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# 1

## ADAM AND EVE, A BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING AND AN UNFORTUNATE OUTCOME

We start this first chapter by reading in Genesis about Adam and Eve's creation. Today many people believe that these histories are not to be considered seriously because of what they think they know about the origins of the Earth and evolution. We believe that these histories were accurately written down by holy men of God under the direction of His Holy Spirit, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ confirmed the authority of the bible; it is the perfect expression of what our God wants us to know.

We read from Young's transliteration of Genesis 1:27 ***“And God prepares the man in His image; in the image of God He prepared him, a male and a female He prepared them.”*** Do you notice that we spiritually look exactly like our God? So He also looks exactly like us and has the same kind of feelings, emotions, needs for love, happiness, et cetera.

Let us now look at parts of the second creation history from Genesis 2:7-9:

***“The Lord God formed Man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils His life giving breath; so Man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in the East, in Eden, where He put the man He had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made every tree spring up that is pleasant to see and good for food. The tree-of-life was also in the midst of the garden, as well as the tree-of-the-knowledge-of-good-and-evil.”***

Genesis 2: 15-24:

***“Then the Lord God put the Man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it, and the Lord God instructed him: ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree-of-the-knowledge-of-good-and-evil you shall not eat, because the day that you eat of it you shall begin to die.’ And the Lord God said: ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ Then the Lord God formed out of the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them, and whatever Adam called each living creature that it became (was its name). So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam no helper was found similar to him. Then the Lord God caused Adam to fall in a deep sleep and***

***took one of his ribs and closed up the wound and the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken from Adam and brought her to him. Then 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.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."***

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Did God instruct Adam about managing the garden for Him while he was still alone?
2. Was Adam still alone when God told him that he could not eat of the Tree-of-the-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil?
3. Is this instruction about those trees not like God giving Adam a law?
4. Did God maybe put the Tree-of-the-knowledge-of-good-and-evil in the garden to give him a choice to obey his Father or disobey Him, to love Him or do what he wanted to do? Did God maybe want to be sure of Adams unconditional love?
5. Is our God maybe jealous for our love from the bottom of our hearts? Is that not the same as a wife being jealous for her husband's total love for her?

6. Do you notice that God is aware that Adam has no companion like himself? God feels like we do, doesn't He?
7. God made the animals to become whatever name Adam gave them. Did God maybe bring animals to Adam to see if he would name one of them to become an intimate companion for him?
8. Could Adam have called for his Father God to create a wife for him? Or did he maybe not even realize what he needed for his complete happiness?
9. Does his Father God notice that after Adam names animals, and God creates their character, Adam still has no companion like himself? And do you notice that after God created Eve from one of Adam's ribs he becomes totally excited about her; that she is God's gift to him?
10. Did God give Eve instructions for managing the Earth?
11. A dog may learn to always obey its master unconditionally, but would Eve be able to truly love Adam if God gave her no ability to want to follow Adam, or not, to honor and obey him, or not?

Here are the words God spoke to Adam after he ate from the tree-of-the-knowledge-of-good-and-evil (Genesis 3:17):

***'Because you listened to your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I instructed you 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; in hard labor you shall eat of it all the days of your life. It shall produce thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat its plants. In sweat you shall eat from it until you return to the ground, because out of it you came; you are and to it you shall return.'***" (Gen 3:17-19)

Is it not clear from this text that God held Adam accountable, not Eve, for the curse that is now on all of mankind and the whole earth?

It is clear from many bible-scriptures that God intends the husband-wife relationship to be a mirror image of His relationship with His people and Jesus' relationship with those who trust Him, His Bride to be, the Church.

1Corinthians 11:3 says:

***"I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."***



1 Corinthians 11:7b:

***“Man is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man, because man is not from woman, but woman from man.”***

Our God has an amazing servant’s heart and wants us also to be servants of Him and each other. When a man is married, God holds him responsible to be a servant to protect and lead his wife and family. We men have failed our God however terribly and became lovers of ourselves. And, though a wife longs to be her husband’s helper and follow him if he unconditionally loves and cherishes her, she will out of fear not dare to unconditionally follow her husband anymore when his love for her is lacking, and will seek then at least shared responsibility and control in the marriage and family. So also she loses her servant’s heart.

And if a husband cannot lead his family anymore in the same manner God wants to lead us, it will hinder the relationship between husband and wife, and there is no longer a needed example for her and the children of how to be led by the Spirit of God. A healthy family is necessary to develop obedience and submission in children as an expression of trust and love, so that they can become capable of obeying and submitting to their heavenly Father for an intimate relationship with Him. Proverbs states it so clearly in chapter 26

verse 6: ***“Train a child in the way it should go and when it grows up it will not depart from it.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Does a good family show children how to relate to God?
2. Does Jesus want us to call God “our Father” to help us understand better that our relationship with Him is the same as our relationship with our earthly fathers?
3. Is it then important that fathers have a close relationship with their children like their mothers have, so that later on they can also obey and come close to God as their most real Father?

Sin has caused us to not be servants of each other anymore but to always seek first to get what we want, and we all therefore control others to a degree, and end up getting hurt. And, as we become hurt, rejected, wounded, and do not forgive, we will become controllers of others even more in an attempt to prevent future acts of rejection. All of us must learn to be servants instead of bosses, so that we may become capable of loving and submitting to each other and to our God who created us for His happiness

and joy. But that requires that we lay down our lives, just like Jesus did for us.

Romans 8:14 says: ***“Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the mature sons of God”.***

Women’s “Liberation” basically encourages us to become bosses rather than servants like our God is, and it teaches that a woman has a right to an equal opportunity to manage in the workplace, and in the marriage relationship in violation of God’s will. Do most church-denominations today not even permit women to become pastors leading entire congregations, and even bishops? But God’s Word states so clearly in 1Timothy 2:12:

***“I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man”.***

It is obviously believed that schooling can make a woman better qualified for such leadership than many men in the church. During the nineteen hundreds women leading men has so easily become accepted in the world; but knowledge of the mind is of so limited value in leading God’s people; women leading men clearly violates God’s instructions to us. When arrogance about perceived abilities sticks up its ugly head, wisdom flees, and God will not lead anymore; but when humility towards God and man governs a

human being, wisdom and discernment are gifts our God and Father loves to provide abundantly. Psalms 111:10:

***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom!”***

Proverbs 1: 7:

***“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”***

Church leaders who arrogantly argue with God, thinking that their thoughts are their own and that they are self-capable, become wolves in sheep’s cloths, rather than remaining shepherds. Jesus was so clear on this subject when He in humility encouraged us by saying in John 5:19:

***“Even the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees His Father do, that He does”***

And in John 16:13 Jesus says to His disciples:

***“When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth.”***

Our minds are not reliable or capable of making good choices on our own; it is God’s Spirit at work Who will guide us into knowing the best choices so that Father God can successfully accomplish anything through us, that is, if we seek God’s help. The apostle Paul writes in 1Corinthians 8:2:

***“The man who thinks he knows something, does not yet know as he ought to.”***

And Proverbs 3:5 says it also so clearly:

***“Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and do not rely on your own mind; in all you undertake, do it with Him, and He will make your paths straight.”***

Isn't it amazing how we people dare to argue with our almighty and all-knowing God and Father? And we have no excuse thinking “But who can prove to me that He is really the one Who revealed Himself through the Bible?” We have no excuse, because He came to live among us, Jesus, Immanuel, God among us. People who then knew Him well had in the end no doubts anymore but that He was part of God, His Son. And just like Jesus, they became even willing to pay the highest price of death, rather than denying Him. Why should we then doubt with such a powerfully large crowd of witnesses who knew Him well. I now know Him also extremely well as He has spoken to me so often and the facts that followed would confirm that I had heard Him well. My Father has also protected me in ministry so often from death in Africa in amazing ways.

In leading God's people we are not ***“dealing with flesh and blood, but with principalities and powers in the spiritual realm”*** and most women are no reliable

match in confronting such powers. Paul does not write without good reason that a woman when praying ***“needs a symbol of authority on her head because of the angels.”***

With her emotions and feelings so easily dominating her decisions, she has difficulty accurately discerning between God’s angels and those under the control of satan: demons. Such discerning is done by comparing a spiritual input we receive with God’s revealed written word; Jesus also discerned and responded to satan’s deceptions using His Father’s written Word. A woman who anyway teaches and leads men is in rebellion against God, and when she rules in family and society, these institutions are at risk of being led by a mixture of rational thought and unreliable feelings. Satan can then easily come as an “Angel of Light”, using independent women for his long-term purposes.

