

Women — Ministry of Faith *Peter 3:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:9-15*

1 Jn 3:22 — Without faith no one can please God (Heb 11:6; Rom 14:23). Whatever we do, if it is without faith we sin. Jms 2:17 says without works a person's faith is dead. His submission is only out of principle, or under the Law. Eph 5:21 — There is a wrong kind of fear which is a fear without faith (Heb 11:6; Rom 14:22-23; 6:14, 15).

Only because grace was upon the first church could they do what they did, which Christianity later could not do. When grace was no longer upon them, Christianity developed. Acts 4:32-35 proves that Christianity has no grace and no faith, or they would be as the Holy Spirit leads all true sons to be (Rom 8:14) who cry out *Abba, Father*, for help. So abundant grace is essential and necessary (1 Pet 4:11) for obedience out of love for Him and His commandments (1 Jn 2:4; Jn 14:21). His commandment is that we should believe and obey (1 Jn 3:23) or He cannot hear our prayers (1 Jn 3:22; 5:14-15). We must be doing what is pleasing to Him, and without faith it is impossible. Everyone who cannot keep the peace of the one Spirit are enemies of the cross of Messiah.

So what about women, their submission to man? The same applies in all submission and all obedience in the New Covenant (2 Cor 3:3,6,8). So grace and faith are essential (Rom 12:3-20). Rom 12:13 speaks of the *koinonia* — this exposes and disqualifies all who do not have the abundant grace upon them (Acts 2:42). *Fellowship = koinonia* (Acts 4:33). So do you know what *koinonia* is? Without faith one cannot understand it. Such a one cannot, as Rom 8:7 says, discern the Body of Messiah (1 Cor 11:27-29). Without faith it is impossible to please Him, and the only way to please Him is by our works of faith. Faith is for the purpose of works (Eph 2:10), the very purpose for which we were saved (Eph 2:8-10) within the Body, the commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:12). *Koinonia* has to do with the commonwealth, the community. Without devotion to *koinonia*, community is impossible, for community has to do with faith — doing good works of love (1 Jn 3:16-17).

As we said, without being able to discern the Body, *koinonia* is just a Greek term. Devotion to this holds the Body together, for this is the will of God (Jms 2:26). Mt 6:10 — His will is to be devoted to *koinonia* (Heb 13:21; 1 Jn 2:17). And this is the will of God — the victory that overcomes the world (1 Jn 2:15; 5:5). The Spirit we have received is a Spirit of submission. Without submission or being submissive, we know one has not received this Spirit of submission. The Holy Spirit submits to the Father's will. The Spirit of submission is a humble spirit, a spirit that can receive grace. A proud spirit is opposed to God.

Both men and women submit to their head voluntarily, acknowledging their head's headship, leadership. Rom 8:14 — Whoever is led by the Spirit are the children of God. All submission to God's authority and His word is always an act of faith, to be pleasing to Him and accomplish His will. Not all who say *Lord, Lord* will enter the Kingdom of God, but only he who by faith does the Father's will (Mt 7:21).

Wives submit to their husband's leadership and responsibility by faith. Any thing less or more is sin on her part, or sin on his part for not leading her by faith. If he is a tyrant, he is in sin, for he is not receiving faith to love her and lead her in a godly manner, not in a strict and harsh manner. This does not come from faith. It is a woman's responsibility to submit voluntarily, in faith. 1 Pet 3:1 is the same submission by which Yahshua submitted to His Father, in faith and out of love for Him (1 Pet 2:18 - 3:1; Jn 10:17-18).

Peter commands women to have faith to submit to their husbands as Messiah submitted by faith to His Father in heaven, who sent Him. There is no class structure out of which women submit to men, as genus or generically (that is, as animals submit to the greatest, the lion, or as men submit to the greater intelligence). Even in the Body we submit to the greater grace, but by faith, not generically. We have been set free from generic submission to authority by the blood of Messiah. We are free to be servants of Messiah by the faith we have received. We submit to one another out of faith, knowing the fear of Messiah.

