

The Biblical Family

Gen 3:9-19

The head of the family is appointed from the original sin.

Why did God curse the ground? What is sin? What was the woman's curse in verse 16?

A: Because of the betrayal of his decrees by his created.

*Thought: How do you like it when your computer does something other than what you want?

A: Missing the mark. Sinning is when we do not live a 100% perfect and blameless life.

*Thought: Question "what have you done that isn't right", not "what have you done that is wrong."

A: A greatly multiplied pain during childbirth, A desire for her husband despite these pains, and a submissive nature to be under his lead.

*Thought: Why would you want to go through childbirth, have the desire to be with your husband, if you know it's one of the worst pains any human endures?

Gen 12:1-3 The Lord's Promises to Abraham

(Gen 12:10 is why I think Sarah's womb was sealed, Acts 5:29 is the decree of obedience to God before men. A Half-truth is not God's truth, think about what sin is!)

Gen 16:1-10 The plotting of the wife and husband.

Gen 17:1-19 The Husband's response to God's plan.

Gen 18:9-15 The Wife's response to God's.

Gen 21:1-21 The fulfillment of God's promise.

Gen 22:1-19 The testing of Abraham's faith.

Who is Sarah to you? How can you learn from her?

A: She is the model of how a woman can love her husband and trust him. She was submissive to him and faithful to him. She trusted him even to the murder of their son.

Who is Abraham to you? How can you learn from him?

A: He is the father of Israel and the one to whom God relates his name (God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations."); Exodus 3:15)

A: He learned to be faithful to God and his promises even when they appear impossible to be trusted.

Sarah: princess

Abraham: Father of a multitude

Isaac: He laughs/will laugh

Jacob/Israel: heel or leg-puller / God contended, rules, judges... Prince of God

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What does “The Rock” say about how to be a good wife? How to treat your husband? How husbands treat their wives? What about in a situation where they're disobedient to God?

Matthew 16:18 - “The Rock” is Peter.

*Peter is the author of First Peter (Silas is to blame for him appearing to be over educated, I Peter 5:12).

*He wrote this book to believers in Asia Minor (Turkey)

*It was written before the heavier persecutions of Christians and The Church. (See attached document: The Annals Book 15 – 44)

1 Peter 3:1-9

Peter: a rock

I Peter 3:1-9

v1

Submission is a form of respect and honor it is not a form of slavery. Understanding that you are able to win over the heart of your husband by being submissive is not a new concept. Look at what Abraham put Sarah through and yet she remained with him and did as he asked. What would you do if put in the same situation? This text is often misunderstood to imply some form of subordinate slavery; however, it is completely different than this. This verse is talking about nagging. When the husband has heard what his wife has to say on a topic and she continues to nag him about the topic it will not progress the situation; rather, it will create strife. The illustration used here is if the wife has salvation and the husband does not. If she were to force salvation when he had already rejected it there would be strife; however, if she were to continue in silence her belief and prayers for his heart may be won through the Spirit. As it is said: ...not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

v2

Defined: chaste, innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse / pure of thought AND act

How often do you think the husband cheats on the wife? How often does the wife cheat on the husband? What do you think are the causes of adultery and what can you do to protect against it? Did you know that Christian couples cheat on each other? Do you know the statistics?

40% of affairs last two or more years.

1 in 10 Christians believe adultery is morally acceptable

3 in 10 Christians will cheat on their spouse

43% of Adultery is committed by the Women's enticement and request before the man's request.

v3-6

Think of the story of King David (I Samuel 16 and 17), the bloodline that Christ is born from, and think of his beginnings. He was the last to be chosen and laughed at by his brothers yet God used him for his will. When he was questioned by selection God clearly states “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

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In this same way adorn yourselves with a pure heart and pure motives toward your husband and support him in what he does. We have seen from the story of Abraham and Sarah that God can bring beauty from ashes even when we create the ashes ourselves.

v7

Many people find it hard to accept the Word of God. There is no interpretation that can change the value of this passage and as such I will read several to you so they can become one and provide a clearer understanding on what is being said:

NASB

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

KJV

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

NKJV

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, that your prayers may not be hindered.