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Can you see that the rapid increase of knowledge in the last 200 years or so has made many people in developed countries feeling self-capable and proud, and that in that state most of them will no longer acknowledge God as direct source of all their thoughts and abilities?

2. Do you realize that our minds are continually influenced by what spirits put in there; that it will be God's Spirit at work in our minds, or it will be satan who creates our thoughts, though we then can develop the details to make decisions?
3. Can you see that if people become arrogant and prideful, they disconnect themselves from their God and lose spiritual knowledge, wisdom?
4. Can you see that being led by God's Spirit is of much greater value than relying on our own perceived mental abilities that expose us to satan's influence?

We repeat Proverbs 3:5 in a little different wording:

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding; in all you think and do, acknowledge that God must work through you; He will make you succeed in all your ways.”***

And Paul in Philippians 2:13:

***“It is God who works in you, both to will, and to do for His joy and pleasure.”***

If we do not acknowledge God as our source for everything, living and working under our Father's direction, He will draw back and wait for us to return to Him, but in the mean time we will increasingly come

under the influence of satan, whether we realize it or not. Satan and his servants will be running our lives, giving us thoughts that we believe to be our own. The world-famous physics scientist Albert Einstein understood this well when he made a clear and humble statement about his discovery of the extremely difficult to understand relativity theory of physics when people asked him how he possibly could understand and define that law:

“All I have done is trace the lines that flow from the throne of God.”

Can you talk together about the difference between mind-knowledge and spirit-knowledge, called wisdom?

My wife and I were married for 36 years when she died in 1998 and it was then that God called me to ministry to young men who had not had a father in their lives. First Father God had to teach me however to only rely on Him through some deep self-inflicted traumas; but when I went full time to Africa in 2008 I had learned from Romans 2:1:

1. ***“Judge not or you will be judged, and in what you judge another, you condemn yourself because you do the same thing.”*** If people forsake me, I must keep on loving them because God is through them at work in



me; He knows my heart, and loves me with a passion,  
and that is enough for me.

## 2

### **“WOMEN’S LIBERATION”, THE CAUSE OF THE BREAKDOWN OF SOCIETIES**

Worldly, unbiblical beliefs about substantial sameness of men and women have deeply penetrated Western cultures and our churches. But we must not try to “interpret” simple bible statements to our own liking, including those about responsibilities of husband and wife within marriage; that is arrogant rejection of our Almighty and All-knowing Creator God and Father. My studies of God’s Word and psychology, together with revelations directly from the heart of God, prove to me beyond any doubt that God’s Word on Male and Female roles is extremely accurate. God’s Word continues to be totally relevant for today and “without spiritual errors”.

Since the fall of Adam people have rejected, hurt, and wounded each other, and the victims have bitterly judged their enemies and tried to protect themselves against further abuse through controlling people and their environment, but so they themselves also started to hurt others, and have lost relationships with their fellow men and their God. And while God eagerly waits for His wayward children to come back and

follow His leading again, satan has free play in their lives, whether they realize it or not. So satan deceives man into believing that he can best protect himself; that it is safer to rely on self than on God. And when God is no longer in man's daily affairs, satan will give man abilities and ideas to develop knowledge and science without letting man realize that satan is helping him, and so he draws him even further away from his God.

People came to love themselves, trying to lord it over others instead of being servants like our God is a servant, and relationships became weak at best. And women in many ways are not different than men and have been competing with them for their share of control and perceived significance; they wanted to have at least shared authority with men; that is in their nature. God already told Eve about this after Adam first disobeyed his God; we read in Genesis 3:16:

***“Your desire will be to control your husband, but he shall rule over you.”***

When men and women ignore God, or even fight Him, they lose wisdom and understanding.

1. People can no longer see the different gifts that God has given men and women for His purposes, and that these gifts make them complimentary to each other for their own best and happiness.

2. Men have come to think that women have a reasonable case in wanting to also lead and teach. Adam already let Eve make the most damaging decision for which God held him responsible.
3. People seek to be “Politically Correct”, be people pleasers, rather than pleasing their God by obeying Him.
4. Men want to please women to get what they want from them.
5. And pastors preach what people like to hear, rather than what they need to hear. Galatians 1:10 says:  
***“Do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? If I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.”***

The problem is made worse by the fact that, though a man may perceive some things about a woman, he cannot understand how a woman functions, feels and thinks unless God shows him, because he is not a woman. And women have trouble understanding how men function, how they think, because they are no men. Thus men can be deceived into believing that women can do a job just as well as they can, and women cannot easily see, or don't want to see how a man can do many jobs better than they can. Yet somehow men and women know about this problem, as women usually have lower pay in the “for profit”

market place; women are continually battling to be accepted as equally capable as men. They are not equally capable, but differently capable.

Since the on-set of women's "liberation" in Western societies, the understanding of differences in how men and women function has become increasingly blurred, partly due to higher levels of education for women. Most people now want to believe that men and women can do almost anything equally good, but women are still from Venus and men from Mars; their natural mental and spiritual functioning is so very different.

Western societies today are deteriorating rapidly as can be observed in ungodly wicked behaviors that are approved by the majority of people in many countries, like legalized murder of defenseless unborn babies, the rampant sexual immorality of free sex with anyone, and even homosexuality. And many churches now ordain practicing homosexuals as pastors and bishops.

How is it possible that men today can think that homosexually oriented people have always been there, but we are only now honest about this reality? Older people can look back some 50 years or more and testify that there was no one who blatantly exhibited

the sin of homosexual conduct in public, or in whose faces you could read their homosexual tendencies. I remember a discussion in the medical world in 1969 about homosexuality, and medical evidence was presented indicating that only 0.1% of men were genetically predisposed to become homosexual. And now a substantial portion of the population is suddenly homosexual, and it has always been like that but less visible? Or were those doctors then still dumb and we now are much better scientifically disciplined. A clear picture is emerging of the correlation between women ruling with their feelings and societies raising homosexuals. We will show in the next chapter that these are symptoms that herald the end of a civilization.

### 3

## NOAH, SODOM AND GOMORRAH, JUDEA AND JERUSALEM & WESTERN CIVILIZATION

The first time God destroys man was when worldwide wickedness was totally out of control. We read that in Genesis 6:1-8:

***“Now it happened that when men began to multiply on earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men. Because they were beautiful, they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said: ‘My Spirit shall not contend with man forever, because he is flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ There were then giants on earth in those days, as also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those became mighty men, famous men.***

***Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth; that every thought of his heart was continually about doing evil. And the LORD was sorry that He had created man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said: ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the earth, both man and beast, creeping things and birds of the air,***

***because I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”***

Do you notice that sexual immorality caused God to destroy societies of those days?

And in Isaiah 3:12 God expresses His sadness about Israel having ignored Him and His laws, His leading, and warns them about the pending destruction of the nation of Judah as women are allowed to control and lead in family and society, creating in the end again sexual immorality.

Isaiah 3:12, listen carefully:

***“As for My people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy your ways of life.”***

Do we ignore this as being born from a primitive culture in Isaiah’s days, and are Isaiah’s writings not Holy Spirit breathed, and ridiculous, not without errors as Christians used to believe? Were our own ancestors, who opened up the world of science for us, then primitive too, because they still believed God’s Word to be without error and to be respected?



When women begin to rule, men are becoming wimps, without a spine. They were called to manage God's world for Him but have abandoned those responsibilities. As mothers dominate at home, their boys will resent or even come to hate them, and when grown up don't want to have a relationship with a woman. And when men in their frustration of not being able to lead their wives anymore, turn to their vulnerable daughters, they will come to hate their fathers and later on will not want to marry a man. This development in Western oriented societies is a repeat of what was going on in Sodom and Gomorra in the days of Abraham, and of developments in Judea and Jerusalem in the days of the prophet Isaiah when God destroyed those societies.

