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**1 Peter 3**

**Wives and Husbands**

**([Song of Solomon 1:1-3](#); [Ephesians 5:22-33](#))**

**1Likewise, 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;**

To the left absolute proof of male dominance in the sexist Bible. To a Believer it is packed full of equality and blessing in God's eyes.

In this domain of earth God established a leadership role for men and women not for eternity but for this domain known as Earth. God knows of the frailty of both sexes and yes there are only TWO sexes; male and female and they both have frailties. Both sexes have the potential for stepping outside of their God given rolls. What does God caution us about and what does He want?

Succinctly this verse comments on God's earlier proclamation of how a spouse is the second most important person in our lives; If we were to try and find a Biblical formula on the order of importance in our lives Got Questions from a Biblical perspective came to this conclusion;

***“God, spouse, children, parents, extended family, brothers and sisters in Christ, and then the rest of the world.”***

From; <https://www.gotquestions.org/family-priorities.html>

For this earthly domain, God determined the best means of guidance, would put the man at the head as He had determined that Jesus would be the Head of the Church.

***Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.***

In the context of this first verse it is about two things. A good leader a good disciple and the power of the wife to bring her husband to where God wants him to be. This can be accomplished by being a good disciple before our Lord Jesus Christ.

Direction comes from God and if the husband is a good disciple of Christ then he will provide the guidance that God wants in the family. If the husband is not a good disciple or not a believer God declares that through the discipleship; speaking God's Word of Truth to her husband as the wife is obedient to Christ, she can help her husband to attain to the role God set before him.

**2While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.**

This verse is directed to the husband identified in the verse as “they”; the woman in this case is to speak in “chaste conversation”

*From Strong’s Concordance; Word help*

*“Chaste;*

*From the same as [hagios](#); properly, clean, i.e. (figuratively) innocent, modest, perfect -- chaste, clean, pure.”*

Meaning a woman with a pure clear mouth; not subjected to vile, spiteful or hurtful speech. Not given to grumbling or gossip.

*“Fear*

*Fundamentally, [5401](#) /phóbos (“fear”) means withdraw (separate from), i.e. flee (remove oneself) and hence to avoid because of dread (fright).]”*

The fear in the verse is not solely fear of the Lord by the woman but fear of the Lord by the man as well. As an unbelieving husband hears God’s Divine Word spoken and displayed by his wife and hears of the ultimate outcome of standing against God the husband would become fearful of not abiding in Righteousness. The wife would be fearful in not delivering the message as God has lain it out.

**3Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;**

The word “plaiting” means weaving or intertwining.

Our society has placed great importance on appearance, so the clothing, makeup and hair industry has exploded. It is this very thing that God warns about, but is often ignored. Each generation seems to have to reach new levels of unchaste or inappropriate dress or overall appearance. It is a distraction to both male and female in the eternity level of importance. The movement authored by Satan is now to blur the lines between male and female so it can be hard to tell what sex a person is. All in a Satanic effort to destroy human kind from within.

**4But *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.***

The hidden man of the heart would be the presence of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit residing within the Believer

***Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;***

Often God uses the term “heart” to describe the essence of man and woman. To God it is the heart condition that matters. Just as other signs like Baptism and circumcision are outward signs of an inward belief, the **circumcision of the heart** is a spiritual event that recognizes God’s authority over each person’s life. It cannot be

seen like baptism or circumcision of the flesh, but it is just as real for the Believer and is evident to God.

The evidence of this circumcision of the heart is called out in verse 4;

**“a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price”**

God continually searches within each of us for a “meek and quiet spirit”. In God’s eyes that becomes evident in being at peace and content in whatever condition we find our earthly existence.

Paul put it this way;

***Phillipians 4: [11](#)Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. [12](#)I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. [13](#)I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.***

Meekness comes from understanding that we do not have the strength or wisdom within ourselves to live a Grace filled life. It only comes from allowing Christ to live through us. The Bible tells us to be “bold” in some things but in our relationship with God and other people we are to walk in a meek and contrite spirit.

**[5](#)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: 6Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.**

We all know the stories of Sarah and Abraham; how at times they were both obedient to God and other times they were not obedient. If you'd like to study that I suggest you look for the results of obedience and the results of disobedience on both their parts. The world was blessed due to their obedience and cursed due to their disobedience. God extols the virtue of Sara in her obedience to her husband, but so very kindly leaves out Sara's disobedience, just like He Graciously leaves out our own disobedience that has been repented of.

**7Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

God delineated several jobs each of the husband and wife team have.