Paul, in Eph 5:21, is not trying to get a person to submit generically, even to Messiah. That is the same as being under the law, or principle. People with refined flesh can obey for a while, generically, but to be devoted to *koinonia* is impossible without faith. Faith is a gift to the humble, not to the proud. So proud people cannot submit in love and by faith. They cannot be devoted to anyone or this aforementioned essential (Acts

2:42; Rom 12:13).

Eph 5:22 is the command for a husband to receive the faith to obey, and to love his wife; the same goes for the wife. He never exploits the trust of her submission (1 Pet 3:7; Eph 5:25-29). Only in this way can the full potential of the woman be lavished on the Body of Messiah.

1 Tim 2:12 — self-control is asking someone in love and faith (1 Cor 14:34-35). Acts 2:17; 18:26; 21:9; 1 Cor 11:5; Phil 4:3; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:14,15; Tit 2:3-5. 1 Tim 2:12 speaks of the solo, authoritative, apostle-like women not submitting to any head, even elders, without a husband, etc.

1 Tim 2:13 seems generic (genus), but in the natural order of things, as a woman was created to be her husband's suitable helper, and has a tendency which her husband must rule over and help her rule over in her (verse 14).

For a woman in general to be silent contradicts the rest of the scriptures. But she is to be submissive by the faith she has received, and if not, she should be treated as anyone who is rebellious to the word of God. 1 Tim 2:9 — How wonderful this is, and all women who have received faith are more than willing to obey this as well as men. All should be modest in apparel. This is why especially at the minchot we are modest and wear our modest "robes."

Genus — In logic, that which has several species under it; a class of a greater extent than species; a subordinate class; an order of class distinction; subdivisions in Iran. Male and female (Gen 5:1-2; 1:26; 1 Tim 2:13).

1 Tim 2:13 does not constitute a class distinction apart from the recognition of the fact that male was created first, and the female was created for the first, which was male. So here is where faith comes from — from hearing the word of God, which is the truth. And now a woman can be happy in this state of being a suitable helper.

Faith to submit comes from the word of God. God appointed men as the head of their family, and the wife is not to usurp authority over him in his affairs. The man is charged to accept his role, not as a tyrant, but as a servant leader under God's assignment, and subject to the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 11:1-3 — This is fact, and Messiah holds to it on His part, and so does man, and so does woman. Being out of this order is being out of salvation, even for the nations in Gen 3:16-19.

1 Tim 3:1 — *Bishops*, as some like to translate it — the monarchical episcopate which developed later by Satan's influence to ascend to the Pope's position. The word in 1 Tim 3:1 meant a local shepherd/elder. Tit 1:5-9 — The bishops could have a wife; nowhere is there mention to the contrary.

But as far as wives being submissive to their husbands in the nations, Gen 3:16-19 is conclusive proof that it is registered in the conscience of a woman to be a good wife to her husband. Gen 3:16 — He shall rule over you, as 1 Tim 2:13-15. But this is the very natural law that the nations live by (Rom 2:14). This is not that women in the nations are under this law, but it is the law of conscience, which brings a woman peace. To be ruled over is her protection, to abide in the second covenant (Rom 2:15-16; Rev 20:12-15) so as to inherit the very same kingdom prepared for them since the foundation of the world (Mt 25:34).

The outward evidence demonstrates the inner rightness (Rev 22:11). The good character, by abiding in the law of the conscience, produced the good works, and this is considered as *faith* on their part. Even in the world Abraham heard God and believed. But the nations hear God's Vice Regent through which comes the faith to abide in the Way God gave man after the fall, so that they would not go outside of the boundaries of Gen 3:16, because the marriage between them is binding, because of the conscience clause.

Mt 25:34 proves that God intended from the beginning to prepare a kingdom for the nations (Rev 21:24,26; 22:2,3), *prepared* for the nations who overcome Satan's devices as Mt 25:41. We see that the second death is *prepared* for Satan and his angels, not for the people of this world.

God gave a conscience clause to mankind after the fall. Look at it — Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7 — before the flood and after the flood; Gen 3:16-19 is extended and continues with Gen 9:1-7. Those who remain within these well-marked boundaries will inherit the kingdom prepared for them, not what is prepared for Satan and his angels, and those who break the covenant in Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7. Those who are kind, showing the likeness of God in

Mt 25:34-40, on His right hand. Those on His left are those who did not do as Gen 12:3 to these, Abraham's descendants (Gal 3:29), and also those not keeping the marriage vows of Gen 3:16-19, not working by the sweat of his brow for the upkeep and support of his wife and family in honest labor.

