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Pinpointing Key Facets Of The Hebraic Foundations

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,



Sue: Every female is conceived with a curse which God placed upon Eve – the desire to usurp her husband's position of authority, his "rule." We'll look at this shortly, as well as discuss males and their predisposition to blame others and give excuses. In a recent email we asked, "Why does God allow women to live longer than men?" Since the reality of women outliving men is a worldwide phenomenon, our Lord must have a purpose for wives in particular outliving their husbands. We've mentioned this previously but it bears repeating. We believe that Father is giving widows, grandmothers, and older women who claim to belong to our Lord Jesus a specific opportunity: to clean up any ungodliness which she and her husband may have left unaddressed in their family, such as: ✓tolerated sin, ✓undemolished strongholds, ✓unreconciled relationships, and ✓ensuring by our Lord's grace that her progeny are *genuinely* born again and aimed toward the narrow gate into heaven.

In this Reality and several to follow, I'll be exposing how so many of today's widows as well as grandmothers and older women have fallen far short in being ready instruments our Lord Jesus can use in their family. And I'll also discuss from our Lord's perspective how they can be transformed into fulfilling this noble objective out of His love being extended through them!

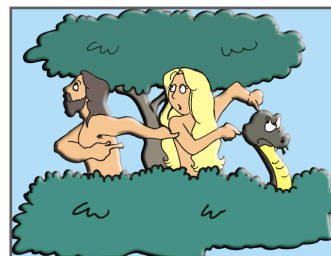
While I'll be addressing older widows and grandmothers specifically, please don't set this letter aside because you aren't in those categories. Among your many relationships are women who are widowed or who are wives who will one day be "older". And if you're a man, you have all kinds of women in your life with whom you can share this material: wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, friend. You can make a big difference in someone's life even into the next generations!

Being a Christ-like older woman who walks in loving and obedient trust comes from years of growing in grace with a prayerful yearning to become "Jesus with skin on" to others. The Bible reveals that there are specific people who can help a woman develop Christ's character during her life through their loving support:♥her father or a godly father-figure♥and/or her husband ♥and Christ-like older women along the way who role model love-impelled character transformation and come alongside her to help her grow. (We're well aware that none of these relationships may have been part of your own life experience. But our Lord Jesus knows this too, and He's prepared to help you if you will press forward in His grace.)

Both Males And Females Are Conceived With A Curse

*"The man said, 'The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'
Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said,
'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Genesis 3:12,13).*

The blame game initiated by Adam and Eve has impacted mankind far more deeply than most Christians realize in the way it's affected their lives. On the surface the pattern seems simple: Adam blames his wife in order to avoid the sure consequences of his willful sin, and Eve follows his lead by blaming the serpent who deceived her. And all three are guilty in God's sight, receiving penalties that are commensurate with their wrongdoing.



Men's Inherent Propensity Is To Give Excuses And Blame

Through Adam's irresponsible refusal to admit his guilt and repent, death came into being for all mankind. And from that day onward men have been plagued with a sinful propensity to excuse themselves and blame others just as their first forefather did. Within Christianity this innate tendency is enacted by so many fathers and husbands who fail to fulfill their biblical responsibilities especially to their daughters and wives.

FYI: Our God doesn't accept excuses from you men who are reading this, especially you husbands and fathers and grandfathers. If He didn't accept Adam's excuse, then He won't accept your excuses if you've neglected your family responsibilities. Moses too tried to give a series of excuses as to why God shouldn't use him to free the Israelites from Egypt: *"I am slow of speech and slow of tongue"* (Exodus 4:10). And when Moses persisted in giving excuses, He pushed God too far: *"So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses"* (4:14). Centuries later King Saul offered excuses to the prophet Samuel for not fully obeying God, and was soundly rebuked: *"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD. He has also rejected you from being king"* (1Samuel 15:22b,23).

Fast forward to our retreat center days (1983-1993). More than once Mike and I heard wives express exasperation about their mates who made excuses for all sorts of failed responsibilities: ***"I love my husband, but I don't like him."*** What an awful place for a husband to put his wife in! She's the one whom God ordained to complete him and respect him—and he's making it that much harder for her. How often Mike has repeated to men what was hammered home to him during his military service, ***"No excuse, sir."*** If you're a husband or father or grandfather, these should be the first words ringing in your mind before you try to excuse yourself to God or to your family.

For many of you men it comes down to your own self-serving laziness in not striving to become more like Jesus in your character or to hear the voice of His Spirit (*rhema*) on behalf of your wife and family. But by NOT following through on this God-given responsibility, you're being insubordinate like King Saul, and the consequences are grim! A verse that's directed to widows carries over to many older, pleasure-seeking retired men we've observed, especially the abundance of **retired men on golf courses**: *"The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives"* (1Timothy 5:6). With so many older men ignoring their biblical responsibility to personally guide the next generations of their families in living the way of our Lord, I'd say, ***"The retired man who lives for pleasure is dead even while he lives!"***

Ladies, We Too Have Been Cursed By God Because Of Eve

Eve had a choice as she and Adam stood before that tree. She acted independently of both God Who had commanded the couple to not eat the forbidden fruit, and of her husband who was standing there with her when she chose to distrust God and believe the serpent's lies. The curse given to Eve and to all women is found in Genesis 3:16: *"To the woman [God] said, 'I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.'"* What does "Your desire will be for your husband" mean? All women would be **cursed with the desire to usurp their husband's**



position of authority, his "rule". For women, marriage would be an ongoing battle for control by manipulating or pouting or giving the cold shoulder if need be to get her way.

