

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

- I. NOAH'S AND MRS. NOAH Genesis 6:8-9 (18) She is mentioned 5 times and we are never told her name and she is not even mentioned until 10 verses after the rest of her family! Two hard things for a woman when she gets married - Losing her identity and submitting. Ephesians 5:22-23 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

A. Grace Genesis 6:8

1. How do you find grace? Ephesians 2:8-9

- a) By accident Happen to find a \$20 bill.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. There are no accidents with God! Tract in windshield, wrong turn sign-waving, looking for another church

- b) Look for it! \$20 bill hidden under one of your chairs. Matthew 13:45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Jeremiah

29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me with all your
heart.

c) Here it is! **Hold up a \$20 bill.** Luke 19:10
For the Son of man is come to seek and to
save that which was lost.

2. What is Grace? Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore
come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we
may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time
of need.

a) Mercy is not getting what you deserve!

Romans 6:23

b) Grace is getting what you don't deserve!

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of his grace. **God's**

Riches At Christ's Expense

B. Gracious Proverbs 11:16 A gracious woman retaineth
honour: and strong men retain riches.

1. Virtuous woman Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a
virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Virtuous = “**Woman of Valor**”; root = “**pain**”

a) “I have this little project” Genesis 6:14

b) We are going to collect two of all the
animals, along with a few extras for food
and sacrifice Genesis 6:19-20

c) Collect and make the food Genesis 6:21

“You won’t have to do anything mom! I’ll feed it, clean-up messes, take it for walks”

d) 55 to 120 years to build the ark (88 years)
then 371 days on a crowded, smelly, rocking ark!!! Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

2. Man of faith Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

a) Trust God I Peter 3:5-6 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: 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.

b) Honor your wife I Peter 3:7 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.

II. ABRAHAM AND SARAH I Peter 3:1-7

A. TOGETHER IN SUBJECTION I Peter 3:1, 5-6

1. Subjection is a tough subject I Peter 3:6 **Told my wife when we got married that she could just address me by the first 3 letters of my last name!** Ephesians 5:22-24 **So much wrong teaching on this subject, even from me. Modern equality movement** Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. **vs. “Wife is to be seen and not heard.”**

a) Take some valium - **Chill out!** **“Tranquilize”** Hebrews 13:17 **Obey** them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

(1) Persuaded Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things

of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

- (a) Persuaded that he loves you and wants what is best for you and your family Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

Sacrificial, servant leader!

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

- (b) Persuaded in God's love for you I Peter 3:5, Colossians 3:18

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

- 2. "In order of rank" I Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

- a) "To listen or to hearken" I Peter 3:5, Matthew 8:9-10 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to

another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

b) Submitting one to another Ephesians 5:21
Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

B. Root word of reverence is “Phobia” I Peter 3:6, Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she **reverence** her husband. “A phobia is an uncontrollable, irrational, and lasting fear of a certain object, situation, or activity.” Spiders, snakes, heights, clowns

1. No woman should be afraid of their husband! I John 4:18-19 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. Physical, emotional, spiritual abuse. Treat her with honor = “**value**” as the weaker vessel (don’t break her)
2. Can trust each other Proverbs 31:11-12 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

C. Laugh together Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? Genesis 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? Genesis 21:3 Named him Isaac = “Laughter” Either have to laugh at each other or laugh with each other Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

III. ISAAC AND REBEKAH Ephesians 5:28-29 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and **cherisheth** it, even as the Lord the church. “Soften by heat”

A. Hallmark love story Genesis 24:58-67

1. She thought he was “smoking hot” Genesis 24:64 “when she saw Isaac, she lighted off her camel” When was the last time you got excited to see your husband?
2. She took his breath away Genesis 24:67 “To breath after”
3. They both loved sports! Genesis 26:8
 - a) Be sports fanatics Proverbs 5:15-20
 - b) God designed it to be fun! Hebrews 13:4
Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed

undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers
God will judge. Don't let your sex life be
like being a Dallas Cowboys fan - "Maybe
next year!"

B. Happily Ever After ~~Genesis 26:6-12~~

1. Don't let bitterness take over Colossians 3:19
Husbands, love your wives, and be not **bitter**
against them. *to make bitter, to render angry,*
indignant, to grieve (deal bitterly with)
2. Don't hold unto it Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all
bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour,
and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all
malice: And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God
for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.
3. Lack of trust & unity Ephesians 4:2-3 With all
lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering,
forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to
keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4. Counterbalanced rather than compliment each
other Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the **instruction**
of thy father, and forsake not the **law** of thy
mother. **Law** = teach **Instruction** = discipline
Not just children - finances, personalities, etc.