Listen to what happened in Sodom and Gomorrah from Genesis 19:2-11

***“The guests, angels, said to Lot: ‘We will spend the night in the open square.’ But Lot insisted strongly; so the angels of the Lord entered his house. Then he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Now before they lay down, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, saying: ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we may have***

***sex with them.’ And Lot went outside to them, shut the door behind him, and said: ‘Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.’ But they responded: ‘Stand back! You came living here among us, and you keep acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.’ So they pressed hard against Lot, and came close to breaking down the door. But the angels reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, shut the door, and struck the men outside with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.”***

And here follows God’s judgment as recorded in Genesis 19:24-25

***“Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the heavens. So He destroyed those cities, the plains, the inhabitants of the cities and what grew on the ground.”***

And let us read now in Isaiah 3: 1:12 what would happen to Judah and Jerusalem when that society became corrupted:

***“See, the Lord of the heavenly hosts removes from Jerusalem and from Judah the stock and the store, the entire supply of bread and water, the powerful man and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the spiritual man and the elder, the captain of fifty and the honorable man, the counselor and the skillful craftsman, and the motivational speaker. I will give children to be their princes, and babies shall rule over them. The people will be oppressed, everyone by another and everyone by his neighbor. The child will be insolent toward the elder, and the young toward the honorable. When a man takes hold of his brother in his father’s house to say: ‘You have clothing, you be our ruler and let these ruins be under your power.’ Then he will protest: ‘I cannot cure your problems because I have nothing at home, food or clothing; do not make me ruler of the people.’ Jerusalem stumbled, and Judah has fallen because what they say and do provokes the Lord and is rebellion against His glorious majesty. The expression on their faces testifies against them, and they declare their sin like that of Sodom, and hide I not. Woe to their souls! They have brought evil upon themselves. Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, because they shall eat the fruit of their actions. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with them, because the reward for their evil shall be given to them. As for My people,***

***children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O, My people, your leaders guide you astray and destroy your ways of life."***

About one hundred years later God would send King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to end the Kingdom of Judea, utterly destroying Jerusalem and the cities of Judea

Are homosexual people peaceful? Forget this deception; their spirits are full of anger and rage toward those who abused them in their early life, whether they are aware of this or not. Do we notice how this homosexuality phenomenon in society first removes manly leaders and honorable men, and that it is followed by immature men and women taking over control? This happened in the days of Abraham in Sodom and Gomorrah, in the days of Isaiah in Judah and Jerusalem, and so it is today again developing in the part of the world that has rejected its God. We believe that this trend began with "Women's Liberation" in the late eighteen hundreds. Men stopped being the prophets or teachers, priests or prayer warriors, and kings or servant-leaders of their families; they did not want to be responsible anymore. Poor women, when men no longer would teach them God's Word and they would become deceived into believing that they can be leaders just as well as men.

By now this has destroyed most Christian families. As more women become Jezebels, more and more men become spineless Ahabs and Herods. Such men let their wives make their decisions against God's explicit instructions. And can anyone see it anymore? It seems as if Western man has become like a frog in a pan of water over a fire. The frog loves it for a while, wonderful physical enjoyment without care, but does not notice that as it falls asleep when the water becomes cozy, it finally boils him, unnoticed.

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Can you talk together about your experiences with dominating women in marriages?
2. Have you known men who will not marry a woman because they had a dominant mother? And women who will not marry a man because of terrible fathers?
3. Do you notice that the homosexuals in Sodom and Judah are not at all embarrassed about their sick sex desire? Is that not also visible in "gay-pride" parades today that demand that we accept their lifestyle?

God leaves people alone if they choose to ignore Him; His love-nature just does not allow Him to ever force anyone into loving Him, obeying or honoring Him;

forced love is no love and cannot satisfy the longing of His Father's heart. We are happy when unconditionally loved, and so our God and Father wants to be cherished by us; He is exactly like us. Our Father God longs for our free gift-of-love. Do you understand that love just is not "love" anymore when it is given out of fear, or on demand? We call that rape. When we walk away from God, He cannot but grieve and step back from us, though He will keep attempting to draw us back to Himself for some time with His Holy Spirit. This is most important to understand if we want to have a relationship with our heavenly Father: we must want to love Him, honor Him and be thankful to Him so that He can make Himself known to us, and we must do so with all our heart. He said that so clearly in Jeremiah 29:11-14

***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and hope. I will hear you when you call me, and when you pray to me I will answer you. You will seek me and find me, if you seek me with all your heart; I will be found by you, declares the Lord."***

Without God there just is no Universe, no Earth or life, and no you or me. When satan rebelled against God, and tried to take His position in the spiritual realm we call heaven, he lost, and was thrown down to Earth.

Thus a flesh-life remains possible without God because a demanding and ugly taskmaster, satan, will gladly take over and for some time provide what we want without us even knowing it. That is nothing else but manipulating us into his control, to ultimately kill and destroy us. Yet, while people walk away from God, and their lives are run by the devil, God keeps on providing life's needs for all of us through nature.

Jesus taught that so clearly in a parable in Matthew 13:24-30:

***"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while men slept, his enemy came stealthily and sowed weeds among the wheat. When the grain had sprouted and was producing a crop, the weeds also showed up. Then the servants of the owner said to him: 'Sir, did you not sow good seed alone in your field? Why then does it have weeds also?' And He said to them: 'An enemy has done this.' The servants then asked: 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he answered: 'No, because while you gather up the weeds, you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest and at the time of harvest I will instruct the reapers: 'First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"***

Father God is working toward a wonderful harvest of children, and until His day of reaping He just lets those who ignore Him live side by side with us who love, honor and obey Him. And God continues to hope that some people may yet begin to seek Him. Jesus told us that He will return soon to restore all things like they were in Paradise. But while we wait Father God continues to receive more and more of His children into everlasting fellowship, happiness and joy. But in these last days of opportunity to come to our Father, things will become very difficult in this world as societies will deteriorate beyond redemption.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:22: ***“Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved”***.

Here is what Paul describes as the typical process satan leads rebellious men through, even if they have difficulty seeing anymore that God and satan are real and alive.

Listen to Romans 1:18- 32:

***“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ... because since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen .... so that men have no excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not***



***glorify Him as God, nor were they thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Thinking to be wise, they became fools. .... Therefore God gave them up to vile passions. Their women exchanged the natural use of their bodies for what is unnatural. Likewise also the men, leaving their natural use of the woman, burned in lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error. .... knowing the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are deserving of death, they not only do such things themselves, but also approve of others who practice them.”***

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Do you understand why God allows His children and scoffers to live side by side?
2. Do you notice how also this Romans 1 scripture, explains how homosexuality develops just like in Noah’s days, in Sodom and Gomorrah, in Judah and Jerusalem, and now?
3. Can you share with each other an example of this in your own life?

Homosexuals are people with a different balance of hormones, but this is not due to genetic design. They are people who came from broken dysfunctional

families; they came to hate the behaviors of their fathers or mothers due to their controlling and dominating spirit, and would not have a relationship with one of the opposite sex anymore. Allowing bitterness to control their hearts, rather than forgiving a dominating parent, they began feeling as if other people of the same sex as that parent are just like their own parent who wounded them. Homosexual people are angry people, even if they do not want to realize this of themselves; they will say that they are “gay”, “happy”, but as the prophet Jeremiah wrote it: their “heart is deceitful beyond measure and desperately wicked”, just like the hearts of all of us; they fake happiness. Their pain and anger are so profound, yet usually so carefully hidden and denied that they will challenge others with fake cheer to join them in the hurt condition of their heart. They are even such terribly controlling people that they demand of society that everyone accepts them as normal people, yes, even agrees with them. Isaiah depicted this so well when he wrote Isaiah 3:9

***“The expression on their faces witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as that of Sodom and hide it not.”***

As it was in the days of Sodom, and in Isaiah’s days, so today gay-pride parades are again trying to tell the world the lie of how wonderful it is to be homosexual.

Are these people so happy that they aggressively have to flaunt their sexual acts in public as normal behavior? In denying their problem they even demand the right to marry a person of their own sex and raise adopted children in families of two men or two women. Can two men raise a child in a balanced Godly manner in a distorted family structure; or can two women do so? Children need a family that looks like God's family; they need the examples of a loving mother and a mature father-leader of the family to make them grow up in balance.

Did you notice when we read Isaiah 3, that when Judah and Jerusalem fall, God removes quality manly leaders? He also removes the men who have spiritual understanding, discernment. And now look at the description of wanton women that follows, still in Isaiah 3, and what God will do to them to restore Judah and Jerusalem to Himself; how He will humble these women in the process. Do you see it happening today already?

We listen to this from Isaiah 3:16-26 and continue in Isaiah 4:1-6.

