

INTRODUCTION

There are things ordained by God for our whole race, told to us by God through Adam and through Noah,

as recorded in Genesis

in creation, Genesis 1-2

in the fall, Genesis 3

after the flood, Genesis 9

that continue in effect all the way until the Lord Jesus comes back;

such as

the cycle of six days of work and one day of sabbath keeping

marriage between one man and one woman for life

bearing of children by the woman, in that marriage

mankind having dominion over the earth and the animals

eating of plants and of the flesh of animals for our food

government protecting human life as precious by means of the death penalty.

Several of the things that God told Israel through Moses are NOT still in effect, having expired when Jesus Christ died on the cross.

But those things that God told our whole race through Adam and Noah are still in effect, and will be until the end, when the Lord Jesus returns.

Of course, such things the Lord Jesus and His apostles did not overturn, but upheld, and applied them to us, His disciples. We encounter such doctrine many places in the New Testament scriptures. Today we find it in the context of how Christians are to live in the family, in the household; what are our family duties.

See in today's study how the instructions in 1 Timothy 5 for the Christian woman echo the earliest history of our race, as recorded in the first chapters of Genesis. We'll read from 1 Timothy in a little while, but let's start in Genesis chapter 2.

TEXT

Genesis 2:21-23

BODY

- I. The Beautiful Creation Account of the Woman
 - A. Gen 2:21-23 “woman”
 1. Ish-ah from Ish
 2. this is her name as man’s wife, the one who helps the man
 - B. Gen 3:20 - “Eve”
 1. forms
 - a) Hebrew *chavvah*
 - b) Greek NT *eua* yoo-ah
 - c) Vulgate OT *Hava* NT *Eva*
 - d) Tyndale OT Heua NT Eve
 - e) Geneva OT Heuah NT Eue
 - f) Wycliffe, KJV Eue
 2. meaning - life
 3. this is her name as a mother, the one who gives life
 - C. Note: To consider those two names together, I learned from reading Matthew Henry
 - D. See these two names used together as God intended Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."
 - E. Thus, the woman was wonderfully created and ordained to be wife and mother.
 - F. APPLICATION Let every girl and woman understand what a profound privilege it is to be created female. Rejoice in how God has made you, in what He has given you.
 1. it is yours from God to be Ish-ah, the man’s helper
 2. it is yours from God to be Eve, the mother of life
 - G. APPLICATION Let every woman already married be thankful for her place in her family, and be fortified against all discouragement from the world.
 - H. APPLICATION Let every girl and every woman not yet married, or who does not yet have children, close your ears to the cries of the feminist society in which you live. The truth lies here in the Word of God, not in the warped world of the godless.

Having seen the beautiful creation account of the woman, now consider also

II. The Blessed Gospel Hope for the Woman

- A. The first man and the first woman did not stay in the state of innocence in which God created them. They transgressed God's law, and so brought death upon themselves. In Adam's sin, we all sinned, and now have continued sinning in our own lives. By that sin, we deserve the punishment from God of eternal death in the lake of fire.
- B. The sorrows of this life speak to us of how the wages of sin is death
 1. because of sin, many things happen that deprive a woman of the joys of being a man's wife, or that make marriage itself to be full of pain and sorrow
 2. because of sin, many things happen that deprive a woman of the joys of being a mother, or that make motherhood itself to be full of pain and sorrow
- C. Remember the good news that we heard in 1 Timothy 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.
 1. no matter how deserving you are of punishment as a sinner; and no matter what the trials of this life bring on you because of the effects of sin on the woman, you will be saved if you believe in Jesus Christ, and continue trusting in Him no matter what sorrows may come
 2. believe in Jesus Christ the righteous, crucified for sinners, buried, and now risen to life again
 3. if God's providence brings you difficulty in getting married, continue trusting in Jesus Christ
 4. if God's providence brings you sorrow in marriage, continue in relying on your Lord Jesus Christ
 5. if God's providence brings you trouble and pain in bearing children, continue depending on your Savior Jesus Christ
 6. the Lord Jesus Christ, whose disciple you are, will carry you through whatever afflictions you face as a woman in this sinful world
 7. in the end, you who have faith in Christ will be saved
 - a) God will wipe every tear from your eyes
 - b) you will enjoy everlasting life in perfect fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ who has saved you

