a Republican candidate. Pagans are not called "Bi....s" for nothing. Christian women trust God for all things and exercise control over their minds, emotions, and tongue. For a sharp, bitter tongue set on fire by hell will burn a house to the ground.

The fifth gem possessed by Christian women -- to be "chaste" and pure (hagnos).

Purity is the pearl of virtues. The word "pure" reminds us of snowflakes, of the pristine waters of a high mountain stream, of a clear blue sky with cotton like clouds, and a tall glass of crystal clear water. The word "purity" refers to moral goodness, modesty, and singularity of devotion to God and family. It is the opposite of sophisticated. Purity can be difficult to find in a world where the air is foul and the streams are muddy. Godless souls like to build their homes near the Poisonous Tree.

Christian wives are known for their pure thoughts, sound words, and good works. They are aware of women who sleep under the Poisonous Tree, who wear the attire of prostitutes, and who have wasps on their lips. But they are spiritually grieved by their grim ways. Christian women drink from the water of life, dress modestly, and adorn themselves with clothes that complement their femininity. They decorate their homes with greenery from the tree of life, and anoint their lips with the law of kindness.

The sixth gem possessed by Christian women -- "to be keepers at home" (oikouros).

"Keepers at home" should be contrasted with the seductress whose feet are never at home and always on the street (Proverbs 7), and the feminist who believes her highest calling is to sit in the CEO chair of some corporation.

Many pagan women like to socialize, flit around, and mingle with the boys. The Christian woman, however, focuses her energies on building her home.

Pagan women are a cross between a viper and a barking chihuahua; godly women are a cross between Virgin Mary and Betty Crocker.

Christian wives are homemakers intensely devoted to their family and its prosperity. In a godly home you can hear the vacuum cleaner running, washing machines turning, and children working and laughing.

A woman who leaves the home and runs for public office takes a step down. There is no higher calling for a woman than that of being a wife and mother, and there is no lower state on earth than a woman in public office.

A Christian housewife looking diligently to the affairs of her family was the standard in Puritan New England:

In seventeenth century New England no respectable person questioned that a woman's place was in the home. By the laws of Massachusetts as by those of England a married woman could hold no property of her own. When she became a wife, she gave up everything to her husband and devoted herself exclusively to managing his household. Henceforth her duty was to "keep at home, educating her children, keeping and improving what is got by the industry of the man." (Edmund S. Morgan, The Puritan Family (New York, 1944), p. 42.)

One should not underestimate the impact of feminist, social engineers upon the Christian family. Lusting for a greater tax base, politicians saw homemakers as a "human resource" for government. Thus, in the 1970's, feminism was born. Suddenly, women found themselves out of the home working in factories or sitting in some high rise office juggling accounting tasks.

Financed by the Banksters, Gloria Steinem and others captained their feminist's agenda. A pseudo war on women was announced wherein women were pushed out of the home and into the working world. Men's wages were reduced, and all of a sudden it took two incomes to provide for the family. Even teenagers had to find part time jobs to support the family.

Consequently, it became increasingly difficult for Christian women to be "keepers at home." Even in the best homes, the women are forced into the workplace to help pay the family bills for periods of time. While it is still possible for a woman to "be a keeper at home," the challenges are substantial. Husband and wife will have to seek the LORD God and carefully plan how they can work together to keep mom at home with the kids.

The seventh gem possessed by Christian women -- to be "good" (agathos).

The meaning behind "good" is that of kind heartedness. Pagan women are known for catty behavior and tongues as sharp as a butcher's knife. Christian women are known for their generous, gracious spirit.

The "good" here must <u>not</u> be defined by man, but defined by God. When modern women define "good" they describe a woman working in an office on the top floor of some skyscraper in a big city.

"Good" is defined by God's law. It is *good* for a woman to be keepers at home. It is good for a wife to honor her husband and to arrange herself under his authority. It is good for a woman to share the fruits of her labor with her neighbors and to be a "stay-at-home" mom with her children.

The eighth gem possessed by Christian women -- to be "obedient to their own husbands."

Carnal women tend to follow their frivolous inclinations. Furthermore, they see themselves in competition with men fighting to the bitter end for supremacy in the home. Pagan women view "marriage" as a partnership run on democratic principles. The cultic religion of feminism drifts towards matriarchal homes where the men are nothing but sperm donors under the powerful thumb of adominating hellcat.

But, not so with Biblical women.

Those professing godliness understand that God-appointed men to be the head of the home, and that He called women to be "helpmeets" in furthering the purposes of God in the family.

The eighth gem owned by godly women is love (*philandros*) for her husband; i.e. to love him in practical, need-meeting ways. We get the word "philanthropy" from this Greek word which means to promote the welfare of another. In the context, it means that she understands her husband's needs and finds practical ways of ministering to him.

Paul wanted to make sure that older Christian women return to the foundations of authority as set up by God in Genesis; i.e. to train women "to obey" their husbands and avoid repeating Eve's disastrous transgression.

The word for "obey" is hupotasso -- a military term representing the subordination of soldiers to their commander. A present passive participle, it should be rendered as "be keepers of the home for good, while being obedient to their husbands." Know that the seventh gem and the eighth gem are closely connected. As young women captain their home, they are to be mindful of their husband's supreme command and to order the home under the parameters set by their king.

The grand reason that older women need to teach younger women the marks of Christian womanhood is so the "word of God be not blasphemed." The word "blasphemed" means "to speak against." Here is a quote from the "evil Bible," an atheist network:

The problem with their Christian approach lies not only in an oftnoted failure to practice what they preach, but an equally pronounced tendency to ignore what the Bible itself, preaches.

Paul claims the Name of God was blasphemed among the Gentiles on account of the evil deeds of the Jews (Romans 2:24; see Ezekiel 36:20-23), and he did not want the error repeated in the church. i.e. in obeying their husbands, Christian women have an opportunity to glorify God by their reverent conduct in the home. There are none as intolerant as those who preach tolerance. The eye of pagans is upon Christians and they are more than ready to indict Christian women for practicing "hypocrisy to the highest degree" than to approve of their occupation.

