

FULL ^{OF} HOPE, FAR ^{FROM} HOME

Study in 1 Peter

Sermon Title: "A Wife in Submission to Jesus"

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-6

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INTRODUCTION

Note: Following the example of JESUS and embracing the wisdom of GOD (God, who knows infinitely more than us... God, who created us equal in value, worth, and dignity yet different/distinct in our gender roles and responsibilities...) is not archaic, destructive, oppressive or unhelpful; it is good, life-changing, and beneficial for us AND for everyone around us!

I. SUBMISSION... BEAUTY... HOPE...

Verses 1-2: A wife's purposeful, willing, Christ-exalting SUBMISSION to her husband.

Note: The concepts of loving leadership, humble submission, joy-filled unity and distinction are clearly seen in the wonder, beauty, and majesty of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Spirit)!

Note: Wives, God desires to do a great work IN you and THROUGH you to move others (even an unbelieving husband) towards Christ!

Verses 3-4: A wife's true, lasting, unfading, precious-to-God BEAUTY.

"Glamour is artificial and external; true beauty is real and internal. Glamour is something a person can put on and take off, but true beauty is always present. Glamour is corruptible; it decays and fades. True beauty from the heart grows more wonderful as the years pass." (Warren Wiersbe)

Note: This word “gentle” occurs four times in the New Testament. Two times this word is used to describe Jesus Himself (in Matthew 11:29 and 21:5); one time Jesus used this word (in Matthew 5:5, “Blessed are the meek/gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”); and Peter uses the word here, calling wives to follow the controlled strength and humility of Jesus.

Note: As it relates to “quiet”, Paul uses this same word in 1 Timothy 2:2 to speak of a “peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way”. Quiet as opposed to anxious and turbulent. Quiet does not mean that a wife should never speak, but it refers to internal peace, inward rest and trust in Christ.

Verses 5-6: A wife’s God-focused (as opposed to husband-focused) HOPE.

- 1) Peter is not inventing something new here but is following godly, biblical precedent!

- 2) Peter’s entire argument and emphasis here rests of the power, the goodness, the grace, and the wisdom of God, NOT on having a really awesome husband!

- 3) Peter is NOT calling for a particular title or word to be used; he is underscoring the importance of respect being shown in both word and deed.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. In verses 1-7, who are husbands and wives called to follow, pursue, and imitate?
2. How is loving leadership, humble submission, unity, and distinction seen within the Trinity?
3. Instead of seeking merely external beauty, what does God want wives to pursue? Why?
4. Why does Peter bring up the life and example of Abraham and Sarah? What lessons and/or principles does Peter want us to see and consider?