NIV

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

I do not see one of these versions that is talking to women so the topic of conversation will switch to the husband and the point that is being made here is twofold. First, husbands are called to be the champion of the house and to kill the spiders. Second, husbands are called to pray with their wives and share their hearts. This is a calling to ease the burden on your wife! When your wife asks for your help do not make light of the situation but take it as a call to action for her desire to see you helping her.

In the same way, include her with your plans! Your prayers with your wife are not about other's matters but your own. This is a way to have a holy communion with your wife that will draw you both closer to one another. Think about a point of reference. Think of where you are in relation to that point of reference. Think about your spouse and that point of reference. Think about where they are in relation to that point of reference. Now think about you both trying to find each other without use of that point of reference and the chaotic good/bad situations that can occur. The point of reference allows a neutrally good / bad meeting situation. Prayer, like this point of reference, can be a good meeting point that allows you to draw closer to one another.

v8-9

To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

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I Timothy 2:

9 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, [g]modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, 10 but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. 11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. 13 For it was Adam who was first [h]created, and then Eve. 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, [i]fell into transgression. 15 But women will be [j]preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with [k]self-restraint.

Ephesians 5:

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Colossians 3:

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord..

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Husbands

Ephesians 5:

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church [q]in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she [r] respects her husband.

Colossians 3:

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

1 Corinthians 7

1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. 3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

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1 John 4 7-8, 1 Cor 13 4-7

A Godly husband is not jealous, arrogant, or provoked.

A Godly husband does not brag, act unbecomingly, seek his own, take into account a wrong *suffered*, or rejoice in unrighteousness.

A Godly husband is patient, kind, and rejoices with the truth; he bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

A Godly husband loves his wife as he is called to by God. (Eph. 5:25) He supports his wife and family by working to feed them (Gen 3:17) and provide for them (1 Tim 5:8).

The husband has the responsibility to not only model the life of Christ but also to reflect the image of God to his family. He is charged with the role of emulating what a life above reproach is to his family. Without a constant burden on your heart for the Lord you will likely be doing wrong.

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We understand that it is the Husbands responsibility for the outcome of his family. We understand that the Husband and Wife are considered one (in Spirit and Mind). How then, do we act on what to do? It is a common practice where knowledge is missing to make up the answers. The issue is: we are not lacking in sources of knowledge and we are still making up the answers. When you sit back and have a wider view on family life today there are a number of verses, many you probably already know, that can apply to what you may or may not be doing correctly.

Matthew 5:13-16

We will either be different and add the power of God to our families or we will be the same and be ignored. Do you want to be the family who is trampled under the foot of men?

Ephesians 5:1-21

We are called to know how to lead, not just to lead. In Ephesians the instructions are laid out clear as day that we are to study and show ourselves approved

2 Timothy 2:14-19

There are many who will sound wise that differ slightly from the truth and this creates the “grey area” that many allow to makeup a person’s “made up answers”. The truth of scripture is clear on what we, as parents are called to do in parenting. Shine.

James 4

How many times have you heard a couple comment negatively toward their own family? Is it not similar as when you hear someone commenting about their strength that does not go to the gym? Is it not familiar to the person who complains of their health but does not eat right? If you know the good you should do, and do not do it, then you have missed the mark.

The baseline of excellence would be outlined in the qualities of the Spirit. These qualities can be examined by the fruits of the worker: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

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Exodus 17:1-7

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." 5 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He named the place Massah (defined: test) and Meribah (defined: quarrel) because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?"

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, 2 so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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Deuteronomy 6:7

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Proverbs 13:24

He who withholds his rod (defined: correction) hates his son, but he who loves him *disciplines him diligently* (defined: seeks him diligently with discipline).

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Proverbs 23:13

Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike (defined: smite) him with the rod, he will not die.

Proverbs 29:15

The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Such indeed were the precautions of human wisdom. The next thing was to seek means of propitiating the gods, and recourse was had to the Sibylline books, by the direction of which prayers were offered to Vulcanus, Ceres, and Proserpina. Juno, too, was entreated by the matrons, first, in the Capitol, then on the nearest part of the coast, whence water was procured to sprinkle the fane and image of the goddess. And there were sacred banquets and nightly vigils celebrated by married women. But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor, and the propitiations of the gods, did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired. Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, while he mingled with the people in the dress of a charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man's cruelty, that they were being destroyed.

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