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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Titus 2:1-5
 - i) In this passage of Scripture, the Apostle Paul is speaking to Titus.
- b) Because God loves us, He created the home and intends for the home to be the sweetest place on Earth and the nearest place to Heaven.
- c) The Lord Jesus is the greatest home builder.
 - i) Satan is the greatest home wrecker.
- d) We have today failing fathers and militant mothers.
- e) It has been said that a woman who stays at home caring for children and the house leads an extremely sterile existence.
 - i) It has also been said that the family is a destructive and wasteful institution.
- f) There is a Satanically-inspired war on the family, on marriage, and on motherhood.
 - i) It is part of Satan's mastermind to enslave human souls and to condemn the human race.
- g) There is a lot of controversy and philosophy about woman's liberation.
 - i) This issue will not be settled apart from the Word of God.
 - ii) There are some honest grievances that women have today.
 - iii) Husbands ought to realize that their wives are not slaves, and many men have failed women with their chauvinistic attitudes toward them.
- h) In today's message, we will look at what God's Word has to say about "The Magnificence of Motherhood."

2) THERE IS A GLORIOUS POSITION

- a) God has given women a glorious place.
- b) Genesis 2:18
 - i) This is before sin came into the world.
 - ii) This is not some judgment upon women.
 - iii) God's plan for the woman:
 - (1) She was created to be a helper who was fit for man, or a helper who was meet for him.
 - (2) She was to compliment that which was missing in man.
 - (a) She was to be his completer.
 - (3) 1 Corinthians 11:9
 - (a) The woman was created for man.
- c) In the home, the woman is to be under the direction and leadership of the man.
 - i) Genesis 3:16
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - (1) The Bible says that the head of the woman is the man.
 - iii) Ephesians 5:22-24
 - (1) As Christ is the Savior of the body (the church), the husband is to be his wife's savior and protector.

- (a) The husband cannot save her in the spiritual sense, but he is to be to her in the material world what Jesus is to the church in the spiritual world.
 - d) A wife is to stand by her husband's side.
 - i) She is to be the helpmeet whom God has given to the husband.
 - ii) This does not mean that a woman is inferior to a man.
 - iii) This is her God-appointed place.
- 3) A GREVIOUS PROBLEM
- a) There are women today who do not want that God-assigned place.
 - i) They feel that it puts women down, that it speaks of women as not being as valuable as a man, or that it speaks of women as being less than equal with a man.
 - (1) This is not true.
 - b) What happens when a woman rebels against the place that God has given to her?
 - i) She sins against God.
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - (a) God has given a chain of command:
 - (i) God the Father
 - (ii) God the Son
 - (iii) The man
 - (iv) The woman
 - (2) All sin is ultimately a sin against authority.
 - (a) Rebellion is the root of all sin.
 - (3) When a woman says that she will not take her God-assigned place, she expresses rebellion.
 - (a) We are never more like the devil than when we rebel against our God-assigned place.
 - (b) We are never more like the Lord Jesus than when we submit to our God-assigned place.
 - (4) Without God's chain of command, we could not function spiritually in this world.
 - (a) The Bible clearly teaches pastoral authority.
 - (i) Hebrews 13:17
 - 1. In this passage, the Apostle Paul was talking about the elder, bishop, or overseer of the church.
 - a. The word "bishop" means "one who oversees."
 - i. It is synonymous with pastor or elder.
 - (ii) The Bible says that he has a place of rulership.
 - 1. That does not mean that he is a dictator or has a law unto himself.

2. That does not mean that he should not ask for and, indeed, require and pray for full participation of both men and women.
 3. It does mean that in God's economy in the church, he has headship as he has in his family.
- (iii) One day, they will have to give an account for the way they lead.
1. And we will have to give an account for the way we follow.
- (iv) Spiritually, the church cannot function without a chain of command.
- (b) The government cannot function without a chain of command.
- (i) Romans 13:1-5
 1. The context of this passage is the higher governmental powers.
 - (c) In the home with children and parents, there is that same chain of authority.
 - (i) Ephesians 6:1-2
 - (ii) God extends the chain of command, not only from the husband to the wife, but also from the parents down to the children.
- (5) Submission to authority does not mean inferiority.
- (a) Are we inferior to a pastor?
 - (i) Of course not.
 - (b) Is a child inferior to his parents because that child obeys his parents?
 - (i) Of course not.
 - (c) Is God the Son inferior to God the Father, who thought it not robbery to be equal with God?
 - (i) Philippians 2:6
 - (ii) The basic prime tenant of the Christian faith is the full deity of Jesus Christ, who is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father.
 1. Yet, the Bible says that the head of Christ is God the Father.
 - (d) When a person submits, they are not submitting because they are inferior to the one above them.
- (6) When a woman rebels against God's plan, she is rebelling against the God of that plan.
- (a) She sins against God.
- ii) She sins against her nature.
- (1) God made woman to be feminine, and God made man to be masculine.
 - (a) God made them in the beginning male and female, and God said that it was good.
 - (i) Genesis 1:27, 31
 - (b) If someone sins against their femaleness or maleness, then they sin against their own nature.
 - (2) Deuteronomy 22:5