Isaiah 3:16-26

***Next the Lord God will judge the haughty Jewish women, who mince along, noses in the air, tinkling bracelets on their ankles, with wanton eyes that rove***

***among the crowds to catch the glances of the men. The Lord will send a plague of scabs to ornament their heads! He will expose their nakedness for all to see. No longer shall they tinkle with self-assurance as they walk. For the Lord will strip away their artful beauty and their ornaments, their necklaces and bracelets and veils of shimmering gauze. Gone shall be their scarves and ankle chains, headbands, earrings, and perfumes; their rings, jewels, party clothes, negligees, capes, ornate combs, and purses; their mirrors, lovely lingerie, beautiful dresses, and veils. Instead of smelling of sweet perfume, they'll stink; instead of sashes they'll use ropes; their well-set hair will all fall out; they'll wear sacks instead of robes. All their beauty will be gone; all that will be left to them is shame and disgrace. Their husbands shall die in battle; the women, ravaged, shall sit crying on the ground."***

Isaiah 4:1-6

***" At that time so few men will be left alive that seven women will fight over each of them and say: 'Let us all marry you! We will get our own food and clothing; only let us be called by your name so that we won't be mocked as old maids'. Those, whose names are written down to escape the destruction of Jerusalem, will be washed and rinsed of all their immoral filth by horrors and fire. They will become God's holy people.***

***And the land will produce for them its lushest bounty and its richest fruit. Then the Lord will provide shade on all Jerusalem - over every home and all its public grounds - a canopy of smoke and cloud throughout the day, and clouds of fire at night, covering the Glorious Land, protecting it from daytime heat and from rains and storms.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Do you see in the above reading how God is bringing His people back to Himself?
2. Is God first removing many men through war? And Is God then dealing with the women’s pride and seductive behavior?
3. Did Israel return to God because they had nothing left but poverty, nothing left to be proud of?
4. When our Lord then creates a cloud and smoke by day and a flaming fire by night over the assemblies of His restored people, what does that make you think of?

Didn’t God’s Pillar of Cloud lead Israel during the day while they traveled through the desert from Egypt to the Promised Land? And did God not give them a Pillar of Fire and cloud at night behind them to give protection and light?

As puny little beings, mankind is today allowed to look at a lot of God’s beautiful Universe. Thinking that we

can now study it because we have become smarter than our ancestors, has made many become extremely proud and arrogant. And because we are no longer recognizing our Creator for allowing us to see all of this, and refusing to thank Him, and praising and honoring Him, He withdraws His Spirit from us. We end up confused, unable to experience Him anymore. And our pride does not allow us yet to go on our knees and plead with our Creator God to reveal Himself to us again. I believe that will take yet a while longer, until life becomes more unbearable. Yes, God is alive and so eager to reveal Himself to us in an unmistakable manner, but we will first need to acknowledge Him in all we think and do, and plead with Him to guide us again.

1Corinthians 8:2 says

***“The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.”***

Proverbs 3:5 says

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding and ideas; in everything acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight.”***

Listen again to our Father God speaking to us in Jeremiah 29:11-14

***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and hope. When you will call on me I will hear you, and when you pray to me I will answer. You will seek me and find me if you seek me with all your heart; I will be found by you, declares the Lord.”***

To be “born again”, born of the Spirit of God, is a real event through which God puts His Spirit in us, just like He breathed His Spirit in the formed clay that created Adam, so that we can communicate with God, as Jesus said in John 3:6:

***“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, but that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”***

Faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1:

***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (with the eye).”***

Faith is a gift from God, a spiritual phenomenon that makes us know things for sure that cannot be seen. How does that work? It for sure cannot be measured with scientific instruments, and I cannot explain it, but it nevertheless is true reality. Choose to ignore this truth and refuse to teach it because it is not

“scientific”, and you will suffer the consequences. God cannot be mocked, and we little creatures cannot demand that He prove Himself to us than He already has; He is clearly enough visible in His creation. Were He to prove Himself in a physical manner, we would not obey Him out of love but out of fear, and that could never satisfy the longing of His heart.

Did the Pharisees not also ask Jesus to prove that He was the Son of God? Here is how He answered them in Matt 12:39-42

***"An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign; no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the day of judgment against this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; but now a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the day of judgment against this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; but now a greater than Solomon is here."***

What is physical is physical, and what is spiritual is spiritual, though we cannot see it easily anymore since



Adam sinned, and we with him. But from my experience and through a faith that God gave me I can see a reality that no physical eye can see, and know spiritual matters through wisdom; it is work that God does in people's hearts, in their spirit, and it is miraculous and marvelous to me.

## 4

### **A TYPICAL BREAKDOWN OF SOCIETIES.**

Here follows a typical sequence of events that leads to the repetitive breakdown of civilizations, including the present Western civilization:

1. Wounded hearts cause wives to challenge their husband's leadership.
2. Because husbands are designed to lead, they become frustrated and bitter, and isolate themselves, may even leave entirely.
3. Bitter fathers will hurt their children by:
  - Not being there for them,
  - Exasperating them, challenging and irritating them,
  - Becoming uncontrolled in the home,
  - In frustration begin drinking alcohol too much to dull their emotional pains, or start using drugs, or get sex somewhere else,
  - The fathers start abusing and/or molesting the children's mother,
  - Abusing their children, or even sexually molesting them.
4. And when the children have become adults:

- As females they become fearful and controllers of people.
- As men, they become full of malice and bitterness and controllers of others, even to the point of violence.
- As children these adults did not learn to submit to authority due to lack of example and will now rebel against authority.
- When children of a dysfunctional home have become adults and are married they will create more severely dysfunctional families yet.
- Sons will hate their dominating mothers and women in general, due to lack of forgiveness, and prefer male partners in life.
- Daughters will hate their abusive fathers and start hating men in general due to lack of forgiveness, and prefer female partners in life.
- Become lonesome and cannot relate well anymore with people or God.
- Without God people cannot have spiritual understanding, wisdom.
- Without an alive spirit, they become worse than animals, selfish, seek pleasures, fleshly lusts and survival.
- Successive generations will become increasingly worse, immoral and violent.

God's Word gives us a clear answer of how He will assist us to reverse the above described cycle of the breakdown of society, and the key is in the last two verses of the Old Testament, Malachi 4:5-6 where the Lord says:

***"Look, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, and if that doesn't happen I will come and strike the earth with a curse."***

#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Did you come from such a dysfunctional home, and do you recognize the consequences now in your life? Do you see now a solution with God's help?
2. Is it not encouraging how God's Word indicates that the curse on life will be broken when fathers turn their hearts to bless their children, and when children turn their hearts to their fathers, regardless of how imperfect they may have been to them?
3. Why does Malachi not mention restoration of life through mothers turning their hearts to their children?

Concluding the forgoing destructive sequence of life:

Firstly, it is clear that societies begin breaking down as husbands stop seeking a relationship with their God, stop teaching their wives and children God's Word, stop praying for their wives and children, and begin to bully their wives and children, rather than being servant-leaders, even for their imperfect wives.

Secondly, women will then attempt to control their, also imperfect, husbands to limit being abused by them.

Thirdly, deserted mothers must find work to support their children, and so have limited time available to adequately give them their love and needs.

And what is the true underlying cause of all of this? Men do not obey their God in loving their wives if they are not perfect enough, and wives do not keep on honoring and obeying their husbands because they are not perfect enough for them. Well, I have good news for all of us, Jesus loved us, and chose to submit Himself to unimaginable sufferings for us, even though we did not yet even care about Him. We must choose now to follow Jesus example and do what our Father instructs us to do for each other as husbands and wives, while we are yet so very imperfect. We must learn to do our Father's will toward one another to please our heavenly Father, not to please each other. You know? Our Father gave us these commandments

for our own very best, because if we husbands obey our Father's will toward our imperfect wives, and if the wives obey their Father's will for them toward their so undeserving husbands, He WILL cause our marriages to become beautiful. He loves us so very much.

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Can you see that fathers must turn their hearts to their children if societies are to be restored?
2. Do you see what happens to our families and society when we husbands and fathers abandon our God, give up our responsibilities to teach God's Word to our wives and children, stop praying for them and gently and in humility leading them?
3. What are you going to do about this when God gives you a new opportunity?

Immediately after the wife of the writer of this booklet had died, he asked God: "Why? You gave us this past year while she was sick all we asked for, but why did You not give me her life?" He had not really expected an answer but was shocked when he heard God speak loud and clear: ***"Because you loved her more than Me and I have always wanted to use you."*** Yes, I too, just like Adam, was guilty of loving my wife more than my Creator, who deserves to be thanked for everything He provides us, honored and worshipped for Who He is, and obeyed at all times above anyone else. I had

worshipped my wife more than my Creator, my Father God.

Ultimately, for a human being to reach some level of spiritual maturity he needs to learn that the ***“greatest in the Kingdom of God must be a servant of all”***. This servant attitude is so much more present in a woman, even before she is born of God’s Spirit. Adam gave up his God given task to subdue the Earth when he stopped having a servant’s heart and instead began taking care of himself, rather than serving his God. I believe that this is the core of what sin is all about.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1Timothy 2:13-15:

***“... Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.”***

But Paul also wrote in 1Corinthians 15:22:

***“... because of Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”***

The first text indicates that Eve transgressed first, yet in the second text it is obvious that Adam is held responsible for sin entering our lives. When Eve transgressed, she ate the fruit under deception; that was a mistake, but Eve did not stop having the spiritual

quality of a servant, and loving her Creator. Adam on the other hand ate knowing very well what he was doing; that it was hard core disobedience. I believe to understand now why sin came into the world through Adam; he made two major mistakes, and so all of us men still continue making mistakes:

1. Adam stopped having a servant's heart and began serving himself.
2. Adam loved his wife more than God, listening to her instead of obeying God.

