



She Shall Be Called Woman



In the very first chapter of the Bible, Genesis 1, it tells how God created everything: heaven and earth; day and night; plants and trees; sun, moon and stars; birds and fish; animals and creeping things; man and woman.

When God made the first man, He said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26) “And God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (Genesis 2:7) “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper that is suitable and completing for him.’ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while he slept God took one of his ribs – a part of Adam’s side then closed up the flesh, and the rib which God had taken from the man, He made into a woman and brought her to the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.’” (Genesis 2:18,21-23)



The most basic meaning for the word “woman” is, man with a womb. That can make us women smile, because we have all wished at some time that a man could know what it’s like to carry a baby in the womb for 9 months and then go through the birth process. But, the word “man” includes both men and women, just like the names of every living thing God created includes male and female: birds, fish, animals, cattle, etc.

A woman was created to be a help to a man – to help him be complete by making a home for him and to love him, and bear his children. Originally, the characteristics of a woman were, modesty, mildness, tenderness, gentleness and loyalty. A man’s original characteristics or qualities were, strength, courage, honor, father, and provider.

These characteristics are still inborn in every human being, male or female, because they are still created in the image of God. That is to say, that as women, we still have the same characteristics of being a helper and a mother. But, our society has so warped the role of women that those characteristics that God put in us are being looked down upon as weakness and failure to succeed. But, not in God’s eyes!

Lies and distortions of womanhood by the world have caused us to measure ourselves by the outside issues of the world, instead of the inner issues of the spirit. The world says we, as women, should have the ability to speak well, always have a good appearance, be able to handle any circumstance in our life, be assertive and strong in our words and actions, be a success in a career and financially.

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All of these worldly expectations are completely contrary to the God-given characteristics of a woman. And, it is a sad thing that women have been the ones who started this whole revolution from the original intention of God. His plan was for a family, with father, mother and children each loving and respecting the other and maintaining their role model according to the Word of God – morally and spiritually.



What a contrast to what the women's liberation movement says: "marriage is just a legal method of control over women and should be abolished; in order to raise children right, we must take them away from families and raise them by the state; divorce makes for better family life; by the year 2000 we need to raise our children without God; no deity will save us, we must save ourselves; repeal all laws that restrict abortion, we must destroy love; women should have complete freedom sexually and not be limited to a marriage."

These are the shocking devastation's of God's beautiful creation of womanhood. As women, as mother's, hang on with all your might to being a loving, nurturing mother and home-maker for your children. When you do that you are fulfilling God's will for you as a woman. To do the things of the world, or to see yourself as needing to be a career woman or all the other lies out there, will only result in low self-esteem – the deadliest weapon in the devil's arsenal.

He knows how to use your feelings of weakness to bring you into discouragement, disappointment, failure and drawing away from the Christian life – keeping you in constant fear of losing something you want to keep. But your faith in God is the assurance that you cannot lose, and that's what the devil wants to steal from you. His stealing is very subtle because it starts with feelings of inferiority by judging ourselves by the world's values instead of God's values, which makes us feel inferior.

The paralyzing effects of low self-esteem rob us of our power and potential. It can start even in the crib, continue through kindergarten, then in the teen years and as adults, it seems to settle in like a fog that rolls in and out, but is always on the horizon. This is not the way God intended for any human being to live. We act like we don't even know we are created in the image of God and He lives in us by His Holy Spirit!

Let us wake up and be godly women! You don't have to prove anything to anyone! You don't have to have romantic love to survive! You don't have to have a man to survive! You can raise your children alone, millions of women have done it and their children turned out just fine!

There are two things to do that will insure a happy, joyous life for you and your children, no matter what! "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor (people around you, Christians, and friends) *as yourself.*" (Matthew 22:37,39)



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2. Why did Adam call the helper God made him “Woman”?

3. What is the basic meaning of the word “Woman”?

4. What was a woman created for?

5. Why are these characteristics still born in us?

6. What has caused us to measure ourselves as women by outside issues instead of inner?

7. What was God’s plan for a family?

8. When are you fulfilling God’s will for you as a woman?

9. What is the deadliest weapon in the devil’s arsenal?

10. How can we insure a happy, joyous life no matter what? (Matthew 22:37,39)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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To help make her husband complete and to bear his children.

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Because we are still created in the image of God.

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Lies and distortions of womanhood by the world.

7. What was God's plan for a family?

Father, mother and children loving and respecting each other.

8. When are you fulfilling God's will for you as a woman?

When I am a loving, nurturing home-maker.

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