

## Patriarchal Rule

Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an **help** (*Heb.5828-aid*) **meet** for him (*Heb.5048-counterpart, mate*). 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and **brought her** unto the man (*making Adam responsible for her*). 23 And 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.

- Eve wasn't taken from Adam's head to rule over him or from his feet to be abused by him. She was taken from his side to be his equal but with certain responsibilities attached.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

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Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom Thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire (*Heb.8669-of stretching out; a longing*) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule (*Heb.4910-to rule: [have, make to have] dominion, governor*) over thee.

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Gen 3:17 And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife (*you didn't rule over to protect her as was designed*), and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

- Adam was responsible for Eve's actions and therefore carries the stigma as being the first to sin. Kings, rulers and presidents are to protect their people, likewise a husband is to keep watch over his family as Christ does the church.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of **Adam's transgression**, who is the figure of him that was to come.

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- The patriarchal dispensation began when God brought Eve to Adam and it didn't end at the cross with the beginning of the Christian age. Under the current dispensation, a deeper conscience toward love came into play in which husbands are to treat their wives as they **should have** been treated from the beginning.

## Under the New Testament

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of (*spiritual*) Israel (*the church*) after those days (*when the law of Moses was nailed to the cross [Col 2:14] which then changed the priesthood [Heb 7:12, 1 Pet 2:5,9] and when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD*), saith the Lord; I will

put My laws **into their mind** (*Gk.1271-deep thought, properly the faculty [Webster: special aptitude, i.e., quickness to learn], by implication its exercise*), and write them **in their hearts** (*Gk.2588-thoughts or feelings [mind]*): and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people:

- into their mind- no longer mechanical in nature.
- write them in their hearts-

2Co 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, **written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but **in fleshy tables of the heart**.

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#### Under the law of Moses

Mat 19:8 He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

Mal 2:13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, **Wherefore?** Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and **the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.** 15 And **did not He make one?** Yet had He the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? **That He might seek a godly seed.** Therefore take heed to your spirit (*listen to the rational side of your inner self*), and **let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.**

- A husband/father earns the respect and honesty from his wife/family by first showing that he is worthy of it. Otherwise he can only run his house as would a tyrant.

1Ti 3:4 One that ruleth (*Gk.4291-to stand before, to preside*) well his own house (*Gk.3624-family*), having his children in subjection with all gravity (*Gk.4587-venerableness [Webster: respect], probity [Webster: honesty]*); 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, **how** shall he **take care of** the church of God?)

Pro 31:23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

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Col 3:18 **Wives**, submit yourselves (*Gk.5293-to obey, be subject to*) (*not the same as Gk.5219*) unto your own (*Gk.2398-pertaining to self*) husbands, as it is fit (*Gk.433-proper*) in (*Gk.1722-with*) the Lord.

Col 3:19 **Husbands**, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. (*Mal 2:15*)

Col 3:20 **Children**, obey (*Gk.5219-to heed or conform to a command or authority*) *your* parents in **all** things (*Gk.3956-all, any, every, the whole*): for this is well pleasing (*Gk.2101-fully agreeable*) unto the Lord.

Col 3:21 **Fathers**, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged (*Gk.120-to be spiritless, disheartened, dismayed*).

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 1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives... (as the servants [Gk.3610-fellow resident, menial domestic] of 2:18)

1Pe 3:4 But *let it be* the hidden man (Gk.444-anthropos-human being) of the heart (Gk.2588-mind), in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet (Gk.2272-still [undisturbed, undisturbing]) spirit, which is **in the sight of God of great price** (Gk.4185-extremely expensive).  
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### Women's strength during the absence of (real) men.

- During World War II the percentage of American women who worked outside the home at paying work increased from 25% to 36%.

Because of the absence of many men who either joined the military or took jobs in war production industries, some women moved outside their traditional roles and took positions in jobs usually reserved for men.

As one example in the American ship building industry, where women had been excluded from almost all jobs except a few office jobs before the war, women's presence went to over 9% of the workforce during the war.

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 1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the (physically) **weaker** (Gk.772-more feeble) **vessel** (Gk.4632-vessel [specifically a wife as contributing to the usefulness of the husband]), and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

- Pound for pound, bone and muscle density are a factor in the difference in strength between a man and a woman. **Intellect is not!**

Pro 31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

### Deborah and Jael

Jdg 4:1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead. 2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel. 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go:

but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. **9** And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

- The woman that Deborah was speaking of was Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite (*vs. 17-21*).

Pro 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

- Radical feminism hasn't done women any favors. The movement is made up of disgruntled and unhappy women who wish to, not just be satisfied with equality but, rule over men, and women who are satisfied with their roles as women.

### As God would have it!

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**. **23** For (*Gk.3754-because*) the husband is the head of the wife, even as (*Gk.2532/5613-also, in that manner*) Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body. **24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. **25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it (*her*); **26** That He might sanctify (*Gk.37-to make holy, purify*) and cleanse (*Gk.2511-purge*) it (*her*) with the washing (*Gk.3067-a bath, that is, baptism*) of water by the word (*through the inspired narration, what the Bible says*), **27** That He might present it (*her*) to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it (*she*) should be holy and without blemish. **28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: **30** \*For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **32** This is a great **mystery**: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so **love his wife** even as himself...

- When a husband loves his wife to the point of dying for her, she will have no problem totally submitting to him because at that point she will know that he is looking out for her best interests. We all, as **Christians**, are to have such a faith that if and when the moment were to come, we are to give our lives to save another, whether or not that person is a **Christian**. More so if they are not, knowing the fate that awaits the non-believer.

*Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **\*while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us. \*The plan to save sinners was set in eternity to cover the sins of the repentant and innocent who were not yet born.*

- Just as when a man takes a woman in marriage, we share the same spiritual DNA with **Christ** and thus represent **His** bride on earth.

Mat 6:10 **Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

- The kingdom (*church*) had not yet come when Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Since righteousness exists in Heaven, the prayer then was that it also exist in this world. That was accomplished on the day of Pentecost when the bride of Christ, who by the will of the Father, began carrying that same spiritual DNA on earth.

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...and the **wife** see that she **reverence** (*Gk.5399-be in awe of*) **her husband**.

1Pe 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement (*Gk.4423-alarm*).

- **Christian** women are considered daughters of **Sarah** as long as they do well no matter what. According to the mystery mentioned by **Paul** in this letter to the **Ephesians**, the church (*bride of Christ*) is to be in awe of her **Husband and Lord**. Thus the great mystery spoken here by **Paul** is the perfect plan for marriage and the family today.

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Under the patriarchal rule then, there is order, respect, faith, service, selflessness, obedience and most of all, love.

1. order-husband/father then wife/mother then children.
2. respect- for God first, thus to each other.
3. faith- in God without which the family unit has no direction.
4. service- to others, especially those of the household of faith.
5. selflessness- without which none of the others would be possible.
6. obedience- children to parents, wives to husbands, husbands to Christ.
7. love- concern for others and their well being to the point of giving one's life for them.

The patriarchal rule will only work well when those participating in it are Christians. And to be a Christian according to the word of God, one needs to...

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 2:38** ..."repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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