You see, Eve transgressed as she was deceived into believing that she was doing a good thing, but Adam sinned knowing very well that he was disobeying his Maker, and God held him accountable. Death came into the world through the first Adam because of his disobedience, and he also lost the Kingship over God's creation, but the man Jesus received full Kingship in heaven and on earth, becoming Christ, because He loved His Father with all is heart and obeyed Him fully, even through the greatest of sufferings, and so we shall be made alive again because of the man Jesus' obedience. We men are now still capable, just like Adam, to destroy life more, and God will hold us accountable for that, but we also have the potential of restoring all things by asking Jesus Christ to do His work through us, as we obey Him.



Obedience is of such great importance to be able to have a relationship with God. I used to have trouble understanding that Jesus needed to be made perfect also; I thought that He always had been, but we read in Hebrews 5:8-10 in the NET version:

***“Although Jesus was a son, He learned obedience through the things he suffered. And by being perfected this way, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”***

Yes, perfection comes through total obedience to God.

## 5

### DIFFERENCES GOD CREATED BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN

Here is a word of caution for those who think to be Christian's leaders, but are not born of the Spirit of God; are you deceived into believing that you are professionals. Can you not see that you are nothing in yourself? Why do you act as Christian's leaders if you are not born again? You are in fact only deceivers of God's people. Woe on you!

1Corinthians 8:2:

***“The man who thinks that he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.”***

Many of you now express your beliefs through a theological positioning of what you want to believe. For example, many of you refuse to believe that the book of Daniel was written some 525 years BC because what was prophesied by Daniel happened in extreme great detail; it must “obviously” have been written in the last 100 years BC. If you do not want to believe in God's power among His servants, why do you remain in God's family? To earn a living at the expense of the faith of weak sheep of God? You destroy the faith of God's children. God's word counts you among wolves

in sheep's cloths, murderers, robbers, drunkards, et cetera.

Paul wrote in 2 Tim 3:1-6:

***“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come, because men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but refusing to acknowledge God’s power!”***

You obviously don't believe either that Jesus could have raised anyone from the dead and that He rose from the grave Himself through the power of his Father God. Well, I have good real news for you from Paul's letter to the Romans, 10:9:

***“... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*** Just confess this now.

Yes, thousands of examples can be given of critical, unbelieving students of God's Word, fake theologians, under demonic orders to undermine our faith. They have a form of godliness but refuse to acknowledge Immanuel, Jesus, the image of the invisible almighty

God Who created the heavens and the Earth. Such proud men are actually serving a Christ of their own making, satan.

But I do not want to appear arrogant here, and therefore acknowledge that also in my heart there is a lot of rebel mentality; by our nature we all have judged God for bad things happening in our lives, and do not want to come to God in humility. Psalms 14:1-3 says:

***“The fool says in his heart***

***‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they have done abominable things; there is none who does any good. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned away from Him, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one. They all have become unprofitable to God”***

God will not let us find Him if we remain arrogant, and look for a god who fits what we want him to be like. He is “I am”, He is Who He is, the Almighty, the All-knowing, the Everywhere-present God Who is totally beyond our wildest imaginations, Whose face we cannot even see or we will die. We cannot study Him; we can only accept Him through what He has revealed to us about Himself, or refuse to do so. He is God, Who

can only be found by humbly crying out to Him for His mercy and grace, like a little child can from the bottom of its heart. Psalms 46:10 says it so simple: ***“Be still and know that I am God!”***

When we people do not get what we want, we become annoyed, upset; we have that from no one else but the very powerful angel Lucifer, former servant of God, who wanted to take over control from God, but in the process lost everything he had under his caring God. We read it in

Isaiah 14:12-15:

***“How have you fallen from heaven, oh Lucifer, son of the morning?***

***How have you been cut down to the ground, you, who weakened the nations!***

***You have said in your heart:***

***'I will go up into heaven, and set my throne above the stars of God;***

***I will also sit on the mountain of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;***

***I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, and will be like the Most High.'***

***Yet you shall be brought down to sheol, to the lowest depths of the pit.”***

And what is satan doing now?

Listen to 1Peter 5:8-11

***“Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, looking around to see who he can devour. Resist him, standing strong in your faith, ....”***

Yes, the devil, satan, is out for the kill. Have we not seen that also in recent times in satanic impersonations like Napoleon, Hitler, Sadam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, Gadhafi, Biden, and many others who all kept on fighting when they had lost already at great further harm to the people they ruled? It is an endless array of followers of the devil who have become like him. And you, dear reader, and I, are not much different deep in our hearts; all of mankind have the same spiritual genes, inherited from Adam. These genes caused us to not forgive the people who hurt us. Especially when we were young we left a lot of bitterness in our hearts, and tried to reduce the risks of getting hurt again by controlling our own circumstances. We became controllers of other people’s lives in the hope that this might make our own life less painful. And when we got hurt, we usually also blamed God for allowing it to happen. That created lasting negative feelings in our spirits toward our Creator Father; and now, of our own, we don’t want to have much to do with Him anymore. We attempt to ignore Him; try to believe that He is impotent; like to convince ourselves and others that

He does not exist or that we don't need Him. This comes from a wicked heart; it comes from demonic influences within our heart.

The prophet Jeremiah saw it well when he wrote Jeremiah 17:9-10

***“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart; I test the mind to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of what he does.”***

And with that kind of a mindset we don't ever want to thank Him for anything and for sure not honor, worship and glorify Him. With that kind of prideful attitude God will just leave us alone; as our Father He wants children who choose to love and seek Him with all their hearts.

In sinful woman usually a lot of spiritual awareness remains because she is by nature relational, while in sinful man with his proud analytical mind, the spiritual side of us it is much more difficult to find. A snare that leads to satanic deception in relationships between men and women is that men are inclined to think that women are more or less the same as they are, while women may think the same about men. A Dutch proverb says: “As the innkeeper is, so he trusts his guests.” People are indeed inclined to think that

others are just like they are, and think like they do. Nothing however is less true. A person usually interprets what he hears someone say as if he said it; we project our own manner of thinking and speaking on someone else. A man hears a woman say something, but interprets it as if he said it and he may understand her entirely wrong; and so a woman may interpret what a man says as if she said it and understand him equally wrong. A woman understands another woman much better than a man can, and a man understands a fellow man better than a woman can. A recent study in the USA showed that boys learn better from male teachers, while girls learn better from female teachers.

Is it not true that Men by nature tend to think more with the left side of their brain while women use the right side more, and that this causes major differences in how we function? I remember being taught this in secondary school.

Through education and experiences in life a woman will increasingly use the left half of her brain, and a man may also in time use his right brain hemisphere more as he learns to become relational, but the basic, natural, orientations of men and women remain different and under duress men and women will tend to favor the part of the brain used when they were



young. Many studies exist of the typical primary functions of each brain half; we list here some as taken off the internet, stereotyped for men and women:

1. A man's natural thinking style is rational; a woman's style of thinking by nature tends to be intuitive; she is led by what feelings and spirits tell her.
2. Men by nature tend to respond well to verbal directives; women by nature respond best to visual instructions.
3. Men by nature solve problems by approaching them logically and by looking at the parts of an issue in a sequential manner; women by nature tend to solve problems with gut-feelings created through past experiences.
4. Men by nature look at differences to learn, but women by nature tend to look at similarities to create oneness.
5. Men by nature plan things in a structured manner; women's thoughts by nature tend to be flexible and spontaneous.
6. Men by nature operate with established facts; women by nature tend to prefer elusive, uncertain information, they go by hunches.

7. Men by nature tend to develop thought and truth through speech, and establish facts in writing; women by nature tend to prefer drawing and handling of objects.
8. Men by nature answer questions through testing; women by nature tend to like open-ended questions.
9. Men by nature control their feelings as they are no basis for establishing truth; women by nature have a tendency to let their feelings go.
10. Men by nature see the need for authority structures to keep society organized; women by nature tend to seek shared authority (which of course is no authority at all; they just want to make decisions together).
11. Disciplining a child comes natural to a man; most woman by nature don't like to do that.
12. A man wants to see separate, distinct details; a woman by nature has a tendency to see the connectedness of things.
13. A man uses organized information that was earlier collected; a woman tends to draw on unbounded qualitative patterns that are not

organized into sequences, but that cluster around images.