Having seen the beautiful creation account of the woman, and
Having considered the blessed gospel hope for the woman, now hear

III. The Basic Apostolic Instruction for the Woman

- A. Three expressions in pastoral epistles, each teaching the same thing, but different aspects of it
 1. 1 Timothy 5:9-10
 - a) be the wife of one man
 - b) bring up children
 - (1) G5044 *teknotropheo*
 - (2) Strong, Thayer: to bring up children
 2. 1 Timothy 5:14
 - a) marry
 - b) bear children
 - (1) G5041 *teknogoneo*
 - (2) Strong, Thayer: to bear children
 3. Titus 2:4
 - a) love their husbands
 - b) love their children
- B. See how this basic instruction for our Lord's apostle agrees perfectly with what we learn in Genesis about how God created the woman
 1. so, of course if the first chapters of Genesis call the female "woman" and "Eve," then our Lord's apostle will give the basic instruction, "marry and bear children"
- C. If we combine these three instances of this apostolic instruction, we get
 1. marry, be the wife of one man, love your husband
 2. bear children, bring up your children, love your children
- D. There is more doctrine from our Lord Jesus and His apostles, by which His disciples can know more details about what to do in various situations, including the case of the unmarried woman who is content to stay unmarried. But this is the basic doctrine to cover most cases.

[If time is up at this point, I may conclude here, giving a brief preview of the next point, to be included next week.]

Having seen the beautiful creation account of the woman,
Having considered the blessed gospel home for the woman, and
Having heard the basic apostolic instruction for the woman, look to

IV. The Ancient Biblical Example for the Woman

What about the Christian woman who would love to marry and bear children, but no suitable Christian man has yet offered her marriage?

- A. Note that the apostles point us to the example of the women of the Old Testament
 1. 1 Peter 3:5-6 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, (6) as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.
- B. Observe what God-fearing women in former times were doing before marriage
 1. Genesis 24:16-20 Rebekah was drawing water, including for Abraham's servant and his camels
 2. Genesis 29:9 Rachel was tending her father's sheep
 3. Exodus 2:16-21 Zipporah was drawing water for her father's sheep
 4. Ruth 2:2-3 Ruth was gleaning grain to feed herself and her mother-in-law
- C. So, let girls and women who want to get married busy themselves with work
 1. that you may develop the discipline and skills to make you a good wife and mother
 2. that you may show yourself a woman who will make a good wife and mother
- D. What you are working toward, also pray for
 1. if it is what God ordained for you at creation
 2. if you are hearing His word and seeking to obey it
 3. if you are praying by faith in Jesus Christ
 4. then your Father in heaven hears your prayer, and is pleased with it, and is sure to give you the good that He has planned for you; there is not absolute promise that He will provide a husband and children to every woman; but there is the promise that He knows how to give good gifts to His children

CONCLUSION

The beautiful creation account shows us that the woman is created to be the wife and the mother in the family. The instructions for us from our Lord's apostle uphold that ancient model, exhorting the Christian woman to marry and have children. No matter the grief that these things may prove, God will save us through them, as we trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stephen - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Deuteronomy 31:12-13

Jeremiah - Scripture Reading - Genesis 2:15-3:21

~~Dillon~~ Jeff - Congregational Prayer

Benediction - Psalm 72:18-19

Rita - Prelude

Rita - Trinity 19 "O Come, Let Us Sing to The Lord"

Rita - Trinity 634 "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"

~~Allison~~ Rita - Trinity 705 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord" - Alex leading

V. The Temptation

A. To live in pleasure; ESV be self-indulgent

B. To be idle

1. wandering about from house to house
2. being gossips and busybodies
3. saying things which they ought not

VI.

VII.

Scripture Reading - Genesis 2:15-3:21

1 Timothy 5:9-10 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, 10 well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

G5044 *teknotropheo*

Strong, Thayer: to bring up children

1 Timothy 5:14 Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

G5041 *teknogoneo*

Strong, Thayer: to bear children

Calvin:

When he speaks of bearing children, he includes, under a single word, all the annoyances that must be endured in bringing up children; in the same manner as, under the government of the house, he includes all that belongs to household management.

Titus 2:4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