The atheist rant continues:

Christians practice what can only be described as "selective morality". What they like, they cling to and shove down other's throats; what they don't like, they ignore vehemently.

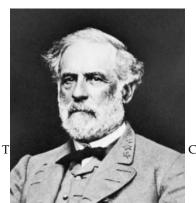
In this case, the critics[2] of Christianity, have tossed a two-ringer horseshoe.

Thus, Christian women and men must revisit the Third Commandment and seek to be true men who do not take the name of the LORD God in vain.

- [1] Sophisticated: worldly-wise; not naive; manipulative and misleading; complex and intricate.
- [2] But, it is not only Christians that practice "selective morality," the humanist is ten times the villain picking and choosing his morality like a picky customer at flea market. He demands government and all its institutions practice the same godlessness. Removing the Ten Commandments and prayer from schools and "transgender" accommodations come to mind.

49. Six Marks of Christian Manhood

A boy must grow into a man and become a man before he can take on his life work.



Though churches have plenty of males in attendance, they appear to have very few men.

A man is more than a male, being a man involves Christ-like character. Character that Paul outlines in Titus.

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Titus 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

The word "aged men" comes from the Greek word presbutas which refers to one's age in years. Six marks of mature manhood are identified:

Sober (nephaleos): Literally the word means free from the addiction of alcohol; i.e. in his right mind.

Spiritually, however, it refers to *sweet reasonableness* that characterizes grandfathers -- the opposite of being emotional and irrational; angry and bitter; subjective and glandular. Sober refers to a man with personal disciplines void of addictions to illegal substances or over indulgence in eating and feasting.

Grave (semnos): This word refers to being "respectable" or "venerable" or "reverend" or "serious." The ESV translates the word "dignified."

The mature Christian looks, speaks, and acts like a man of honor and dignity regardless of his economic status in society. A gentle man he carries his head high with shoulders up. Made in God's image, he stands tall secure in Christ's love and affection. He is serious rather than silly; respectful, rather than disgraceful; sharp rather than banal; neat rather than disheveled.

A man's attire reflects his theology. His appearance says "excellent" and "appropriate."

Temperate (*sophron*): This word can be translated "*self-control*." It refers to sanity of mind and the ability to harness one's desires. Self-control forms the foundation for leadership. A man who cannot control his own lusts and temper makes a lousy leader.

God's man must be a moderate man, in control, not given to excess laughter, anger, or food and drink. He controls his desires, his mind, his speech, and his actions.

Furthermore, *sophron* is the one and <u>only</u> command given to younger men in verse six. Life requires all a man's strength to throttle the engines at work in his person. A man must conquer himself before he tries to conquer the world. A man must lead himself before he can lead a wife.

Thus, the Scriptures identify the first requisite of leadership as self-control. Never trust a rash man. He will poke out your eye, crush your hopes, and eat your heart.

Sound in faith (hugiaino ta pistis): Older men are exhorted to be healthy and whole in the faith, to be mature and balanced in doctrine having studied the whole of God's Revelation.

A holy man practices a life of study and applies himself to learn all the Books of the Bible as well as the major doctrines in Systematic Theology. The Bible man discerns between truth and error. Furthermore, he makes appropriate applications of Scripture to his own life and family. Terms like balanced, wholeness, grounded in truth come to mind.

Charity (agape): The word "charity" refers to agape love. The mature man possesses grace and love. While a gentle man, he trains himself in self-defense skills and may be armed. He excels in love because he has a canon of love; i.e. he defines love by God's law for "love is a fulfilling of the law." He does not define love as romantic feelings or a slobbering display of ooey-gooey affection. Love springs from his commitment to law.

The loving man must be a lawful man; i.e. His neighbors feel no fear for themselves or their property. Do not misinterpret courtesy as something passive or weak. A man of steel and velvet, he lacks those qualities associated with chocolate coated, Boo Boo Bear Cereals. He does not believe love solves all human problems. Hate for evil and workers of iniquity also drives the man (Psalm 97:10).

He makes room for tough-love and the rule of law. In fact, he defines love by law, not personal feelings. The charitable man has convictions, and some government has his name on their hate-list (1 John 3:13). While a lawful man, he may not be a "legal" man; i.e. being in conformity to zillions of Caesar's laws does not concern him, because he nurtures a vigorous commitment to the simplicity of the law of Christ.

Patience (*hupomeno*): The Greek word *hupomeno* means to "remain under." It refers to that excellence of spirit that continues to be godly even under pressure -- that quality of life that loves and shows grace even when the man experiences personnel adversities.

Patience has the ability to love a wife and play with children even when depressed and burdened down by the pressures at work. The mature man does not run from problems. He stays on the Potter's Wheel even though under the painful process of sanctification. He does not revolt when "poured from vessel to vessel" (Jeremiah 48:11). Though he has a cross to bear, piety oozes from his pores.

Develop these qualities and you will be well on your way to being the man God wants you to be.



Addendum

The Restoration of God's Law Order in the Church by Exposing Feminism



Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

50. The Biggest Problem in America



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♦ At last, someone has recognized one of the biggest problems for families in America.

Federal Reserve nominee Stephen Moore on Tuesday said that the decline in male earnings over the last 25 years has been "the biggest problem" in the United States'.

Moore said on CNBC's "Squawk Box" he does not have a problem with women earning the same as men, but he warned a drop in men's earnings "has very negative consequences" for the economy and society.

"The biggest problem I see in the economy over the last 25 years is what has happened to male earnings, for black males and white males as well. They've been declining, and i.e. I think, a big problem," Moore advised. "Look, I want everybody's wages

to rise, of course, but people are talking about women's earnings — they have risen. The problem has actually been the steady decline in male earnings, and I think we should pay attention to that because I think that has very negative consequences for the economy and for society." (Trent Baker, Bretbart News, 5/1/2019).