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*“The apostle bids the husband, first, to give due consideration to his partner on the ground of her comparative weakness; and, secondly, to give her due honor as being an heir, like himself, of the grace of life. The disparity of the sexes was the cause of the degradation of woman among the heathen; Christianity makes it*

*the ground of tender consideration. Christian love should abound in knowledge ([Philippians 1:9](#)); it should throw its softening light upon all the relations of life.”*

Paul to the Philippians;

***Philippians in 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;***

The unity of marriage is sacred by direction of God. It is the physical vision of unity between two people, equal and coheirs of Christ and all that means. It is not dominance of one over another marriage is a protective vessel that requires both parties to walk in obedience to God as the Temple of Jesus Christ.

## **November 1, 2020**

### **Turn from Evil**

**8Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:  
9Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.**

Disagreements that originate within marriage can end in divorce if this caution is not followed by both. A word of discouragement, a word of anger a word of disrespect; we are all guilty of those and more in our marriages. Is it no wonder that the divorce rate within churches small (c) is equal or higher than that of the world? Why,

how could that be? Simple, couples even those who claim to be believers refuse to follow this commandment from our Lord;

***...be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: [9](#)Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.***

To break the essence of this verse down is as follows;

1. be of One mind
2. show Compassion one of another
3. Love as brethren
4. Be pitiful “respectful”
5. Be courteous
6. Not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing
7. But Blessing each other.

Seven things to do and not to do to the one whom God gave you and gave you too.

**[10](#)For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:**

For those who live long lives on this earth they are cautioned to control their tongues and be honest and righteous in their speech. It is not a formula to attain a long life here; it is a formula on how to walk out that long life to honor God.

**11Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.**

Eschew means to avoid. God is giving us a command here; avoid evil and do good. Always speak in a calm courteous manner seeking peace as much as you can in any given situation and “ensue” or follow after a peaceful life.

**12For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: **but** the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.**

God’s “eyes” is a reference to God’s Omnipresence IE All seeing Eye of the Lord. There is nothing beyond His vision or understanding. God states His benevolence is over the “righteous” and He hears the prayers of the “righteous”.

God then gives the antithesis of His benevolence; with a “**but**”. God’s face is against those that do evil.

Many times, we find our prayers seem to hit a brick wall seemingly go unanswered; it can be due to sin in our lives; that is

the first place to begin to understand our unanswered prayers. Patience is another area that God wants us to learn especially when praying.

The other thing to keep in mind and we discussed this before; we were never given the authority to “rebuke” Satan as an example. If we find ourselves in a predicament of sin pushing against us, I believe it is folly to “rebuke Satan in Jesus Name”. The example given by Michael the Arch Angel in;

***Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.***

It is God that has the power over Satan, it is He that determines what Satan is allowed to do and not to do. So, in our prayer we need to seek His Will, we can tell Him what our heart is but, in the end, it is HIS WILL that will determine the end of a thing.

And remember, Satan is not omnipresent, he can be only one place at a time, he does have demons and other evil creatures but as Believers we do not worry about them, they are not allowed to touch a Believer. So, what accounts for those evil thoughts or outbursts of anger. Look no further than what we have allowed into our lives and our minds. God will renew our minds, but it

takes an effort on our part to stop allowing garbage to enter our minds. The further we stay away from garbage in thought and vision the more renewed our minds become.

**13And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?**

Vs 13 is a question to the Believer asking; who can hurt you if you are followers of Good?

Precisely what was meant previously, Satan and his hordes are not allowed to touch believers or possess them.

From Strong's Concordance Word Help the word "good" is defined;

*"**18** agathós – inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, 18 (agathós) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith."*

Again, from vs 13 "good" is that which originates from God, so, if we are walking in obedience to God and doing that which He has asked us to do with a pure heart then we are operating in the "Good" category; operating under His protective covering. It is generally not based on what we think of as being good or doing good. It has to be based on what God says is Good.

The idea is and we all know that there are a lot of ways and a lot of people who can and will hurt us physically. God even cautions us to fear Him as opposed to Satan and those that choose to do evil to us.

***Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

God will always protect the believer's spirit/soul and preserve that spirit for eternity. The body is subject to all kinds of things that can cause death of the body, but do not fear.

***Isaiah 50:9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.***

## **Suffering for Righteousness**

**[\(Romans 6:15-23\)](#)**

**14But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;**

Believers from the beginning, after the resurrection, until today have suffered at the hands of men, governments and kingdoms and evil in spiritual realm. It is doubtful that any of us have personally suffered for the Kingdom or Christ in the sense that none of us have been threatened about our beliefs, at least yet. We live in the freest of all nations and a nation that though its

founding documents elevates general “religion” as the first protected class. There is a time coming when that will no longer be true, Christianity in particular due to its True Believers will prefer death over renunciation. If we are alive at this point, that is when our Faith will be really tested.