So a woman is blessed who lives by faith, even in the world, to submit to her husband's rule over her. But in the Edah those who have received Rom 5:5 can be the demonstration of Messiah and His bride. In the world, God does not expect them to be the Edah's light (Rev 21:24) but for the Edah to be their light (Mt 5:14; 6:33). A woman in the New Covenant with Messiah is set free to live by faith of His direct voice to her, which is in her heart, from which comes the faith combined with the word of God, from His written word and instruction to her, as 1 Pet 3:1-6, and also the man in 1 Pet 3:7. This is the word the Holy Spirit confirms in him. This is the solid rock upon which Eph 5:21-33 is based, which is the light of the world.

The wife's tendency to dominate her husband is seen in Gen 3:6. But now Adam's eyes were opened to see the way in woman, at least fallen woman, since she ate and fell and dominated her husband, after she strayed away from his care in going to the serpent alone. Adam's sin is seen in Gen 3:17 — *because you have heeded the voice of your wife rather than the voice of God*. Adam was the one having the greatest responsibility, having been made in God's image first (1 Tim 2:14-15). He will now rule over his wife in the way God intended, even in the second covenant, for their own good — except for the other hardships the fall brought upon them. *Cursed is the ground for your sake*. Because of him and his obedience to the voice of his wife, he would now make a living for her and his children by the toil of cultivation in thorns and thistles, and by the sweat of his face. It would be his life-long struggle, but in it he gained respect and admiration from his wife and her children as they learned to work along side of him. And he and his children gained respect and admiration for his wife and their mother as they see her hard labor to bring them faith.

Your desire shall be for him, and he shall rule over you. This is great and wonderful, the way of escaping the second death and being counted worthy of the nations, the kingdom prepared for such people.

All this tests man as Rom 1:18 - 2:16. Even as in the next age man will be tested (Rev 20:3; Zec 14:16-18). Rev 20:3,7-10 — Many will just go up to Jerusalem to have the rain, and not to worship the King, Yahshua. So Satan is released to test them and lead them away from the place prepared for them into the place prepared for him (Rev 20:10; Mt 25:41,46; Rev 19:20). God is interested in testing his highest creation before He will allow them to enter into the places He has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor 2:9-10). Wouldn't you if you were He? How would you do it? 1 Cor 2:14-16 — If you don't have it, you had better get it.

In the Edah we have come out from eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, from the natural law to the spiritual law of Messiah (Gal 6:2), which is to love one another as He loved us (Gal 5:14; Jn 13:34; 15:12). The nations are not able or capable of producing this fruit; only the ones who are one Spirit with Messiah can. So the wife and husband together show the work of both Messiah and the Edah, a relationship in beautiful harmony and accord (Eph 5:27-29).

So what about this? What does this say for marriages on the rocks? If your marriage is on the rocks, it means that it is not on the *ROCK* Gal 6:2 says to bear one another's burden. If we do not have faith and love (Rom 10:17; 5:5; 14:23) we are still lost. Rom 14:22 — *condemns himself by what he approves*. Rom 16:26-27 — *Amen*.

Gal 6:15-16 — Salvation gives the one baptized into Messiah's death the status of being a new creation, which the whole nation of Israel will be. Acts 26:7 is dead on earth, but alive in heaven. On earth it is the witness of what it is to be when born again (Isa 49:6; Dan 2:44).

Faith

The nations have faith. Faith existed before Abraham in the nations, didn't it? Heb 11:4 — Abel had faith; Enoch had faith; Noah had faith; and they were before Abraham (Heb 11:4-8). So the nations today can have faith. How do you suppose the nations are to bless Abraham's seed (Gen 12:3; Mt 25:31-40) if not by faith? Lot had faith. Many hundreds and thousands of people in the nations had and have faith today, even from angels, leaders and servants of the nations have faith to help Abraham's descendants and will be blessed by it. Mt 25:34 required faith.