Moore is correct! Feminism and its emphasis on "equality" is destroying the male role in society and the family. A country led by women making as much or more than men is headed for the graveyard of nations.



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51. What Does the Bible Say About Female Warriors

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman (ish'shah) shall not wear that which pertaineth (kelee') unto a man (geber), neither shall a man put on a woman's garment (simlah):

for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God

♦ If you have been conditioned by Hollywood watching mythological figures like Wonder Woman, She-Hulk, and Zena the Warrior Princess while growing

up, you may be surprised to learn that God disapproves of women generals, female judges, and "bad ass" wrestlers like Barbie Blank-Souray.

Who isn't mesmerized by Peggy Carter and her super hero feminine mystique? But, she played a fictional character that isn't remotely related to reality.

Both nature and Scripture provide ample evidence that women in combat, law-enforcement, and judicial roles are an abomination to the LORD God.

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

A Lesson from Nature

Live Science explains the dimorphism between men and women this way: "

Peacocks far outclass peahens, for instance, while female anglerfish both outsize and outwit their tiny, rudimentary, parasitic male counterparts."

- Pound for pound, men are 2/3rds stronger than women. Their muscles and cartilage are stronger and more durable than females.
- Men have flat chests built for work and combat. Women are the only primates that are busty all the time.
- Men are goal orientated and very focused. Women have the ability to adapt to changing circumstances much better than men.
- Men conquer through power and sheer determination; women conquer through peace and compromise.



Figure 47; Freepik

- Men have lower pitched voices that command and soothe; women have high pitched voices making it painful to listen to them.
- Men are made for combat; women are made for nurturing. Nature has not equipped women for soldiering.

Forget Wonder Woman and Zena the Warrior Princess as these stereo types fictions have no application to the real world which God has created; that a 125 pound female movie star playing the role of a police woman can out

karate five 200 pound men ONLY happens in the imaginations of brain script writers dreaming of Supershe Island of the coast of Finland.

A Lesson from Scripture

Deuteronomy 22:5 The woman (ish'shah) shall not wear that which pertaineth (kelee') unto a man (geber), neither shall a man put on a woman's garment (simlah): for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

<u>First</u>, this command prohibits cross-dressing by men and women. Clothing styles vary from generation to generation, and people are free to wear any style they wish with one exception.

Women are restricted from wearing clothes distinctive to men, and men are barred from wearing women's apparel.

The Holy Scripture defines normal. Anything contrary to God's law is abnormal. Thus, acceptance of cross dressing and transvestism provides evidence we live in a sick, deformed society.

Second, in Hebrew the most common word for man is *ish* and the word for woman is *isha* or *ish'shah*.

But, in this text the Hebrew word for man is *geber* which refers to a male that is a "strong one."

While the term *geber* refers to an *ish*, it refers to a particular kind of *ish* – a powerful, strong man like a judge or a soldier. All "*gebers*" are 100% male (*ish*), but not every *ish* is a *geber* (Genesis 6:4; Exodus 12:37; Joshua 10:2; 2 Samuel 1:25).

Joshua 1:14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men (gebori) of valour, and help them;

<u>Third</u>, notice the difference between the two Hebrews words that refer to clothing in our text: *simlah* and *kelee'*.

The term *simlah* refers to clothing of all types (garments or wraps), and the term kelee' refers to equipment and accessories belonging to a soldier or judge.

Deuteronomy 1:41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war (kelee'), ye were ready to go up into the hill.

Isaiah 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument (kelee': weapon) for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

When we associate *geber* with a *kelee'* we understand that the passage not only seeks to constrain people from wearing clothing distinctive of the opposite sex, but that **the command** *specifically* **prohibits women from wearing military gear**

distinctive to a soldier: combat weapons, knives, spears, swords, boots, breastplates, arms wraps, helmets, and knapsacks.

<u>Fourth</u>, notice that God addresses women first and men second. Why? Possibly, because history has shown us that women have a propensity to want to be like men . . . to have their role in society . . . and to rule over them.

In Genesis, God addressed Eve after the fall:

"Unto the woman (ish'shah) he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy **desire** (teshuwqah) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule (mashal) over thee" (Genesis 3:16).

The English word for "desire" comes from the Hebrew word "teshuwqah" which can refer to the desire of a woman to dominate and control a man. Note how these two Hebrew words are used by God toward Cain informing him of sin's power exerting itself in order to control him.

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be its **desire** (teshuwqah), but you must **rule** (mashal) over it.

I.e. just as sin sought to control and dominate Cain, women have a universal desire (*teshuwqah*) to rule over their husbands and to control them. But, its worse than this. Because men are prone to shuck responsibility, many wives feel compelled to do what that man refuses to do.

The human race fell because Eve sought to usurp authority over Adam. To prevent her sin from being repeated, the LORD God assigned her a role under the authority and protection of her husband.

In the ancient Chaldean language the symbol for husband was a horn (\sim) over a tent-shaped like symbol (\cap) which referred to the chief bull and protector of the wife in the home.

From these texts we learn that God has a plan for the sexes and that a healthy society makes a distinction between men and women. God made men to be leaders in the home, church, and nation and He strictly forbids women from having authority over men. God's purpose for women is to be a helpmeet to their husbands . . . not the commander.

This can be seen in God's instruction to the church.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer **not** a woman (Heb: Ishshah) to teach, nor **to usurp authority** (authentio) over the man, but to be in silence.



The pronoun "I" does not refer to Paul's preferences, but to his authority in Christ as an apostle to the churches.

In this text, the apostle prohibits women from exercising authority over men in the church.

The English word for authority comes from the Greek word "authentio" which refers to the power to kill a man with one's bare hands. The ultimate authority

over anything is to power to kill a thing. Thus, the apostle forbids women from having authoritative-teaching-leadership roles over men in the church; i.e. they are not permitted to pray over the congregation (2:9) or to hold the office of a pastor. In fact, they are exhorted to remain silent – something as difficult for carnal women as being quiet when attacked by hornets (see 1 Corinthians 14:28).