Vs 14 gives us our commandment and promise;

**14But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;**

Now God will tell us how to prepare for such an event;

**15But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

God directs us to four specific things;

1. Sanctify (dedicate) the Lord God in your hearts.

From Strong's Concordance the word “sanctify, or sanctified”

Transliteration: hagos

Phonetic Spelling: (hag'-ee-os)

Definition: sacred, holy

Usage: set apart by (or for) God, holy, sacred.

As God is “Sanctifying” us, moving us daily closer to being like Christ we are set apart, we are to be different from the world we walk in. In the same manner in our hearts God wants us to Sanctify Him, set Him apart from all the other things in our lives to hold Him as the most Holy Thing in our lives.

2. Be ready to give an answer as to our Convictions to anyone that asks why you have hope in your hearts.
3. Do this with meekness and fear of God
4. Have a good conscience (walking in righteousness)

If we do these things, those that falsely accuse us may be convicted and ashamed that they falsely accuse us; of having a good, decent, conversation or (talk) with and about Jesus the Christ.

**17For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.**

As we learned earlier what benefit is there to the Kingdom if we are punished for wrongdoing? However, if we are punished and we are innocent we are doing the Will of God in our suffering.

**18For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;**

None more innocent than Jesus yet He yielded to His Father's Will over His own flesh's desire to escape the cross; He endured that pain and suffering for our sakes; the unjust, the sinner. He did that in order to bring us the Believers to God the Father. Vs 19 again tells us what Jesus was doing during the 3 days the tomb was sealed; He in His resurrected body made His way to the bosom of Abraham to those in Paradise to bring the Good News; the Gospel of Salvation to the captives those imprisoned in Paradise, and we are told that He led the captives free.

The next verse describes Noah and his family who were after the flood and death undoubtedly preserved in Abraham's bosom; Paradise awaiting the arrival of the Messiah and the Good News of Salvation through the Blood of the Lamb.

**20Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.**

Today's population is about 7 ½ billion people on the earth. Mathematicians have calculated the earth's population pre-flood and have a varied possibility due to many unknowns such as war, famine, etc. Taking into account as many variables as possible the range of population pre-flood is between 1 and 40 billion lives. Out of that as vs 20 states; God saved 8 humans.

God's patience with Noah and his family extended to between 100 and 120 years for them to build the ark. During that time the population was growing rapidly as was sin. God declared the hearts of men were wicked constantly. It strikes me that we are again entering that phase of human existence with the same can be said;

***Genesis 6:5 "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."***

**21The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:**

All translation of the Scripture potentially has some words added to make the translation readable and sensible. With that in mind I'd like to remove what apparently are some additional words in verse 21 and let's see how it reads.

**21The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:**

The reason I want to point out the additional wording is due to the disagreement with some over the inherent value of Baptism. I would submit that Baptism has never saved anyone. Why, because it is a work and we are not saved by any work other than that work that Christ did on the Cross.

***Ephesians 2: [8](#)For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9](#)Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

Baptism is done out of an obedient heart as a demonstration of being buried with Christ and rising up out of the water as in a new birth; as a Born-Again Believer. Like the thief on the cross next to Jesus, he did not receive Baptism even though Baptism existed at that time IE (John the Baptist); how could the thief be baptized; he was nailed to a cross. But in that moment Jesus told him due to his faith that Jesus was the innocent Lamb that he the thief would be saved and that day he would be with Christ in Paradise.

We have talked before about a person dying and, on their death bed, asks Jesus into their heart to Save them. There is no time for Baptism they die; are they saved? Of course, they are, it is a heart matter and if they would have had time, they would likely have been obedient and been baptized. If you have not been baptized and you have already asked Christ into your heart you need to be obedient and be baptized, not for salvation but for a public declaration of obedience to God and allegiance to Christ. You can be baptized by another believer, there is no special pedigree for someone to baptize another other than it makes sense that the person baptizing you is a believer as well.

**22Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**

Jesus ascended into heaven and at this moment sits with God at His right hand. Meaning in a position of Power like no other. He is our attorney so to speak before God, defending us as we walk out our lives against the accuser Satan before the Father.

God has given angels, authorities and power to Jesus as King and High Priest to God the Father. Jesus laid aside His Power and Authority when He took on human form as Jesus the Christ the Messiah of Israel. He totally submitted Himself to God the Father, preferring God's Will over His own fleshly desires and will. He has now taken those Powers back and is our King and High Priest before the Father for eternity.

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