

## 1 Peter 3

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**3** Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; (A woman's love influences even the non-believer, and may convert her spouse. She should raise her children as Christians. If he prevents her from doing that, she should leave him)

<sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

<sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (Do things in moderation; prostitutes over-painted themselves in those days. Ignorant preachers will tell women that they can't wear makeup or jewelry)

<sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (God loves a quiet, humble spirit that treats others well; not prideful, not aggressive)

<sup>5</sup> For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: (Paul was a chauvinist. These verses are his opinion. Paul was not a prophet. He was a Bible teacher. The truth is that both husband and wife should subjugate themselves to each other and work as a couple)

<sup>6</sup> 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. (Paul's opinion; Abraham also obeyed Sarah. They lived as a couple)

<sup>7</sup> 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. (Never abuse a woman, physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Protect her. A marriage is where two people become one couple)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: (pitiful = meek and kind hearted – better translation)

<sup>9</sup> Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. (Vengeance belongs to God. He will deal with them)

<sup>10</sup> For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: (Remain humble even in good times. Don't let your ego run wild because things are going your way. Be a good example to others)

<sup>11</sup> Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. (eschew= to recognize and avoid it; ensue= pursue; don't go looking for trouble. Take the high road)

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. (God blesses those who try to do well)

<sup>13</sup> And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? (God looks out for the people that love Him. Those who try to harm them are asking for trouble from God)

<sup>14</sup> But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; (Don't waste time worrying about worldly troubles. Deal with them, but don't worry)

<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (meekness and fear = humble and with respect or reverence) (Give an answer to anyone who wants to learn about your peace of mind, and how God's love gives us that. They might learn from you)

<sup>16</sup> Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. (Be a good person, and let God deal with those who make up false rumors and accusations against you. Your good credibility will stand on its own, and others will see)

<sup>17</sup> For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. (Stick to doing right, regardless of the consequences)

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but

quickened by the Spirit: (Jesus was God in the flesh. They killed His body, but He resurrected. God did it as an example to us. If we live well and righteously, we will resurrect to eternal life after we die)

<sup>19</sup> By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; (The spirits are people who lived and died, and were on the wrong side of the gulf – See Luke-12 about the rich man and Lazarus. Before Jesus came, all they had was the law. Jesus gave them the same chance He gives us through repentance and salvation)

<sup>20</sup> Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (8 Adamic souls; the flood of Noah was not world-wide. It was regional)

(It is believed to have happened when the ice age ended. The melting glaciers raised the water level of the oceans by 400 feet. This caused the land bridges to collapse at Gibraltar and at Istanbul, flooding the Mediterranean, and Black seas. Another land bridge also collapsed, creating the Straits of Hormuz)

<sup>21</sup> The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: (While in the flesh, temptation is always there) (Jesus was worthy and by His sacrifice, He defeated death <the devil>) Hebrews-2:14

<sup>22</sup> Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. (Jesus is not "the Son of God" as churches falsely teach; He is God with us; God in the flesh) Isaiah-7:14