Illustration

Thus, the Holy Scripture forbids Christian sisters from exerting authority over men in the family, the church, and the nation. These prohibitions eliminate any position of women over men such as a judge in the judiciary, soldier in the armed forces, or being a captain over men in law-enforcement.

Feminist will seek positions of power where they can have authority over men: The courts and Congress are full of them. What the feminists call "progress"



should be correctly labelled "societal regression".

Don't hear what is not being said. We are not saying that women are inferior to men or that their role in society is unimportant. God forbid! Women are often more talented than their husbands in many areas of life. Roles are about law, not talent.

Rather, these texts inform us that God has a role for the sexes, and that a health society does not blur the dimorphism between men and women by cross dressing or by interchanging God-assigned gender roles.

God's model women are Sarah who called Abraham "lord" in her heart; the Hebrew midwives; the great the great Shunammite woman who assisted Elisha (2 Kings 4:8ff); the Proverbs 31); the seven fold virtuous woman in Titus 2:3-5; and, the obedient wife mentioned in 1 Peter 3:1-6.

The Spirits declares a woman (*ishshah*) judge, governor, combat soldier, or police officer to be an abomination in his eyes; likewise, the Spirit declares it an abomination for a man (*ish*) to dress like a woman, put on lipstick, or to wear female jewelry.

A Lesson From Politics



One of the best arguments against women in leadership comes from politics: Jezebel, Athaliah, Mary Queen of Scots, Queen Elizabeth, Angela Merkle of Germany, Ursula Von Der Leyen in Brussels, Nancy Pelosi, and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

A healthy society promotes men to leadership positions in every discipline; but, a degenerate society seeps with female executives in all of man's institutions.

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors (taskmasters), **and**

women (ishshah) rule (mashal) over them. O my people, they (feminist icons) which lead thee cause thee to err (go astray), and destroy (swallow) the way of thy paths (of the Christian ethic).

Enforcement appears to be a huge problem. Yes, women gain de facto power, but they do not have de jure power to captain men. How can those Christians who have plunged into antinomianism and who pit law against grace have any moral authority to address the legal and moral issues of our time?

Isn't repentance in order as a nation? Deep sins call for deep repentance and lots of courage on the part of manly men (gebers).

"That which is against Divine Law is repugnant to society and is void" (Maxim of Law: Bouvier's Dictionary).

Illustration:

A pastor named John Walden taught on the passage that prohibits women from speaking in church and to ask their husbands about Bible questions at home. Miffed, she approached the pastor after the service, "What do you mean ask my husband? He's an idiot when it comes to Bible knowledge." Pastor John said, "Ma'am," just try it." She did.

A few days later she asked her husband a Bible trivia question, and he responded, "How should I know?" "Well," she said, "Pastor John told me that I was to ask you the question, and that you should know it." Immediately, the husband called pastor John to get the answer to his wife's question. He got it and shared his answer with his wife. A few days later she asked her husband a

second question, then a third. Each time the man would get on the phone and call pastor John for the answer. "You know, in time, this man became a good Bible student in time," John reported.

52. Feminism and Sex



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♦ Feminists appear to be obsessed with sex, and they are in control of school boards.

These people have no rules except don't get pregnant and don't get STDs. Their sex education courses seem to get more bazaar every year promoting teenage sex, queer sex, weird sex, and abomination sex.

Many of these female dominated school boards are bringing in drag queens to twist the minds of first graders and to normalize transgender insanity.

Considering the complexities of our age with technology blaring us in the face, every Christian family has to develop a philosophy of sex education and to strategize about how to educate and protect their children from overzealous sexologists.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." - Genesis 1:26-28.

Consider the following as you develop your plan:

- 1) Sex education concerns the Christian faith . . . and every type of faith for that matter. Because sexuality is theological issue, believers must rediscover what the Scriptures have to say on this subject.
- 2) Our humanity and gender are so merged together we cannot separate sexuality from spirituality or religion from relationship. However, many

religious people error when they promote spirituality and deny their humanity.

- 3) Educating children on sexuality and reproduction remains a moral responsibility of parents -- not schools; i.e. every Christian couple must accept this duty and teach their children accordingly. Whether this education happens in school or the church, parents must approve the curriculum or take their children out of these co-ed, home economics classes.
- 4) Because sex education is a religious issue, Christian parents must go to the Book and ask, "What saith the Lord?" Sex education begins and ends with the wonder and authority of Holy Scripture.
- 5) The Word of God treats sex as a "blessing" (Genesis 1:28; 2:25). Sex between married couples is good, health, and mysteriously enchanting. In fact, neither wives or husbands are allowed under law to withhold sexual privileges without the consent of their spouse (1 Corinthians 7:1-3).

Christians are against treating sex as something dirty, soiled, or tarnished; i.e. the church seeks to rescue human sexuality from the trashy, grey-black, backalley practices humanists.

- 6) The Word of God views sex as gift of God -- His golden present to married couples; but, the gift should not be opened until the couples wedding night. Yes, God ordained sex for procreation, but He also gave it to deepen the loving relationship of the man and wife and the wonder of becoming one flesh.
- 7) When the Bible addresses the subject of human sexuality, it does so metaphorically so as to sustain the warm fires of romance, and so as not to seduce the reader -- See the Song of Solomon or the Song of Songs. There is a King of kings and Lord of lords; and, there is a Song of songs extolling the magic and mystery of the marital relationship.

The Song of Songs describes marital love as a flowering, exotic garden with a mix of annuals and perennials that delight the senses. When discussing this subject one should employ the art of the metaphor. To speak of sex in medical or biological terms robs marital love of its delightful, rose-pedal beauty.