Though the left brain use by men and right brain use by women was taught in school in the 1950-s, in today's Western oriented world this is now emphatically denied, likely motivated by a rapid increase in the numbers of gay and lesbian oriented people in whom the natural tendencies have shifted, just like their hormones have.

Here is another manner of expressing the differences between the dominant uses of the left versus the right brain hemisphere:

	<b>Left side brain half: side brain half:</b>	<b>Right</b>
feeling	Logical thought	Spiritual
	Mathematics	Arts, likes to handle things
	Thinks straight forward	Goes by intuition
	Analyzes	Imagines
	Creates order	Thinks
relational	Computing	Guessing

Goes by facts	Goes by
feelings	
Main center for language	Rhythm,
drum beats	
Thinking in words	
Visualizing	
Creates the words of a song	Creates
the melody of a song	
Is time conscious	Is not
time conscious	
Becomes angry under duress	Becomes
afraid under duress	

I now remember an evening I spent with some friends, couples. We, three men, had a lively conversation, but then I suddenly realized that the women were just listening-in, but not contributing to the conversation. I then challenged one of the ladies: “Anna, why don’t you share along with us?” Her answer had surprised me: “I love to listen to the way you men are thinking and talking.” Our men’s talk was not a natural way of thinking for her, and I find in general that women whom I share this with, understand her statement.

Because of the foregoing I believe that women remain a liability to society when they dominate in leading positions, but the most significant reason why women

should not teach men or exercise authority over them is that God says so in His reliable Word, regardless of what we understand of it; there may even be additional reasons we are not aware of why God instructs us as He does.

God's Word specifically urges older, spiritually more mature women to teach the younger women, and I am sure that this is because men just don't understand well what motivates a woman.

In Titus 2:3-5 we read: ***"... that the older women be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things — that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."***

If women rule in public life, they will also attempt to rule in the family because of their natural desire for "shared authority". The building blocks of any society are its families, and no society can remain strong without morally and spiritually healthy families. Such families are those that reflect the image of the family of God. It is also my belief that to build a healthy, Godly family, the parents must be godly and operate under God's direction. Deviating from this direction is

rebellion that will harm the growing up of children into adults, and will thus harm society.

Within marriage the lack of understanding of the male/female differences by partners leads to much misunderstanding and friction until a wife and husband learn to listen with love to each other's heart, and learn to submit to, and make use of each other's distinct God given strengths. A husband must never hammer his wife with what God says she should do; nor should a wife teach her husband what God wants him to do; each must have a desire to honor and obey Father God.

A much read book "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus" by John Gray, Ph. D., is one writer's effort to indicate that huge differences exist between the sexes, even though Western societies today do their best to ignore and deny this. I wonder if the playwright of a movie titled "The planet of the Apes" ever thought of the comparison that in reality we are increasingly dealing now with a "Planet of the Women". I realize that this is a dangerous statement to make in writing as it is today definitely considered "politically incorrect", but I believe that God wants me to write it anyway, rather than tickle people's ears.

Men are called to teach and lead their wives as that helps them.

We listen to this in Ephesians 5:25-28a

***“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, so that He might sanctify and clean her with the washing of water by the Word, so that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. SO husbands ought to love their own wives ...”***

A man must not blame his wife for asking him for an equal say in family matters if he did not discuss this subject with his wife before they married, and she agreed with him. If a wife then later anyway has a problem submitting to her husband, the husband better start first looking at himself, asking “Have I been a true servant-leader for my wife, or has she maybe good reasons to doubt if I fully love her as I love myself?” Due to lack of spiritual sensitivity a man may too easily feel that he has treated her good enough, but a woman, being so very dependent on her husband, is very keenly aware of her risks if her husband starts loving himself more than her. She may become fearful and try to protect herself through some level of control.

Almost all men have the same experience in their marriage that their wives ask them: “Do you truly love

me?” Women have very good reasons to ask that question as they are so much more aware of lack of spiritual oneness. My wife used to ask me this question often, and I would then defend myself due to lack of sensitivity by explaining how hard I worked for her and our children; “Is that not love?” And this kind of defense worked always like throwing oil on a fire as she would start to panic; I had not understood her heart. Later I learned to respond better to her fears by stepping close to her and hugging her for a long time. You know, men, we forget such incidents in a short while, but our wives will be out of balance for at least 24 hours.

I can see why wives have to contend with this insensitivity problem of their husbands; the eyes of us men always go astray to a beautiful girl that comes in sight. I think of Jesus saying in Matthew 5:27 -28: ***"You have heard that it was said to those of old: 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."***

“Husbands, love your wives as much as Jesus Christ loves His church,” so much so that He willingly lays down His life for her. And Clement added to that in Hebrews 12:1-2: ***"... let us lay aside everything that***



***hinders us, and sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us faithfully run the race that is set before us; looking at Jesus, the source of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despised shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God“.***

Are we willing to follow this amazing example of our Lord? It is not easy to do, but becomes miraculously easy if we boldly ask our Father to create that willingness and ability in our hearts. Teaching one's wife God's Word is a highly essential duty of a husband to protect her against spiritual deception and to protect harmony in the family; but she must also want to be taught.

Are you willing to ask God to help you love your wife as much as Jesus loves us? Do it then now.

And, men, I am just as guilty of this kind of problems as any of you. My spirit was so much isolated because of a bitter heart, and for so many years, and it was only awakened by God's grace and mercy because He had a special plan for my life to become a father to many young men who had not had a father of their own. He called me out of my darkness by doing a lot of healing in my heart, though only after I asked Him for that. He is a gentle God. Thank You Father!

I remember my wife of 36 years so often asking me in the evening if we could go to bed early, and if I would wash her with the Word of God. I thought that she just meant for us to spend time together reading and discussing God's Word, but I never understood what she really meant. I did not understand her female nature, her weaknesses and strengths. Now I realize that I, as a man, have a special gift from God that she recognized, a gift to help her understand more of His Word than she would on her own. Yes, she wanted to become more holy than she could easily accomplish on her own. God's Word sanctifies and cleans both, a man and a woman; but she must want to make use of this gift of her husband if she is to benefit.

A wife wants, and deserves, all of her husband's heart, just like men want all of hers. But our eyes keep roaming with insatiable lust for more; what a sad reality for our wives to have to cope with all the time; they yearn to be cherished just as our God yearns for our whole heart. Is this the reason why a woman pays so much attention to her looks? Is she then trying to compete for her husband's loyalty of heart through physical attraction? She should not need to do that men.

Is it not for good reasons that God's Word so often reminds husbands to love their wives? God does not

need to say that to a wife about loving her husband; she is spiritually so much more mature and committed to relationships, including love for her husband.

But women have their problem too; they tend to want their husbands to share authority with them; therefore God needs to remind them frequently to submit to their husbands.

Yes, men and women are very different, and need each other so very much.

## 6

### **DIFFERENCES IN GIFTS BIND HUSBAND AND WIFE TOGETHER**

for God's and their joy, happiness and glory.

Now, there will be women who take exception to the above statements, who may call me a "Male Chauvinist Pig". But how can you, o woman, know that God has not given men on the average a better ability, and especially greater tendency toward logical analysis if you never have honestly attempted to find out? Shouldn't all of us who desire to become mature Christians, want to be led by the Spirit of God? Has God given all the gifts of His nature to every individual man and woman? We would no longer need each other, would we? But now God gives each of us those gifts that we need to fulfill His plan for our life, and definitely not all existing gifts. He has given more gifts to the church so that we will need one another in order to become complete. A man and a woman have such different gifts, abilities, because of their different calling, so that only together, and with their God, they can become complete as they fulfill the roles God has planned for them in His wisdom. Why would anyone want to critique his or her Maker for having been made the way we are?

Romans 9:20-21 says:

***“Will the thing formed say to him who formed it: ‘Why have you made me like this?’ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?”***

Yes, God molds all of us who love Him to be able to fulfill His specific purposes in our lives.

