

CHRIST, HUSBANDS, WIVES, & CHILDREN



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The following series of four messages is to those who are born of the Spirit; to those who are indwelt by the Spirit; to those who are led by the Spirit; and to those who are sealed by the Spirit until the day of redemption. Let the Spirit of the living God reveal to you, "as unto babes" (MATT. 11:25 & LUKE 10:21), the **TRUTH** of God's word.

After Solomon became king of Israel, God appeared to him in a dream, and said, "...Ask what I shall give thee" (1 KINGS 3:5). His request was "...an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad" (1 KINGS 3:9) because, he said, "...I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in" (1 KINGS 3:7).

Therefore, God said to him, "...Because thou hast asked this thing, and HAST NOT ASKED FOR THYSELF long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies" (1 KINGS 3:9), "...I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee" (1 KINGS 3:12).

Beloved, behold the wisdom of King Solomon:

"I applied mine **HEART** [THE CENTER OF MAN, WHERE THE FEELINGS, THE WILL AND THE INTELLECT ARE] to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness: and I find more bitter than death THE WOMAN, whose **HEART** is snares and nets [AS SHUTTING IN; A DOOMED OBJECT; ABSTRACT EXTERMINATION], and her hands as bands [LIKE HANDCUFFS]: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her [AS IF BY SLIPPERINESS]; but the sinner shall be taken [TO CATCH IN A NET, A TRAP OR A PIT] by her" (ECCLES. 7:25-26).

King Solomon **WAS NOT** speaking of godly women, but **UNGODLY**, a woman that "...forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God" (PROVERBS 2:17), and unfortunately, the vast majority of women in the world fill this category.

The word of God declares, "WHO can FIND a virtuous woman [CHARACTERIZED BY GOODNESS, GENERAL MORAL EXCELLENCE, RIGHT ACTION AND THINKING]? for her price is FAR ABOVE rubies" (PROVERBS 31:10).

Women possess a "power of persuasion" over men, which is why Satan chose to work through Eve, in order to persuade Adam to disobey God. It is because of this "power" that the **Man of Sin** (antichrist) **WILL NOT** have any desire for women when he comes:

*"Neither shall he regard **the God of his fathers** [HE WILL BE JEWISH], nor **the DESIRE of women**, nor regard any god: for **he shall magnify HIMSELF above all**" (DANIEL 11:37).*

Notice: the word "women" is mentioned in the same sentence as "God" and "other gods." Men, in a sense, worship women, and the women know it.



Perhaps this explains how quickly Adam succumbed to Eve's persuasive demonstration, as she "...took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and GAVE ALSO unto her husband with her; and HE DID EAT" (GENESIS 3:6).

Because of her "persuasive" nature, being easily deceived herself by the devil, God said unto the woman, "...I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy DESIRE [A STREACHING OUT AFTER; A LONGING] shall be to thy husband, and he shall RULE OVER THEE" (GENESIS 3:16).

In the world, female persuasion has circumvented the decisions of many men in societies, just as the wives of Solomon did; as Eve did to Adam; as Delilah did to Samson, as Sarah did to Abraham, and as Jezebel did to King Ahab.

It is because of this nature found in Eve, that wives are commanded in the church to **SUBMIT** themselves unto their **OWN** husbands (COL. 3:18 & EPHES. 5:22) as unto the Lord, even as God said to Eve, "and he shall RULE OVER THEE" (GENESIS 3:16).

IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Paul the Apostle wrote to Titus and instructed him to "...SPEAK thou the things which become SOUND DOCTRINE [TO BE TRUE AND UNCORRUPT IN INSTRUCTION]

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“WHOSO FINDETH A WIFE FINDETH A GOOD THING...”