"I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." Song of Solomon 5:1

Sex education by secularists and feminists focus on anatomy, biology, and preventing sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unwanted pregnancies. More socially aggressive secular programs focus on adolescent concerns of anatomy, sexual urges, penis and breast sizes, live sex models, sexual positions, and conjugal mechanics -- programs that lack rules and ethics -- programs with

no prohibitions -- programs that paint God's garden with shades of grey – programs with a single monotone pitch -- programs that add hydrogen and oxygen to the fuel of sexual curiosity -- programs that promote premarital sex, promiscuity, lesbianism, Sodomy, lady-boy depravity, and transgender perversions.

Sex education should not be just about avoiding unwanted pregnancies and STDs, but avoiding the judgment of God.

Moreover, when sexologists reduce sex to the dreary colors of anatomy and mechanics, the marital relationship loses its bright-red mystery and its yellow hues of wonderment.

Pious people are not against fact-based biological education, but holy people are against treating sex as an amoral, pedestrian energy that animalistic homo sapiens must mechanically satisfy.

Teaching sexuality requires a Bible-based, Christ-centered approach – an approach that involves bodies, minds, and soul; an approach that paints sexuality as good. Furthermore, a Bible-based sex education course shows youth how God's law prohibits practices that are injurious to the whole man. In planting a radiant rose garden, you must pull up life-choking weeds as well as plant the vegetables necessary for health.

8) Sex education involves instructing your children about God's law and His rules for sex; i.e. Christian education trains children to discern truth and error, healthy and sickly, holy and unholy, and to separate themselves from cultural depravity engulfing society.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

- 9) Finally, Christian education helps people to have a Christ-centered, crosscentered, throne-centered focus in life. Sex is wonderful, but it is only part of life. It would be wrong to make sex the hub in the center of the wheel, or to dish it out in a way that it could be an idolatrous interest of Christian men. But, secularists burning with a sexual obsession that thrives like a 10 alarm fire incinerate the soul of America.
- 10) The Scripture makes a distinction between nudity and nakedness. Nudity is not sin, all have to be nude several times a day. Nakedness has to do with shamefulness and the unlawful exercise of sex like fornication, adultery, and incest.

Moreover, Christians should not be against nudity in art. Nudity plays an important part in art as it is used to portray our humanity, innocence, loneliness, guilt, and vulnerability. But, Christians are against pornography because porn uses explicit sex to exploit lust, shock, and money. Sex is wonderful in marriage, but it is not a spectator sport.

God provided the marital act to be a special joy for married couples, but life is more than sex. We not here for "self-actualization," but to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

53. Five Women Who Found Grace

Matthew 1

A Christmas Message from the Genealogy of Christ



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◆ Today, I want to talk about sex, incest, prostitution, and adultery, i.e. I want to talk to you about the Christmas story —— a story of five women in the genealogy of Christ who experienced the grace of God.

Because of her co-conspiracy and cover up in the murder of Duncan, Lady Mac Beth developed a neurosis. So deep was the stain of guilt on her conscience, she tried to wash the

blood off her hands with water every quarter of an hour.

Inside each of us exists the knowledge of good and evil. Our conscience screams because of the sins we have committed against God. Can anything silence the trumpet of the guilt and the pounding drum of condemnation that awakens us at night and stalks us during the day?

In the Christmas story we have a message of grace that can bring rest to the soul and silence the squawking conscience.

In Matthew's account of the birth of Christ, he provides for us a genealogy of Christ. His ancestry informs us that our Lord graciously accepts sinners into his family.

Five women are mentioned in this account, and everyone of them represent a gracious inclusion into the family of God:

Tamar (Exodus 38)

The text says, "Judah was the father of Boaz and Zerah by Tamar" (1:3).

So fowl is the weather surrounding the story of Tamar, that most preachers, including me, are embarrassed to read the story in public. It offends the sensitivities of the most callous among us.

Unlike Isaac and Jacob who married well, Judah was forced to choose a wife for his sons among vulgar Canaanite women. He chose Tamar for his eldest son, Er. But, Er was so wicked, the Lord slew him. Tamar was then given to Er's younger brother Onan, who refused to perform the duty of a kinsman redeemer for the family by impregnating Tamar, and the Lord took his life.

Judah had a third son, Shelah, but he was not old enough to marry and so Tamar had no choice but to return to live in her father's house.

After Shelah came to maturity as a man, Judah was afraid to give Shelah Tamar to wife because she seemed like a curse on the family. He was afraid that what happened to Er and Onan might happen to Shelah. So, he kept postponing his responsibility the duty of providing a kinsmen redeemer for his son. All of this sex and clan marriage seems gross to the modern mind, but it was a holy, biblical obligation (Deuteronomy 25:25).

Seeing that Judah neglected his duty, Tamar took matters into her own hands.

Dressing as a prostitute, she placed a veil over her face, lured Judah to her boudoir, arranged a price, and performed the act of a common whore. Judah, naïve about the identity of Tamar, copulated with her. A few months later, Judah heard a report about the pregnancy of Tamar, and arranged to have his daughter-in-law burned for harlotry. When Tamar pulled back the curtain of truth, she exposed Judah as the father. Everyone was stunned! Convicted of his dual sins, neglect of duty and incest, Judah said about Tamar, "She is more righteous than I."

This earthly, sensual, steamy story of lust, rebellion, prostitution and incest is so slimy one wonders how in the world could the Spirit of God even mention Tamar in the genealogy of Christ. Why would the Spirit want the world to know that sweet Jesus was a descendant of an incestuous union? Shouldn't his line be pure and holy?

"Oh, marvelous grace that saves a wretch like me!"

In the midst of this death, sex, and seduction something admirable surfaces about Tamar's faith. Widowed twice and neglected by a weak father-in-law, she could have prowled through the neighborhood and lured another virile young man to her side. But, Tamar was not that kind of woman.

For some reason, despite the wickedness of her first two husbands, she developed a love and attachment to the family of Jacob. Despite their weakness, she saw that the Lord was with this family. She desperately wanted to be a part of it.