A woman’s biggest need in life is usually security, and she will optimize her chances to obtain or retain it by making herself look better than she is through make-up, attractive or even provocative dress, hiding of age and in other ways like hiding her weaknesses from men. And many men fall in the trap of a seductress, because we men don’t understand woman’s nature, thinking that she is more or less like we are. Women are however from Venus, and not from Mars. Wounded people become controllers of their surroundings and a woman may become devious and mean in an effort to keep her life manageable. In court in divorce situations she may even become vicious with her demands, and male judges who do not understand tend to feel sorry for them, while female judges may want to protect “Women’s Liberation”, or get even with all men because of someone who hurt

them. In Old Testament times people still understood the relevance of this statement in Jeremiah 3:20:

***“Surely, as a wife treacherously leaves her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with Me, oh house of Israel”, says the Lord“.***

And Preacher wrote in Ecclesiastes 7:26-28

***“I find more bitter than death the woman who is a snare, whose heart is a trap and whose hands are chains. The man who pleases God will escape her, but the sinner she will ensnare. ‘Look’, says Preacher, ‘this is what I have discovered: Adding one thing to another to discover the meaning of things: I found one upright man among a thousand, but no upright woman among them all.’”***

I am thinking of one of several friends with this kind of experience who disobeyed Jesus’ words by marrying a fine Christian lady who was a divorcee; she was always busy reaching out to the downtrodden and had a wonderful compassionate heart; she had so many friends. When he was married only two weeks to her, she already became afraid of her new husband, and in time charged him falsely with “domestic violence”, and put him out of his own house. Obviously she had been deeply wounded in her first marriage and a wounded and bitter fragmented-part of her person,

created to forget those injuries and associated pain, made her feel as if her new husband was the first one, so that fragment-person continued her hate and fighting as if no time had lapsed. This makes it so very clear why God's Word instructs us in 1Corinthians 7:10 that she should have sought to be reunited with her first husband or have remained single, but instead she had opted to divorce and later remarry when given the opportunity. My friend could have saved himself all the pain if he had just obeyed God's Word. A sad side of this marriage was that her church friends had strongly encouraged her, and her pastor had also approved of the marriage and blessed it. Is it not indeed commonly acceptable today for divorced people to remarry in church even though Jesus stated so clearly in Matt 5:32

***“whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery.”***

Is the word “adultery in this scripture a good word-choice? I do not think so, because it makes us immediately think of her remarrying into a new intimate physical relationship that would be adultery as she should have stayed with the first husband. If she remarries, and her new husband has physical intimacy with her, something very remarkable happens; she feels as if she is making love with her first love. What a terribly difficult situation that will never cause the

second marriage to become what her first marriage in its beginning was. Does God's Word not state already in Genesis 2:24 ***"Therefore a man shall depart from his father and mother and marry his bride, and they shall become one flesh."***? This statement is so significant that Jesus on one occasion even quotes it in Mark 10:8-9: ***"... and the two shall become one flesh, so then they are no longer two persons, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate."***

Has the church lost understanding of God's Word, or do Christian people maybe believe now that they can do anything? Or is the pastor of a church maybe afraid of losing membership if he does not marry divorced people? Or does the church no longer understand what adultery is? These are just some more open ended questions. 1Corinthians 7:10 explains so clearly why my friend should not have married this lady: 1Cor. 7:10-12

***"Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband, but even if she does leave him, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to push his wife away."***

I like to add one more note to what happened to my friend after she had charged her husband with



committing domestic violence. The leadership of their church initially totally believed her story, not realizing that a split off bitter person, coming to the surface in the body of his wife, had told with total conviction something that did not happen, because that person lives today temporarily, but expresses her feelings from the past. Why did the church leadership believe her? Very typically, people believe a woman's story if it comes from a bitter fragmented part of her (split personality) that has temporarily taken over the body and tells about her deceptive feelings with strong conviction. \*)

My friend paid the price for what another man, many years ago, had done to her. My friend had even been put out of the church while later a prosecuting attorney even dropped the case. This kind of strange thing often happens in people who have severely judged someone in their past for terrible violence committed to them. Unforgiven bitterness creates then in such people alter-egos that in time become severely demonic. In the 1980-s in the USA of all the people who were diagnosed with Multiple Personality Disorder (now professionally called Dissociative Identity Disorder, DID) 90% were women; that was 7% of all women in the USA. But usually people do not discern it when an alter-ego temporarily takes over. It

makes me think of a statement made by the Israeli Seer Samuel to King Saul who had terribly disobeyed God's instructions. We find this in 1Samuel 15:23: ***"... for rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft."*** Studying King Saul in the book of 1Samuel it even seems likely that he had serious Multiple Personality Disorder. It leads to situations that are extremely difficult to imagine or understand, and why Samuel may have called them "witchcraft".

Not many people are aware that totally dissociated bitter and demonic parts of a person may surface (become temporarily alive in the body of a person) if something happens that reminds that bitter demon of the feelings of the abuse or rejection that may have happened to them many years ago. If the alter-ego surfaces, it is mainly through feelings from the moment the abuse took place. In true DID cases the real person and the bitter demon may know little or nothing of each other. When the real person comes back, they do not remember what happened while the demon was active.

Do you see how satan is able to use a woman to accomplish exactly what he wants, because she believes what she feels, and she will testify with conviction to what she feels to be the truth, and be

believed. Can you see then why men so often are convicted in court for DV that may not have happened? The testimony of the fragmented part of the woman comes across so believable because she truly believes her feelings and so testifies. The emphasis is on the words “feels” and “feelings”. We found earlier that a woman’s style of thinking is intuitive; she is led by what her feelings tell her. Does this illustrate why a woman is more easily deceived than a man? And does this make us better understand why the Apostle Paul wrote in 1Timothy 2:14 ***“Adam was not deceived, but the woman when deceived, fell into transgression.”***?

The woman, Eve, fell into transgression; it does not say SINNED. Transgression means trespassing God’s law but without realizing that; she did not transgress to willfully disobey God.

Yes, women are at much greater risk of becoming deceived and then unwittingly deceive us all if we let them teach or testify against husbands. We men need to be aware of that weakness in our wives and protect them if they are willing to humbly submit to our God given leadership and instruction. If a wife does not want to submit, she loses the important protection she needs against demonic deception.

What does Paul say in 1Corinthians 11:10?

***“For this reason a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.”***

The word angels can refer to God’s angels as well as to demonic angels of satan. What kind of angel is she listening to? With her husband’s help, by comparing what she feels with what God’s Word says about it, it can be understood.

Please listen to 1Timothy 2:8-15:

***“I desire therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if she continues in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.”***

Today most people in Western cultures cannot see this huge problem in women anymore, and they let

women run their lives with the strangest consequences. Marriages often fall apart because wives feel that their husbands are their problem even when they are not, because of what they “feel” what happened years ago is proof that their husbands did it now. And a woman can convince anyone who has no understanding or discernment about these problem when a bitterly hurting alter-ego of her testifies of what she feels her present husband did. There is only one sure solution for this problem: that both husband and wife commit themselves to honor and obey God’s Word in every detail; and among other things that means that she at all times honors and obeys her husband, even though he is not perfect, and she experiences severe emotional old pains. That Word, the Bible, is without errors and has all authority of God. Paul wrote in 2Timothy 3:16-17 ***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God”***.

That Word of God must be obeyed without questioning. Father, teach us to follow Your Word without asking for explanations, or deceitfully misinterpreting it; help us to trust You like a little child can trust its loving parents.

At times I think that with our sin nature, and with all those old wounds in our hearts, and our wives fighting

us, we men are inclined to withdraw into a corner and sulk when we feel frustrated about our God given roles as husband and father when our wives are unruly. Yet, we were created to be or become relational with each other and with our God and Father; we were created for love, for unconditional acceptance and friendships; wanting to be alone is an escape and defense mechanism so that no one can hurt us for a moment, but it will never satisfy the longing of our hearts. God, it seems, made wife and husband purposely different so that we may need each other, even if we have big pains and wounds in our heart; we still need spiritual closeness with each other. Relationships, doing things together, are God's purpose and desire for husband and wife. If we do not choose to love each other if, and when, it is not easy for a while, we cannot develop fellowship and doing things together with our heavenly Father either. The apostle John writes in his first letter so much about this; here are a few readings.

Listening to 1John 1:1-4, please notice the word "fellowship":

***"Jesus' life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life that was with the Father and was manifested to us; that***

***what we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write to you that your joy may be full."***

Listen to 1John 4:20-21

***"If someone says: 'I love God, but hates his brother, he is a liar; because how can he love God whom he has not seen if he cannot love his brother whom he has seen? This instruction we have from God, that he who loves Him must also love his brother."***

It seems that for this reason God created man and woman to be complementary, so that they cannot find peace without each other, even if their selfish hearts might want to isolate themselves. But when Adam brought sin into the world through his disobedience, following his wife's lead, rather than the command that God had given him, it left women with a triple curse. We read that in Genesis 3:16

***"With pain you will give birth to children. You will want to control your husband, but he will dominate you."***

1. They will suffer in giving birth.
2. Husbands will rule and bully them, rather than being their servant-leader, like God is ours.

