

Biblical Womanhood pt 2

Various Scriptures

"A Christian woman does not put her hope in any man. The deepest root of true womanhood is hope in God." -John Piper

For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused, says your God. -Isaiah 54:5-6

Just as God refers to Israel as His betrothed _____, so it is with His chosen people today, we too are called into an intimate relationship with Him both now and for eternity. When the time is right, our bridegroom Jesus Christ, will return for the church and usher us into God's glorious kingdom forever.

What does this say about the importance of this relationship and God's heart toward women?

Women at Home, Society, and Ministry: Old Testament

Women at Home

In the Old Testament, Israelite women managed the _____ and performed the duties of wives and mothers. They had a measure of autonomy in life and were subordinate to their husbands. Although men owned property, daughters could receive the inheritance from their fathers if there were no sons in the family. When did daughter's received there inheritance? **Leviticus 19:3; Numbers 27:8; Proverbs 18:22; 31:10-31**

Are there any qualities you admire most about the example of a virtuous wife?

Women in Society

From a historical perspective a woman's legal position was weaker than a man's. Though a husband could divorce his wife for some uncleanness in her, no law is given suggesting that a wife could _____ her husband. Wives could be required to take a jealousy test if they were suspected of unfaithfulness to their husbands, but no law s given permitting a wife to require the same of her husband.

Deuteronomy 21:15-17; 24:1-4; Numbers 5:11-31

Case laws refer to specific situations such as divorce and polygamy, but what was God's idea of marriage? (_____, _____ and _____.)

Women in Ministry

Deborah was a prophetess and judge; Esther, a queen whose _____ in diplomacy saved the Jews from extinction; Miriam served with Moses and Aaron lead the women in the wilderness. Isaiah's wife was a prophetess. Huldah's prophetic ministry occurred at a critical junction in the religious life of Judah.

Exodus 15:21; Judges 4:4; Esther 9:29; 2 Kings 22:14

In what ways does this help you to see God's value of women?

Women at Home, Society, and Ministry: New Testament

Women at Home

As in the Old Testament, the work of women continued with keeping their homes and properly training their children. In doing this they were praised, receiving _____ and responsibility in her home. There were also women such as Lydia and Priscilla who were leaders, working and providing for their households by selling merchandise. **1 Timothy 5:1-4; 9-14; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Peter 3:7**

Women in Society

In the New Testament, we see Jesus treating men and women as equals. He does not favor men over women or vice versa in the context of marriage, relationships or spiritual accountability, but He holds them both to the same _____ of _____ and turning away from sin. Although women/widows were often taken advantage of, from a biblical perspective, women were encouraged to work, serve, and function in their God-given framework just like men.

John 8:1-11; Matthew 19:3-9

As you look at our homes and society today, what has changed and what has remained the same?

Women in Ministry

In the New Testament women were very active and instrumental in the work of the ministry. Although no woman was listed among the _____ disciples or the _____ that were sent out, Jesus spoke highly of women and safeguarded their rights. It was a group of women who were the first to testify of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Scripture affirms that women such as Mark's mother, Mary, Lydia, Phoebe, Priscilla, Anna and the daughters of Phillip all served in the early church with service, influence, leadership and teaching.

Luke 2:36-38; Acts 12:12; 16:14-15; Philippians 4:3; 1 Timothy 2:9

In considering our study so far, what is your biggest take away from Biblical Womanhood? Why?

“I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me.”

-Sojourner Truth