

“You Husbands Likewise”¹ Peter 3:7

As the logical, intelligent, and reasonable head, honor therefore the precious one you love as the weaker (physically) vessel, realizing that you *cannot* and will not for one minute receive grace apart from treating her this way. This is what joint heirs to the grace for *living* (in communion with your Savior) means — so that your prayers won't be hindered (cut off; 1 Jn 1:6; 1 Pet 3:9). You would never return evil for evil or insult for insult, BUT on the contrary blessing instead — praying for her for her good and protection, loving her. For you have been called for this purpose — to receive a blessing — the KINGDOM. For he who wishes to be well satisfied (in order to enjoy life) and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and go in pursuit of it (do not merely desire it, but pursue it) — 1 Pet 3:10-12 — For the eyes of YAHWEH are upon the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayers (supplications on *their face* before YHWH in pursuit and seeking the grace) — for peaceful enjoyment of life and good days... BUT 100 times out of 100 the face of YHWH is against those who practice evil — to oppose them, frustrate and defeat them (Ps 34:12-16; 1 Ths 4:3-5).

Fellow heir with you — meaning now that you are ONE FLESH, you are fellow heirs.

1 Ths 3:13 — So that He may establish your hearts, blameless — the heart is not the organ of feeling, as in modern speech, but the controlling center of the personality. A saint is one who *belongs* to Messiah by virtue of the indwelling Holy Spirit in the *heart* (Rom 8:9; Gal 5:24). Fellow heir — here *fellow* means (Eph 3:6) fellow partaker, joint heir. Husband and wife are joint heirs and we are joint heirs with Messiah. What is good for the goose is good for the gander!

Those who are joint or fellow sharers with Messiah now share in a heavenly calling — hold a royal position in relation to the earthly Messianic kingdom, provided we suffer with Him (Rom 8:19). Husband and wife must suffer together now to obey the word (so as not just to be hearers) and suffer together with Him for His kingdom sake (Pr 5:18-19).

1 Pet 3:8 is a summary of both wives and husbands and the whole church's fellowship. This is a command of the Holy Spirit for all who are called to be saints (1 Ths 3:13). *Let all*, lest we be as our forefathers (Heb 3:8) — all who are saints, who belong to Messiah (Gal 5:24; Rom 8:9) — *let all* be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, humble in spirit, so *that* we can, in the Spirit, NOT RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL OR INSULT FOR INSULT, but give a blessing instead, for you were called for this very purpose, that you as saints may inherit the kingdom blessedness.

Fellow heirs to the grace of life (1 Pet 3:7-10)... *let him who desires to love life and see good days*. I know some who would love to see one good day living with their spouse, but they simply are “merely hearers and not doers” of the word — they don't seek peace and they don't pursue it by living with their wives in an understanding way, as a weaker vessel. And since they themselves are a joint heir and fellow heir now with them, they do not receive an ounce of grace to love life and see a good day. They simply *cannot* refrain their tongue from evil and their lips from speaking guile (verse 10). They cannot turn away from evil and do good. They cannot seek peace and pursue it. They know that the eyes of YHWH are continually upon them and His ears are attentive to their supplications, BUT they cannot muster up a squeak. They have not obeyed the FIRST COMMAND — just live with your wife in an understanding way as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman (verses 7-8), being sympathetic, kind-hearted, humble in spirit, harmonious, husbandry (or brotherly). If brotherly, then husbandry to wives, brotherly to brothers and sisters. What is a brother? Or a husband?

A husband is a cultivator, one who builds, tills, and cultivates. A husband is a builder, a manager of his estate or property. Among the common people a woman called her consort “my man,” and the man called his wife, “my woman” (as in Hebrew).

The Bible calls you HUSBANDS (and *wives*). Est 1:20; Jn 29:6 [?]; Eph 5:22,24,25 Col 3:18,19; Titus 2:4, 5.

1 Pet 4:1 must in this life become a REALITY for saints.

