

Led to Love the Unlovely

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Text: 1 Peter 3:1-9

"Likewise, 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; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But 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. 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: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, 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. 8 Finally, 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." (1 Peter 3:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

- wife's role in marriage
- husband has relation with wife
- what is submission?
 - * yielding to authority
 - * act of yielding
- in Bible, submit in a relationship
 - * submit to each other in God's fear (Eph 5:21)

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." (Romans 12:9)

"My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons." (James 2:1) no favoritism

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:4-5)

1. LOVE EXPRESSED

THROUGH Surrender (v. 1a)

A. Submitting to your Husband (v. 1a)

order in marriage a) Husband head of marriage b) wife under husband's leadership c) children obey both parents

A DIVINE ORDER

*"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."
(Ephesians 5:22)*

A DISPLAYED WITNESS

B. Surrender to the Lord

Quote: "To prove submission is a wonderful concept, Jesus became the ultimate illustration of it's validity. Although He was coequal and coeternal with the Father, He was completely submissive to the Father's will."—Joyce Rogers

2. LOVE EXPRESSED

THROUGH Testimony (v. 2-4)

A. A Genuine walk with God (v. 2)

YOUR PURITY IS KNOWN

"To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:5)

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;" (1 Peter 1:15)

YOUR REVERENCE IS KNOWN

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

B. A Revealed Inward character (v. 3-4)

OUTWARD BEAUTY IS CORRUPTIBLE - physical body decays

Quote: "Here let me point out that the Scriptures do not forbid a measure of adornment of the person, but rather that the wife should not depend on this to make her pleasing and attractive."—H.A. Ironside

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)

INWARD BEAUTY IS VALUABLE

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." (Proverbs 31:30)

Quote: "Gentleness or meekness is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest. It stems from trust in God's goodness and control over the situation. The gentle person is not occupied with self at all. This is a work of the Holy Spirit, not of the human will."

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

Quote: "Outside cleanliness, whether the product of zeal or complacency does not impress our Lord. With relentless penetration, He intends to deal with the filth we try to keep hidden beneath the surface."
—Larry Crabb

3. LOVE EXPRESSED

THROUGH Declaration (v. 5-6)

A. The expression of Love (v. 5)

BY TRUSTING GOD

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Quote: "Lord, I am willing to receive what you give; to lack what you withhold; to relinquish what you take; to suffer what you inflict; to be what you require. And, Lord, if others are to be your messengers to me, I am willing to hear and heed what they have to say. Amen."

BY ADORNING IN TRUTH- 5

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;" (Colossians 3:12)

B. The declaration of Love (v. 6)

SARAH VERBALIZED RESPECT

CHRISTIAN SPOUSES VERBALIZE RESPECT

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." (Ephesians 5:33)

CONCLUSION

- David's family
* Mt 1:5 Salmon & ~~Ruth~~ Rahab had Boaz
Boaz & Ruth had had Obed
* Ruth 4:21 Obed was King David's grandfather
* Rahab & Ruth were the females who created households of faith in families of David's ancestors