Forsaking her own Canaanite culture, she took radical steps to insure her place in the Israel of God. In grace, God gave her two sons. One of them would carry the messianic hope. Out of Perez came kings and princes: David, Solomon and Nathan, Asa, Jehoshaphat, and Hezekiah. Though we cannot approve of Tamar's method, the end of her faith was noble and she was received by grace in the Lord's family. Would to God we had more people like Tamar that would radically seize the opportunity to be a part of the family of God for "The kingdom comes violently, and the violent seize it" (Matthew 11:12).

Rahab

While Tamar played the role of prostitute once, prostitution was Rahab's occupation. Rudyard Kipling coined the phrase, "Prostitution is the world's oldest profession." Considered the lowest form of earning a wage, decent people despise prostitutes for their despicable trade.

Prostitutes work streets near trash-strewn allies behind the whitewashed self-storage buildings on the edge of town. These dark places carry the stench of urine. Only the occasional car buzzing along expressways overhead breaks eerie silence. Except for an occasional homeless man pushing a shopping cart full of bulging black garbage bags toward the underpass, prostitutes work alone. A 33-year-old prostitute usually has deep sunken black eyes and the haggard look of sixty year old woman. Braless breasts sag beneath a skintight black body suit.

Rahab was of this sort. Turning her residence in Jericho into a tavern, lusty men frequented her cat house for a round of cheap beer and sex. Who can imagine such a life? Furthermore, not only was Rahab a harlot, she was a Canaanite and her city was targeted for demolition by Israel's army. Marked for slaughter, all that she prized was destined to be burned.

But, there was something wonderful about this woman. She possesses a spark of faith that shined like a candle in the dark. When the spies were discovered, she defied her king's order and hid the Jewish undercover agents.

She believed the Lord was with Israel and that the LORD's condemnation of her people was just. "I know the Lord has given you the land," Rahab told the spies. She had more faith than the spies who entered the land 40 years before.

Like a spider lives in a king's palace, Rahab slinked her way into the Lord's house by securing a covenant with the spies. Not only did she believe her city would fall and that Israel would be victorious, she had a faith that worked. She told her mother and father, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews about the judgment to come. On the Day of Judgment, twenty to thirty people were crammed in her home to find protection and safety based on her covenant of grace with Israel's finest.

Her faith heard the condemnation, believed in the judgment, received the spies, worked to protect God's people, entered into a covenant with Israel, evangelized the lost, and found a home with God's people.

Years after the destruction of Jericho, Rahab was loved by a Jewish man who accepted her as one forgiven by the Lord. A child of God, she became Salmon's bride. They bore a Jewish son named Boaz, a noble, wealthy man destined to be a blessing to everyone living in Bethlehem and to all with a stake in the kingdom of God.

Rahab did not know at this time that she would be a great grandmother of the King David, and a trophy of grace in the lineage of Israel's Hope. But, the Spirit was proud to showcase this woman who was an object of God's love.

A beautiful story:

One night in a church service a young woman felt the tug of God at Her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had had a very rough past, involving alcohol, drugs, and prostitution. But, the change in her was evident. As time went on she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry, teaching young children. After a while, this faithful young woman caught the eye and heart of the pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans, and then, the problems began.

You see, about half of the church membership did not think that a woman with a past such as hers was a suitable mate for a pastor's son.

The church began to argue and fight about the matter. Then, they decided to have a meeting. As the people made their arguments and tensions increased, the meeting was getting completely out of hand. The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past.

The pastor's son could not bear the pain it was causing his young, faithful wife-to-be. As she began to cry, the pastor's son stood to speak. "I challenge every one of you to think carefully about what is happening here tonight. It really is

NOT my fiancée's past that is on trial here. What all of you actually are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus to wash away sin. Today you have put the blood of Jesus on trial. So, what is your verdict? Does the blood of Christ wash away sin . . . or not?"

Tears welled up in the eyes of every Christian in the auditorium. The whole church began to weep as they realized that they really had been slandering the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters, or even against ourselves. Forgiveness is a foundational part of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If the blood of Jesus could not cleanse the soul of every single person, then all of us would be in a world of hurt.

As the old hymn says, "What can wash away my sins? NOTHING, but the blood of Jesus." End of case!!! (Author unknown)

Ruth

Ruth was a Moabite. Moab was a descendant of the incestuous relationship between Lot and his oldest daughter. Incest was so despicable, God pronounced a ten generation curse on the offspring of these twisted sexual relationships (Deuteronomy 23:2ff). Further, the Moabites were objects of God's wrath because they worshipped the god Chemosh and sought to seduce Israel with harlotry through the false prophet of Balaam (Numbers 22-24).

It was into the region of Moab east of the Dead Sea that Elimelech and Naomi journeyed to make aliving during a season of famine in the land of Israel. In Moab, their two sons married Moabite women, Orpha and Ruth. But tragedy struck. Elimelech died and soon afterwards his two sons perished. Could anything be worse--three impoverished widows bonded together by a heavy chain of sorrow?

With all her dreams and hopes smashed, Naomi made the hard decision to return back to Bethlehem, a broken, shekel-less widow. The Lord dealt so severely with Naomi she urged her daughters to stay in Moab after her departure. But, Ruth refused:

"Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. 17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."

Why would Ruth cling to Naomi?

From all appearances, the woman was just "bad luck:" A famine, poverty, three marriages, three deaths, three widows, three funerals, and destitution. Why did Ruth show such loyalty to his deprived woman?

Though pierced with the dagger of death, I think Ruth saw in Naomi that dignity of character and nobility of Spirit she could not find in all of Moab. Though she did not understand, there was a beauty about Naomi that could only be explained by Naomi's faith in the LORD.