That **the aged men** be **SOBER** [CAREFUL TO CONSIDER ALL RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES BEFORE ACTING, JUDGING, DECIDING, ETC.], **GRAVE** [HONORABLE; WORTHY OF RESPECT], **TEMPERATE** [SELF-RESTRAINED], **SOUND IN FAITH** [TO BE UNCORRUPT], **IN CHARITY** [UNCORRUPT IN AFFECTION OR BENEVOLENCE], **IN PATIENCE** [CHEERFUL OR HOPEFUL ENDURANCE]. The aged women **likewise**, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, **not false accusers** [TO SAY UNTRUE OR MALICIOUS THINGS ABOUT], **not given to much wine** [NOT TO BE ENSLAVED], teachers of good things; that they may teach the **young women** to be **SOBER** [TO MAKE OF SOUND MIND], to love their husbands, to love their children, to be **DISCREET** [SOUND IN MIND; SELF-CONTROLLED], **CHASTE** [CLEAN; INNOCENT], **KEEPERS AT HOME** [A GUARD; A STAYER AT HOME; DOMESTICALLY INCLINED], good, obedient to their **OWN** husbands, that the word of God be not **blasphemed** [LACKING REFERENCE FOR GOD]” (TITUS 2:1-5).

IN SUBJECTION

“...ye wives, be in **subjection** [SUBORDINATION, THAT IS, UNDER THE POWER OR AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER] to your **OWN** husbands [PERTAINING TO SELF; ONE’S OWN]; that, if any **obey not the word** [THOSE WHO DISBELIEVE, WILLFULLY AND PERVERSELY], **they also may** without the word **BE WON** by the **conversation** [BEHAVIOR] of the wives; while they **behold** [INSPECT; WATCH; OBSERVE] your **chaste conversation** [CLEAN AND MODEST BEHAVIOR] coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that **outward adorning** [THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE] of plaiting the hair [ELABORATE BRAIDING OF THE HAIR], and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be **the hidden man of the heart** [THE INWARD APPEARANCE], 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** [WHICH IS FAR ABOVE RUBIES - PROVERBS 31:10]. 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 Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him **lord** [SUPREME IN AUTHORITY]” (1 PETER 3:1-6).

IN SILENCE

When the church is gathered together, Paul gave Timothy these instructions: “**Let the woman learn in SILENCE** [STILLNESS; DISTANCE FROM BUSTLE OR LANGUAGE] with all **SUBJECTION** [SUBORDINATION, THAT IS, UNDER THE POWER OR AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER]. But I **suffer not** [ALLOW NOT] a woman to **TEACH**, **nor** [NEITHER] to **usurp authority** [TO ACT OF ONESELF; TO DOMINATE] over the man, but to be in **silence**. [WHY?] For Adam

was **FIRST FORMED**, then Eve. And Adam **WAS NOT** deceived, but the woman **BEING DECEIVED** [TO FOOL, AS BY FALSE PROMISES, WRONG NOTIONS, ETC.; TO MISLEAD] was in the **transgression** [VIOLATION]” (1 TIM. 2:11-14).

Paul also instructed the assembly of believers in Corinth: “...if they [WOMEN] will **learn** any thing, **let them ask their husbands AT HOME**: for it is a shame for women to **speak** in the **church** [IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CALLED]” (1 COR. 14:35).

IN MARRIAGE

Within a marriage, “...they **twain** [TWO] shall be **ONE FLESH**: so then they are **NO MORE TWAIN**, but **ONE FLESH**” (MARK 10:8), therefore, “...let the husband **render unto the wife** [TO



GIVE...] **due benevolence** [KINDNESS; YOKE; JOIN; BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE]: and **LIKEWISE** also the wife unto the husband. The wife **hath not power** of her own body, but the husband: and **LIKEWISE** also the husband **hath not power** of his own body, but the wife. **Defraud ye not** [TO KEEP FROM HAVING, USING OR ENJOYING] **one the other**, except it be with **consent for a time** [IN AGREEMENT], that ye may **GIVE YOURSELVES** to fasting and prayer; and **come together again**, that Satan **TEMPT YOU NOT** for your **incontinency** [LACK OF SELF-RESTRAINT]” (1 COR. 7:1-5).

GOD’S ORDER IN THE CHURCH

“...Therefore **as the church is subject unto Christ** [SUBORDINATION, THAT IS, UNDER THE POWER OR AUTHORITY OF ANOTHER], so let the wives be to their **OWN** husbands in **EVERY THING**...For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, **AND THEY TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH**...let every one of you in particular **so love his wife even as himself**; and the wife see that she **REVERENCE** her husband” (EPH. 5:22-33).

All those who are born of the Spirit of God, are **led** by the Holy Spirit unto the understanding of His word. He, the Spirit, “...will guide **YOU** into **ALL TRUTH**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak” (JOHN 16:13).

“...and obtaineth favour of the Lord” (Proverbs 18:22).