- (a) There is a principle that runs from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and it is the principle of femininity and masculinity.
 - (b) This passage does not mean that women cannot wear pants.
 - (i) There are times when work and modesty would demand that this would be the best thing to be worn.
 - (c) This passage of Scripture is saying that we know women's clothes when we see them, and we know men's clothes when we see them.
 - (i) A man ought to look like a man, and a woman ought to look like a woman.
- (3) A man needs to be manly, and a woman is to be feminine, even in the way they wear their hair.
- (a) 1 Corinthians 11:4-10
 - (i) A man should take his hat off when he prays.
 - (ii) In this day, the temple prostitutes shaved their heads completely as a mark of arrogance and rebellion.
 - (iii) Man was not made from woman, but woman was made from man.
 - 1. Therefore, man is in the image of God, and woman is in the image and the glory of the man.
 - (iv) In this passage, the word "power" means "authority."
 - 1. When a woman prayed with her head covered, it was a symbol that she was under authority.
 - (v) What is meant by "because of the angels" in this passage?
 - 1. The sin that caused Lucifer to become Satan was the sin of rebellion against authority.
 - a. A great number of angels also rebelled.
 - 2. God said that because of what happened to the angels, who left their headship and brought rebellion and sin into the world, that no woman ought to pray with her head uncovered.
 - a. If she does, then she is committing the same kind of sin that the angels committed, or it at least has connotations of that sin.
 - (b) Paul made it clear that he was not trying to say that the man is superior to the woman.
 - (i) 1 Corinthians 11:11
 - (ii) Galatians 3:28
 - (iii) 1 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - 1. The fundamental difference between men and women should be seen not only in the way they dress, but also in the way that they wear their hair.
 - a. The woman should not have a mannish look.
 - i. Her hair is a glory and a sign of her submission to God.
- iii) She sins against her welfare.

- (1) God put women on a pedestal, and God gave man a direct command to protect women.
 - (2) There is supposed to be in a man an inbred desire to protect women.
 - iv) She sins against her family.
 - (1) Titus 2:4-5
 - (a) The older women are to teach the younger women.
 - (b) In verse 4, the word “sober” means “responsible.”
 - (c) In verse 5, the word “discreet” means “sensible.”
 - (2) It is not God’s plan for someone else to take care of our children.
 - (a) There are some women who must work outside of the home in order to meet the recognized necessities of life, but there are also those who work outside of the home only for the pride of work or for the luxuries that money can bring.
 - c) When a woman does not see God’s plan, she sins against God, then she sins against her nature, then against her welfare, and then against her own family.
- 4) THERE IS A GRACIOUS PLAN (1 PETER 3:7)
- a) The problem in today’s society is not with women.
 - i) The problem clearly and plainly is with the men.
 - b) 1 Peter 3:7
 - c) If a home is wrong, then it is generally because the man is wrong.
 - i) Generally, in observation, it has yet to be seen that when a man has said and meant it lovingly, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” that the wife and children did not follow him.
 - (1) Joshua 24:15
 - d) Husbands owe three things to their wives:
 - i) He owes her provision.
 - (1) The husband is to be the bread winner.
 - (a) When God gave woman the privilege of standing by man’s side, God also gave to man the assignment to earn the bread by the sweat of his brow.
 - (b) The reason why so many women today are having to work is because the man has not prepared himself.
 - (i) He has not prayed and sought the leadership of God.
 - (2) The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church, and Christ provides for our every need.
 - ii) He owes his wife protection.
 - (1) 1 Peter 3:7
 - (2) Women do not need to be liberated from the protection of the male.
 - (a) He is to protect.
 - (3) God made her physically and psychologically with a dependent nature.
 - iii) He is to show partnership.
 - (1) This does not mean that if a wife is to submit to the husband that the husband is the boss of the home.

- (a) The husband and wife are to be co-partners in the home.
- (2) 1 Peter 3:7
 - (a) They are heirs together.
- (3) The husband is the head of the home.
 - (a) They are to pray together, talk with each other, and share together.
 - (b) When the husband and wife cannot agree upon something and a decision has to be made, ultimately it is up to the husband to make the decision and bear the responsibility for that decision.
- (4) The wife is a partner, and as a partner she is not to be excluded.
 - (a) They are to have no secrets.
 - (i) There are wives who do not know how much money their husbands make or how much money is in the bank account.
- (5) The Bible says that they are to be “heirs together of the grace of life.”
 - (a) What some people call a nosey wife is really only a woman seeking her rightful place.
- e) A problem in the world today is men who fail to be men of God and who fail to love their wives as Christ loves the church and gave Himself for it.
 - i) Most women do not mind being in submission to a man who loves her enough to die for her and shows it.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) The Bible teaches that there is a “Magnificence of Motherhood” and that there is a glory to femininity.
- b) The Bible does not teach that submission is inferiority.
- c) We are not going to put our world back together until we go back to God’s intentions and God’s plan.
- d) The first step in knowing God’s plan is to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16