We women of any age need to remind ourselves about the consequences of Eve's defiant distrust of God in the Garden. (You can read the whole sorry account in Genesis chapter 3.) The curse was fitting since Eve was already inclined to act independent of her husband and seize for herself an attribute which God purposed to be His alone: "*You will be like God, knowing good and evil*" (Genesis 3:5).

Eve chose to exercise self-will apart from God's will. So an element of His curse on her was the desire to rule her husband rather than submit to his rule over her. The rebellious outworking of a wife's desire to rule her husband produces all sorts of discord in their home and in their relationship. As pointedly expressed from a husband's perspective, "*Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife*" (Proverbs 21:19; see also Proverbs 19:13; 21:9; 25:24; 27:15). This warning about a quarrelsome wife is repeated often, which means it's an urgent and important matter to pay attention to! We women have a choice to make. With the help of the Holy Spirit we can be the wife our husband needs, or we can give way to self-will and make his life miserable. "*A worthy woman is the crown of her husband, but a wife who shames him is as rotteness in his bones*" (Proverbs 12:4; see also 1Peter 3:1-6). A wife is a public compliment for her husband, or a public disgrace. And if she becomes a widow, the temptation to speak disparagingly about him may even increase.

Demonic Principalities Make Use Of Your Desire To Rule

In my next Reality I'll discuss how Satan has used the curse of Eve to deceive Christian women who feel justified in dominating their husbands and families "for their own good". But let me just say that because of the gender-bending, rebellious times we live in, demons have used **revisionism to rid the Bible of a God Who as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is referred to with masculine pronouns**. The underlying presumption of today's revisionists is that the Bible, especially through the writings of Peter and Paul, is "culturally entrapped" and "sexist" in favoring men. Scripture, however, is God-breathed and does abound with exhortations to wives to submit to their husbands (e.g., Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:18; 1Peter 3:1-6).

There's been no shortage over the years of deceived yet well-meaning women who rule their own marriage and try to recruit me into giving way to Eve's curse. Often I've recognized the trap being set, but there have been times it's so subtle that Mike has alerted me. And together we're able by the Holy Spirit to resist the Queen of Heaven spirit and Jezebel spirit these women have given way to.

Before we post the next Reality, you can read about the influence of these demonic entities: May 2001 Newsletter: [*Jesus versus the Queen of Heaven*](#);

June 2001 Newsletter: [*The Queen of Heaven, god of the biblically ignorant*](#)

July 2016 Prophetic Insight: [*Jezebel Uses Murdering Mouths To Rule Families, Faith Communities...*](#)

December 2018 Prophetic Insight: [*Don't Let The Spirit Of Jezebel Ruin Your Christmas!*](#)

The Bible says much about widows, but nothing about widowers!

As you read what I'll be writing about widows, grandmothers and older women, you may be tempted to focus on how your own father or husband has failed in not helping you become a woman with Christ's character. Please don't dwell on blame!!! If you do, it's likely that you may overlook just how powerful the innate inclination for you to rule is because it's been with you

since conception. And if you haven't had the biblical support system of a godly father, husband, and older women in your life to confront you when you've chosen self-will over God's will, you've most likely fine-tuned the various ways you rule, even if you're not aware you're doing it.

But if you do read these messages and prayerfully weigh them with others close to you, then from that moment forward you're now responsible to our Lord with two particular biblical responses: to repent that you haven't been the Christ-like older woman/widow/grandmother that He would use to bless the next generations; and to intentionally seek the Holy Spirit's **grace with purpose** so you might resolutely become a woman in whom others can see the love of Jesus at work.

We women indeed have some hurdles to overcome with the Spirit's grace. This needs to be a **mutual endeavor** by us, whether with our husbands if they're still alive or with others in our own family, faith community, or circle of close friends. Our Lord Jesus desires for us to fully yield to His indwelling Spirit to transform us and lead our families out of the mess of ✓tolerated sin, ✓undemolished strongholds, ✓unreconciled relationships, and ✓ensuring that our progeny are genuinely born again and aimed toward the narrow gate to heaven. Is that the desire of YOUR heart?

As you mutually help each other, hang onto this promise of our Lord's presence as much as you count on your next breath: *"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). There will be more to come as the Holy Spirit continues to make His truths known. Mike and I will be praying for you so that your love for our Lord Jesus inspires you to represent His loving concern for your family.

Sue (with Mike's loving support!)