Though the LORD dealt harshly with her, Ruth believed He was good and kind and gracious. She would rather serve this poor, old widow under God's care than serve in a palace of the king of Moab. The worst of life under YHWH was better than the best of life under the god Chemosh. Like Moses before her, she was "choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin." Would it be worth it?

Leaving her family in Moab, Ruth found a way to survive by gleaning in the field of Boaz. There, Ruth found protection beneath the wings of YHWH. Under the eye of providence Ruth worked with nobility, reaped an abundance of barley, found protection in the fields of Boaz who had a heart willing to perform the duty of a kinsmen redeemer, to marry Ruth, and to care for Naomi. While today this sounds odd, even immoral, it was completely consistent with Old Testament law.

In Deuteronomy 25:5–6, God provided for levirate marriage to insure the continuation of the family line. Levirate stems from Latin and means "husband's brother." Ruth, a Moabitess, had no obligation to submit to the law of Israel. Yet she humbled herself under it and, in effect, asked Boaz, a man much older than she, to perform the service of the *goël*, "kinsman-redeemer," by marrying her according to Mosaic law, so she could bear a son to carry on her husband's name.

Placing a Moabite woman in the Messianic line highlights the fact that Jesus came to redeem all because He is not willing that any (Jew or Gentile) should perish (2 Peter 3:9). "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) emerges as a tender, gracious biblical rule!

Like everyone who comes to God, Ruth emerges from catastrophe to become atrophy of His divine grace. Despite her lineage, she embraced the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and David, the greatest king of Israel who ever lived (other than Christ, Himself) was far fewer than ten generations removed from his Moabite heritage (Numbers 25 and Deuteronomy 23:3). Oh, the wonders of grace.

The story of Ruth reveals another truth as well. It illustrates a beautiful picture of God's redemption of mankind through Christ, our kinsman-redeemer. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve sinned, plunging all humanity into estrangement from God. God promised to redeem that which was lost (Genesis 3:15). Hence God had to become man so He could become a near-kinsman and purchase back what was His to begin with: "Who, being in the form of God,

thought it not robbery to be equal with God, But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:5–7).

When He came to earth in the incarnation, Jesus assumed the form of a man. The word for "form" is the Greek word morphe, the root for the English word metamorphosis. Jesus has always been God; but He morphed, or changed, His outward appearance to take on the appearance of a man. But that wasn't enough. He then took on the form of the lowest kind of man—a slave, or bondservant. A bondservant willingly professed his loyalty and love for his master by publicly allowing an ear to be pierced with an awl (Exodus 21:5–6). From that moment on, he was forever identified with and bound to his master.

Bathsheba

She was the beddable, eye-catching wife of Uriah the Hittite, the faithful soldier of David. This lonely, bedable woman took a bath in full view of the king's balcony. Surely, she knew that David would gaze on her soft form and be stirred by his manly lust. Though warned by her conscience, she ignored the Seventh Commandment and gave in to the king's lusty aggression. Like so many weak women, Bathsheba lacked the strength and resolve to say, "No!" Craving the love of a man she forsook the love of the Lord. Locked in the grip of passion, she broke her vows and slipped into a bed of adultery. She never dreamed that she would become pregnant, and be caught up in a web of lies, murder, and deceit.

Bathsheba's story is David's story. She too was stricken with guilt. She too tried to cooperate with the cover-up plan. Her conscience haunted her day after day. Widowed one day, and married the next seemed too smooth and waxy. Everywhere she went in the court, she received the angry, dubious eye. Everyone knew, even the Lord.

When Nathan pointed his bony finger at David and exposed his sin, he exposed the sin of Bathsheba as well. When God forgave David, he also forgave Bathsheba. So forgiven were David and Bathsheba, that their son Solomon was loved by the Lord and placed on the throne of David. When God forgives, He fully forgives. What marvelous grace!

<u>Mary</u>

The fifth woman mentioned in the Lord's genealogy is Mary the mother of Jesus. The object of grace and favor, Mary was the chosen vessel to carry the Son of God. But, she seems so unqualified to be the mother of the Messiah. She was a descendant of a king, but she had no prestige, or power, or wealth. She viewed herself as a lowly handmaid of the Lord.

All the energies of the Davidic Monarchy were leveled by the political upheavals in Israel reducing the king's descendants to paupers. Mary did not have the wisdom of age, for she was just a teenager. Mary did not possess great skills, for she was very young. Mary did not have great talent, for she was a common girl. Her only virtues wee purity and humility.

When informed that she would carry the Holy Child before her marital union with Joseph, her standing in the community was in great jeopardy. However, Mary surrendered to the Lord saying, "May it be done to me according to your word."

Jesus existed before the world began. The One who scattered the constellations across the heavens, could have been born into any family on earth. But, he chose this family. And, what a family! Simply put, the family of our Lord contains adulterers, fornicators, harlots, and incestuous relationships. In other words, they were poor, ordinary, simple folk.

One lesson these women provide in the Christmas story is that Jesus receives sinners. No matter what you have done, there is forgiveness waiting for you. Despite your sin, you can find love and acceptance in Christ. But, you cannot become a member of this family by being born in a Christian nation or Christian family. You cannot become his child by joining a church or by turning over a new leaf, but you can only become a child of God by turning from your sin and trusting Him and the grace He provided for you in the birth and death of His Son.



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54. God's Blessing Upon Christians and their Families

"As for me, this is my covenant with them (believers in Messiah), saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee (the church), and my words which I have put in thy mouth (the Christian gospel), shall not

depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever." - Isaiah 59:21

♦ Albert Barnes shares these wonderful comments:

This is my covenant with them -

The covenant here referred to, is that made with people under the Messiah. In important respects it differed from that made with the Jewish people under Moses. The word, 'covenant' here is evidently equivalent, as it is commonly, when applied to a transaction between God and human beings, to a most solemn promise on his part; and the expression is a most solemn declaration that, under the Messiah, God would impart his Spirit to those who should turn from transgression, and would abundantly bless them and their offspring with the knowledge of his truth.