3. Attempting to control their husbands they cannot be protected by them.



## GOD'S ORDER FOR THE FAMILY

Here are some bible scriptures that express God's desires for how a man and a woman should fulfill their roles. But before doing so I would like to ask the following questions.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2Timothy 3:16-17

***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”***

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Do you believe that we should simply obey God's will for our lives as He has expressed it in His Word, the Bible?
2. I believe that understanding God's will may help us to trust Him more. Do you agree?
3. But should we do God's will as given in His Word, even if we do not understand it?

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3-5:

***“I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the***

***kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”***

4. Can you talk about what you believe this means?

We repeat now in closing some Bible scriptures relating to male and female roles that God created in us that most churches today ignore and violate:

1Corinthians 11:3:

***“I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”***

An earthly family does no longer look like God’s family if we don’t follow this anymore.

Ephesians 5:22-24:

***“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”***

Ephesians 5:25-28:

***“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, so that He might sanctify and clean her with the washing of water by***

***the word, so that He might present her to Himself as a glorious church, not having any spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. SO husbands ought to love their own wives ....”.***

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Did Jesus already love us while we were yet unrepentant sinners?
2. Must a husband then also love his wife while she is not yet perfect?
3. Does God want a husband to lay down his life for her if needed, even if she is not perfect?
4. What does it mean: without spot or wrinkle?

1Corinthians 7:10-16:

***“Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to push his wife away.”***

Do you notice that God allows a woman to live separated from her husband if she has an old deep wound that gives her terrible feelings when she is with her husband? But God also allows her to remain separated if she does not dare to

trust her husband because of his problems.  
Is our God not a merciful Father?

In Matthew 5:31-32, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says:

***“It has been said: ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Does a man make his wife commit adultery when he divorces her? Or not if she remains single?
2. Is adultery maybe more a spiritual matter, rather than a physical or legal one?
3. If this question was difficult, think of what a fragment-part of a wounded person may experience.
4. Is adultery maybe the state of a remarried woman’s confused spirit that has to love and serve two or more men while she was created to love only one man?
5. Is it possible that most women experience adultery stronger than most men? If so, why?

6. Do the forgoing questions not indicate how very important pure relationships are to our God?

In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus says:

***“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “made them male and female,” and said: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Do you notice that Jesus here treats Genesis 2 as the inspired Word of God?
2. How do a man and woman become one flesh even though they still have two bodies?
3. Does this speak of oneness of spirit? But why then does Jesus say “one flesh”?

The Apostle Peter wrote:

***“Wives, be submissive to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the Word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.”*** (1Peter 3:1-2)

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Should a wife be submissive to a difficult husband?
2. Being submissive to her husband, she shows him how to be submissive to God. Do you notice this gift from God and strength of a godly woman?
3. Is it not wonderful to lead as a servant, because that is God's nature, and He wants us to become and live just like Him?

1Peter 3:7:

***“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”***

QUESTIONS:

1. Can you discuss in what way a woman is a weaker vessel?
2. Must we men honor our wives and be loving and patient with them, even when they argue with us?
3. How do we prevent ending up having difficulty praying for our wives and children?

Jesus said:

***“You have heard that it was said to those of old: ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*** (Matthew 5:27-29)

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. God said in Leviticus 11:44 “Be holy because I am holy.” Do you notice that Jesus draws this same very high standard for living?
2. Why does God want us to be as holy as He is?

We listen to 1Timothy:

***“Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. Because Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless, she will be saved in childbearing if she continues in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.”***

Jesus spoke in Revelation 2:20-21 to the Thyatira Church about a dominating woman Jezebel:

***“I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave***

***her time to repent of her sexual immorality, but she did not repent.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Do you notice that Jesus rebukes the church leaders in Thyatira for allowing a woman to teach men, and seduce them?
2. Would you want Jesus to rebuke you in that manner because you let your wife or a female pastor in church lead you?

This woman Jezebel believes that sex with any man is OK, that it is OK to eat foods sacrificed to false Gods, and that it is OK for her to teach in church.

3. Do you see how she is deceived and pulls people away from God?
4. Is it possible that she is a prophetess for God if she disobeys God’s Word by teaching and seducing men?
5. Have the men then lost their senses and God given responsibilities?
6. Do you realize that today many homosexual people are becoming church leaders; do you see that they do exactly the same as this Jezebel?

Let us listen now to 1Corinthians 11:3-12:



***“I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. Because if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For man is not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman was created for the man. For this reason, the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, man is not independent of woman in the Lord, nor is woman independent of man. For as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all is from God.”***

This is not a passage in my opinion that has only simple understandable statements. It is clear that God gives us here an authority structure so that life may be orderly; Father God is the head of our Lord Jesus Christ, Jesus is the head of the husband and the husband is the head of his wife. So, there is God's family in which we are His children who reverently

love and obey Him in all things; and there are earthly families that must be operated like God's family, or children cannot learn to love as mother and father love, and learn to submit to authority so that submission later on to God will come easy for them without fearing. It appears clear that God wants to protect the structure of an earthly family so that we may better understand how to live in God's heavenly family.

Passages that I do not understand however, I must honor anyway as a little child of my heavenly Father; my Daddy knows everything much better than I do. It appears that God wants a wife to be beautiful for her husband and not for everyone else as well, because her beauty is a glory to him, just as we, when we have become beautiful in the inner man through healing from bitterness, sanctification, become without spot or wrinkle for Jesus' glory.

An interesting statement is that the Apostle Paul wants a woman to cover her head when praying as a symbol of being under the headship of her husband, and this apparently is important because of angels; God's angels and fallen angels we call demons. It is an obvious warning that a woman should be careful not to conclude too easily that she hears from a spirit of God while in fact she is maybe listening to a demonic

spirit. She will be better protected against demonic deception when she makes use of her godly husband's better skills in discerning spirits, whether they are from God or from Satan. And how does the man have better discernment? He reads God's Word more analytical and gets usually more details out of what he reads, and so can compare spiritual input he receives to check if it is in line with God's Word, the Holy Bible. It is therefore safer for her if she submits to her husband. If she however does not put herself under her husband, but chooses to teach and rule, she will become controlled by the Jezebel spirit that Jesus hates.

John specifically advises us to be careful to test whether a spirit is from God: 1 John 4:1-2

***“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus, is not from God.”***

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Can you see that a woman's beauty is a glory to her husband and should be so only for him?

2. Can you see that a woman because of how her mind works is better off under her husband's loving and caring spiritual protection against demonic deception?
3. Do you agree that this does not make her less, that she can give us husbands much that we are lacking?
4. Can you name some qualities lacking in us that she has to help us develop?

Many people today believe that they have all the answers about why they can do what they want to do. But God warns us sternly in Romans 12:2:

***“Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.”***

#### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

1. Can we renew our mind to become godly without God's Word?
2. Do you realize that we do not need firstly bible colleges to qualify us to be pastors, but that we need first of all to be called and taught by God's Holy Spirit Who will guide us in all things as Jesus said?

3. Do you realize that nothing is better than to become a disciple of a true Man of God and thus have our spirit taught and trained by God's Spirit?
4. Were the apostles not discipled by Jesus? Was Elisha not discipled by Elijah, and did he not end up with a double portion of anointing from God? Did Paul and Peter not disciple a number of men, and see what impact they had on the world in their days?
5. Do you know that Paul's disciple Clement wrote the wonderful book Hebrews?

Male and female roles God created for this earthly life alone; they will fall away in heaven. Jesus said:

***"... in the resurrection people neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven."*** (Matthew 22:29-31)

Now a few last thoughts about homosexual people who in many countries today so often are accepted as "Normal", that they are in places even being ordained as bishops and pastors. But then, we find also women running churches, even here in Africa. People ignore more and more commandments God gives us in His Word.

1Corinthians 6:9-11 says:

***“Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, or idolaters, or adulterers, or homosexuals, or sodomites, or thieves, or covetous, or drunkards, or revilers, or extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”***

Practicing gay and lesbian people will not inherit the Kingdom of God; and are some of them church-leaders today? What kind of “churches” are they then leading? Also, covetous people will not inherit the Kingdom of God; is a woman who wants to be a pastor in defiance of God’s Word not covetous? Is a pastor who preaches what people like to hear because he wants his church to grow so that he can have more income not covetous?

This then, dear brothers and sisters, is pure and undefiled serving our God. It is pure from His Holy Word, fully inspired by God, profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness, so that we may become complete and perfectly equipped for every good work. I pray to our heavenly Father that He, through His Holy Spirit, may confirm these truths in your hearts, and that He may encourage you into servant holiness for His glory, and for your own perfect happiness, joy and peace in Him. Amen.

\*) I encourage you to read also my booklet “Healing Wounds of the Heart”.