

“Do Thou Knowest That Thou Art a Virtuous Woman?”

Purpose

Gen 2:18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Help Meet - אָזְרָה 'ezer, ay'-zer; from H5826; aid:—help.

Adam had certain responsibilities for maintaining and keeping the garden of YeHoVaH.

YeHoVaH saw that Adam was alone and his solitude was not good, so YeHoVaH decided to create an aid or helper for Adam.

Gen 2:21-23

²¹And 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.

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.

Scripture tells us Adam was in a deep sleep when YeHoVaH created woman. Upon his awakening, Adam expressed his delight for YeHoVaH's craftiness in His final creation. Adam notes that woman was suitably created for him being “bone of his bone” and “flesh of his flesh.”

Adam expressed dominion by choosing a name for YeHoVaH's final created being. He had been given dominion over all the earth. (Genesis 1:26)

Gen 2:24

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

Despite the stiffneckness of man, the purpose of the woman is to become a wife and to be joined to her husband and become one flesh. This is the same as how YeHoVaH wants to become one with his bride, Israel, or you and me.

I know somebody is thinking of what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7.

Well, if we apply what Paul said in the totality, we either wipe out the human race or face the second death due to fornication.

Today, many who claim to be Believers have a negative outlook on marriage and the defined order of YeHoVaH. However, they participate in fornication and whoredom, giving in to their fleshly desires.

Why Our Women Must Be Counseled First

2 Cor. 11:13-14

¹³ For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Gen. 3:1-3

¹Now 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?
²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
³But 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.

We see here that Eve had received Instruction. The Scriptures do not indicate that she was told directly by YeHoVaH as Adam was in Genesis 2:16. Perhaps Eve was told by her husband, Adam.

Gen. 2:16-17

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

¹⁷But 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.

Gen. 3:4-6

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

⁵For 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.

⁶And 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.

Not only was Eve disobedient to the Instruction of YeHoVaH, but she also influenced her husband Adam to disobey the direct Instruction of YeHoVaH.

See, this is where the order got confused. Adam was to receive his Instruction from YeHoVaH and Eve was supposed to receive her instruction from Adam, who should have been following YeHoVaH's Instruction.

Instead, Adam received his instruction from his wife, Eve; and Eve received her instruction from the serpent.

Gen. 3:7-13

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

⁸And 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.

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

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

¹¹And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

¹²And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

¹³And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Adam cowardly blamed his disobedience on the gift that was given to him by YeHoVaH, instead of acknowledging his lack of maintaining his personal responsibility of keeping YeHoVaH's Commandments.

This is the reason the message for the women of Israel will be given first. Man followed woman's instruction in the garden instead of YeHoVaH's, displaying a desire to please woman rather than please God. Seemingly, a woman's influence can affect the minds and actions of a man.

Problem With Established Order

The Feminist movement of the 19th Century obviously disagreed with YeHoVaH's order and led many women astray. Elizabeth Stanton and Lucretia Mott are credited with organizing the first convention for women's rights in Seneca Falls, New York, July 1848.

At first, the feminist movement was concerned with enacting laws that protected women under the law of man. Similarly, YeHoVaH's Law, given to Moses, carved out certain rights and protections of women. (See *Exodus 22:22; Deuteronomy 27:19; Joshua 17:3–4*).

Some of these rights fought for by women of the feminist movement included: the right to vote, the right to not be treated as property, and welfare rights for widowed or divorced women. During the 20th Century, women desired to be "liberated" or "independent." But I ask, liberated and independent of whom or what?

1 Cor. 11:3

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.

Today, many women seem to want to be the head of the order or completely by themselves (an unwillingness to submit). The feminist movement has opened the door to the promotion of lesbianism and the murder of unborn children through abortions.

Whoredom and Promiscuity

Deut. 23:17

There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor sodomite of the sons of Israel.

The world's double standard has praised men for their sexual promiscuity, while historically shunning women for the same. This has provided the encouragement of women to take on the sinful nature of a whoremonger. A sodomite was a male prostitute and today we have a lot of female prostitutes walking among us.

The perpetuation of the "what can you do for me" attitude has led many women to trade their bodies for material gain. Basically, it boils down to a lack of a desire to work for what one desires.

Fornication - πορνεία porneía, por-ni'-ah; from G4203; harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively, idolatry:—fornication.

1 Cor. 6:9

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,

1 Cor. 6:18-20

¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

¹⁹ 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?

²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Lack of Desire to Work

2 Thes. 3:10

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Remember women like Lydia (who was a successful entrepreneur as a seller of purple fabric see Acts 16:14) and Ruth (who gleaned the fields to provide for her mother-in-law, Naomi and herself see Ruth 1-2).

Prov. 31:24

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Vanity in Physical Appearance

Today, our women have become more obsessed with their physical appearance rather than their spiritual appearance. The hair and cosmetic industry make billions of dollars every year as a result of vanity.

Prov. 7:10

And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil (*cunning*) of heart.

1 Peter 3:3-4 (NASB)

³ Your adornment must not be *merely* the external—braiding the hair, wearing gold *jewelry*, or putting on apparel;

⁴ but *it should be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable *quality* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

Prov. 31:30

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Contentious Women

Author of **The Great Gatsby**, Scott Fitzgerald coined the phrase “Behind every great man is a great woman.”

While this may prove to be true, behind the fall of great men are also contentious women.

Prov. 21:19

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

Prov. 27:15

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Job 2:9-10

⁹ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

¹⁰ But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

What a Virtuous Woman Entails

Ruth 3:11

And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

Ruth 3:11 (NIV)

And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character.

Ruth 3:11 (NASB95)

"Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

A woman of YeHoVaH is of excellence and noble character. She cares for her family, helps the poor and speaks wisdom.

Prov. 31:10-28

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

¹² She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

¹³ She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

¹⁵ She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

¹⁶ She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

¹⁷ She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

¹⁸ She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

¹⁹ She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

²⁰ She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

²¹ She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

²² She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

²⁴ She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

²⁵ Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we should encourage and require the display of virtue amongst all women of YeHoVaH. We must teach our daughters to be holy (as well as our sons).

We must teach our sons to cherish and respect the women of YeHoVaH.