When it is said, 'this is my covenant,' the import evidently is, 'this is the nature or the tenure of my covenant, or of my solemn promises to my people under the Messiah. It shall certainly occur that my Spirit will be continually imparted to thy seed, and that my words will abide with thee and them forever.'

My Spirit that is upon thee -

The word 'thee' here does not refer, as Jerome and others suppose, to the prophet, but to the pious Hebrew people (those spiritually responsive to the Christian gospel). The covenant under the Messiah, was not made especially with the prophet or his posterity, but is a promise made to the church, and here evidently refers to the true people of God (NOT JEWS, but Christians): and the idea is, that the Spirit of God would be continually imparted to his people, and to their descendants forever. It is a covenant made with true believers and with their children.

And my words -

The Chaldee understands this of prophecy. But it seems rather to refer to the truth of God in general which he had revealed for the guidance and instruction of his church.

Shall not depart out of thy mouth – This phrase probably means, that the truth of God would be the subject of perpetual meditation and conversation. The covenant would be deemed so precious that it would constantly dwell on the tongues of those who were interested in it.

Thy seed's seed – Thy descendants; thy posterity. From henceforth and for ever –

This is in accordance with the promises which everywhere occur in the Scriptures, that God would bless the posterity of his people, and that the children of the pious should partake of his favor. See Exodus 20:6: 'Showing mercy unto thousands (i.e. thousands of generations) of them that love me and keep my commandments.' Compare Deuteronomy 4:37; Deuteronomy 5:29; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 89:24, Psalm 89:36; Jeremiah 32:39-40.

There is no promise of the Bible that is more full of consolation to the pious, or that has been more strikingly fulfilled than this. And though it is true that not all the children of holy parents become truly pious; though there are instances where they are signally wicked and abandoned, yet it is also true that rich spiritual blessings are imparted to the posterity of those who serve God and who keep his commandments.

The following facts are well known to all who have ever made any observation on this subject:

- 1. The great majority of those who become religious are the descendants of those who were themselves the friends of God. Those who now compose the Christian churches, are not those generally who have been taken from the ways of open vice and profligacy; from the ranks of infidelity; or from the immediate descendants of scoffers, drunkards, and blasphemers. Such people usually tread, for a few generations at least, in the footsteps of their fathers. The church is composed mainly of the descendants of those who have been true Christians, and who trained their children to walk in the ways of pure religion.
- 2. It is a fact that comparatively a large proportion of the descendants of the pious themselves for many generations become true Christians. I know that it is often thought to be otherwise, and especially that it is often said that the children of clergymen are less virtuous and religious than others. But it should be remembered that such cases are more prominent than others, and especially that the profane and the wicked have a malicious pleasure in making them the subject of remark. The son of a drunkard will be intemperate without attracting notice for such a result is expected; the son of an infidel will be an infidel; the son of a scoffer will be a scoffer; of a thief a thief; of a licentious man licentious, without being the subject of special observation. But when the son of an eminent Christian treads the path of open profligacy, it at once excites remark, because such is not the usual course, and is not usually expected; and because a wicked world has pleasure in marking the case, and calumniating religion through such a prominent instance of imperfection and sin.

But such is not the common result of religious training. Some of the most devotedly pious people of this land are the descendants of the Huguenots who were expelled from France. A very large proportion of all the piety in this country has been derived from the 'Pilgrims,' who landed on the rock of Plymouth, and God has blessed their descendants in New England and elsewhere with numerous revivals of religion. I am acquainted with the descendants of John Rogers, the first martyr in Queen Mary's reign, of the tenth and eleventh generations. With a single exception, the oldest son in the family has been a clergymen – some of them eminently distinguished for learning and piety; and there are few families now in this land a greater proportion of whom are pious than of that. The following statistical account made of a limited

section of the country, not more favored or more distinguished for piety than many others, accords undoubtedly with similar facts which are constantly occurring in the families of those who are the friends of religion. The Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society made a limited investigation, in the year 1838, for the purpose of ascertaining the facts about the religious character of the families of ministers and deacons with reference to the charge so often urged that the 'sons and daughters of ministers and deacons were worse than common children.' The following is the result.

In 268 families which he canvassed, he found 1290 children over fifteen years of age. Of these children 884, almost three-fourths, are hopefully pious; 794 have united with the churches; sixty-one entered the ministry; only seventeen are dissipated, and about half only of these became so while with their parents. In eleven of these families there are 123 children, and all but seven pious. In fifty-six of these families there are 249 children over fifteen, and all hopefully pious. When and where can any such result be found in the families of infidels, of the vicious, or of irreligious people? Indeed, it is the great law by which religion and virtue are perpetuated in the world. that God is faithful to this covenant, and that he blesses the efforts of his friends to train up generations for his service.

3. All pious parents should repose on this promise of a faithful God. They may and should believe that it is his design to perpetuate religion in the families of those who truly serve and obey him. They should be faithful in imparting religious truth; faithful in prayer, and in a meek, holy, pure, and benevolent example; they should so live that their children may safely tread in their footsteps; they should look to God for his blessing on their efforts, and their efforts will not be in vain. They shall see their children walk in the ways of virtue; and when they die, they may leave the world with unwavering confidence that God will not suffer his faithfulness to fail; that he will not break his covenant, nor alter the thing that is gone out of his lips Psalm 89:33-34.

Notes on the Bible by Albert Barnes [1834].

55. Last Words to His Wife

The last words which Saint Joseph spoke to his wife:

"Blessed art Thou among all women and elect of all the creatures. Let angels and men praise Thee; let all the generations know, praise and exalt thy dignity;

and may in Thee be known, adored and exalted the name of the Most High through all the coming ages; may He be eternally praised for having created Thee so pleasing in his eyes and in the sight of all the blessed spirits. I hope to enjoy thy sight in the heavenly fatherland." (The Happy Death of St. Joseph. the patron Catholic Saint of a Happy Death).



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