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Submission Part II

Last week we identified and listed some things to learn the beautiful, revealing, exciting and rewarding truth of understanding submission from the scripture. Unfortunately it was also necessary to explain that on earth satan uses as a corrupting sin tool the very idea that life reality experienced determines and defines truth for the individual. Thus the counterfeit and artificial reality that satan forces on us through circumstances - mess up Heaven's order.. You remember from last week that the meaning of the Greek word for submission has to do with heaven's order... That is what we are learning, submission is a manifestation of the order of heaven for earthly purpose in preparing for eternal life based on the only and ultimate of God and righteousness in the order of Heaven on earthly ministry. - in Heaven God is truth - truth is not what satans earthly endeavor and experience define it as. Mankind is failing that test. And everyone suffers as a result.

Here is a really great help from Galatians that reveals the truth of creation that must not get twisted around or in any way modified understanding submission: Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Did you get that? Hear it again to be sure! ... In creation we are all one in Jesus with our unique attributes for Kingdom Service. Submission is not competing with or compilation to power or force but submission is the completing and fulfilling beauty in the mutual cooperation for heavenly order in this earthly realm. I believe that the millennial period, which could be as soon as 7 years in our future, will have that attribute - satan will be imprisoned, righteousness will flourish. We will simply be doing then, what we should have been doing on this earth all along!

The same scriptural writer - Paul - explains next for us in Ephesians 5:20-21 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Mutual respect submission is a mutual responsibility, mutual virtue, a spiritual strength and stronghold. Submitting to the Lord's order is a barometer of submission to the Lord. And a willingness for kingdom service. Submission means to hold onto the progressive revelation of scriptural tenets as we learn them evidenced by our mutual submission determination and attitude and with accountability. Paul illustrates with for us with wives for a couple of verses just like He illustrated Jesus before God, and the church before Jesus, and will be doing next in this same passage with husbands as well. Wives illustration: Ephesians 5: 22-24 passage: 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. By the way did you get the subtle but profound doctrinal reinforcement of Galatians 3:28

in verse 22? to your own husbands? Wives Your mutual submission is with your husband singularity and not the male gender in general - do not let satan mix you up on that. The husband part of the submissiveness is the accountability they must give to God. The stronger the mutual submissiveness for the marriage relationship just like for the church relationship with Jesus depends on both partners in the marriage contract.

Okay guys now I want you to note there are 3 verses for wives and 8 verses for the male gender. And just in case anyone has become confused in our world --. God created two genders male and female. satan is having a field day corrupting that in our day and age. Actually we settled that last week when we identified good and evil in the world, one is proclaimed by the goodness of God, the other is promoted by the evil of satan and his goal to eliminate and replace God.

Ephesians 5: 25- Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, Paul's basic theology has been we are all one in Christ (Galatians 3:28) but our physical bodies, and spiritual gifts make us absolutely unique and partners for service in Kingdom Service righteousness ministry. Paul places love as a responsibility on men and as an example uses Jesus who willingly, lovingly, sacrificed Himself for we who have become His church. Husbands are to willingly, lovingly be used by God in the marriage relationship as was the example of Jesus for the church, And the reason being

Ephesians 5:26-33

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Mutual submission has that marriage on track..

Back to the issue of love your wives - Family I know you know, but sometimes you may not be absolutely sure that God's word must have priority in this world or satan will chip away at faith like a 3,000 stone castle someplace now in ruins. I know you know, but may have decided that years of experience have made you more than a little resistant to changes. So I lay these thoughts before you regarding the condition of our culture and its direction in spite of the Bible instruction we have always had.... Specifically this instruction to love your wife. There is a reason it is listed first..Love is to be modeled after the highest order, the only ideal there is or that is even conceivable - unattainable, but on display for men to model and with their wives to mutually submit

for the glory and pleasure of Holiness now and forever. If I can plant one seed of thought in your mind - makes you are responsible to YOUR family for love.

1. Love unconditionally, never on their performance in life. Love is accommodation as seen by Christ and how He loved the church not what we are, even with our faults and failures, but what we are becoming because of Jesus.

2. Sacrificially Jesus gave Himself for the Church. Love is the same expression of Man to Wife. You and your wife are one, they are equal...They become one at marriage mutually for the relationship of God's purpose... The greater responsibility or duty by virtue of gender at birth is for the husband to set the example of unconditional love, forgiveness, sacrifice of self to the unity of the new partnership to never think of himself alone but only as a unit promulgated by God for His purpose and glory.

We Christians have one model who has for reasons only known to Him - has given us this limited access to His heavenly vision. Enough for us to choose for our eternity: We choose willingly to live as His devoted followers.

Consequences if the husband does not love and submit with his wife, she has trouble and no one breaks the cycle. The world is our proof text. The world has chosen to unfollow the word of God and GOD will change things. The world has already unfollowed the word of God - and God has let the pillars formerly held dear to crumble. Here is what we are prophetically facing, more increase of rapidity and intensity of events and times of the end conditions including nature. When the last soul on earth accepts Jesus as Lord of their life - hallelujah!!! The heavens come alive and the Lord will descend and all who have put on Jesus as the Lord of life will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and heaven will receive all those persons. On earth, 7 years described in Revelation 6-19 will proceed, That will be followed by Revelation 20, the binding of satan for 1,000 years and Christians returning to rule with Christ during that final period of earth. When finally evil will be eliminated and goodness eternally rewarded.

And all of that is simply another way to say learn submissiveness - broadcast love to your world influence - the combination raises the probability of others being in heaven's eternal life tremendously.

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

If you have never chosen Jesus -then that may well be why God directed you here today. Our invitation hymn for you to come forward and speak to me about receiving Jesus and making arrangements for baptism.