

We Welcome You This Morning



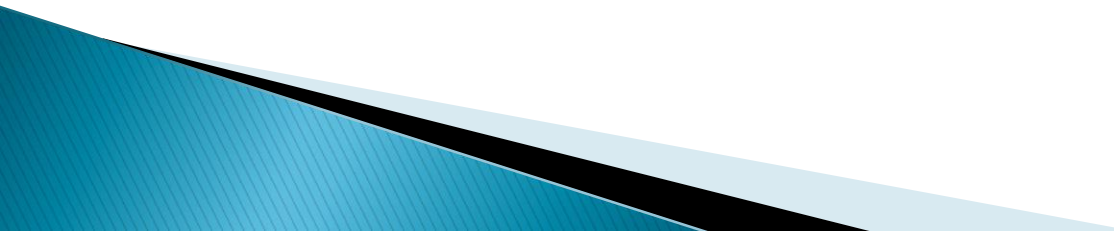
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Bible reading

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- ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.
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⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Wives and husbands

‘a living hope series’

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Submission

- ▶ 1 Peter 2: Submit as free men
 - Not because you adapt to culture
 - Not as to gain something
 - But as servants (or slaves) of God

Submission

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- ▶ In the same way
 - For the Lord's sake (2:13)
 - As free people (2:16)
 - In reverent fear of God (2:18)
- ▶ Ephesians 5:22, Colossians 3:18, Titus 2:5
- ▶ Misused and abused concept
- ▶ Is this command culturally determined?

Creation order in Genesis

1:27: So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

2:15: Man created and got tasks to do

2:18: Man in need of a suitable helper

2:22: Woman is created from the man to be
that suitable helper

2:24: That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is
united to his wife, and they become one flesh.



The sin and curse

3:1: Serpent talks to Eve, while Adam was beside her, and Eve eats and lets Adam eat.

3:9 Adam is first approached by God

3:17 Adams sin results in a cursed earth. His tasks becomes tougher

3:16 Eves sin results in a disturbed relation with Adam

Genesis 3:16b:

Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”



Wives

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² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

- ▶ Even with unbelieving husbands
 - Very relevant for the original audience
 - Marriage as God intended is a huge testimony
- ▶ Only to their husband, not men in general

Fashion

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- ▶ Don't let appearance determine your identity
- ▶ Gentleness and meekness are fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)

Role model

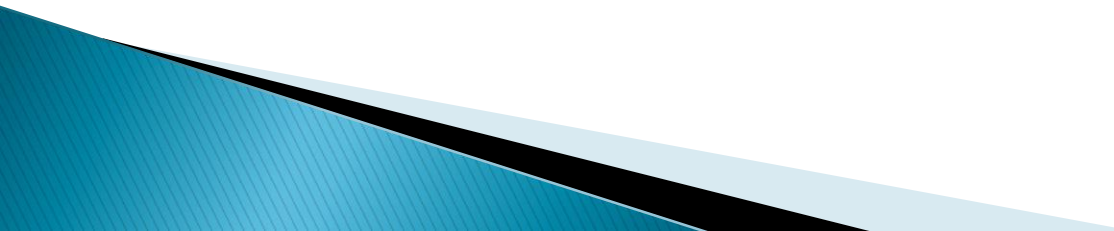
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- ▶ Sarah was a role model for the Jewish women
 - Do what is right
 - Do not fear, trust God

Husbands

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

- ▶ Live with your wives in knowledge
 - ▶ Weaker vessel
 - ▶ Equal heirs! In Christ there is no man nor woman (Gal 3:28)
 - ▶ Hindered prayers
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Strive for a head-helper unity

- ▶ Its God's design
 - For a wife to submit to her husband's authority
 - For a husband to understand and respect his wife
 - ▶ Its principles are not culturally determined
 - ▶ It's a testimony to those who don't believe
 - ▶ It's displaying a deep faith in God
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