

WOMEN SHEPHERDS : THE FAMILY SEX CULT EXPOSED AGAIN! PT 1

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Recently, I was counseling a Christian woman regarding a certain problem she was experiencing in her marriage. The gist of it was that, for various reasons, the woman was not happy with the church she and her husband were attending, so she decided to not attend all, leaving the husband to go alone. I first addressed this problem in the article called "Churchianity or Christianity: Which Do You Practice?", which I wrote over eight months ago. In spite of the advice I offered at that time, it seems that the problem was not fully resolved; thus the need arose for me to exchange a few more email messages with this woman. In her latest messages to me, she informed me that her church is temporarily being shepherded by a female pastor, being as the previous pastor had resigned, or moved on to another church. I don't recall the precise details at this time.

While I have addressed this topic before, allow me to state again that, as far as I am aware, nowhere in the Bible are women instructed to lead the Lord's Church; nowhere. While we do find a few isolated examples where certain women were granted a degree of political and/or spiritual authority, particularly in the Old Testament, such as with the case of Prophetess and Judge, Deborah, and Queen Esther, God never granted this same degree of spiritual authority to women in the New Testament. To the contrary, the Apostle Paul, tells us quite plainly that Christian women are to keep silent in the church. This most certainly prevents them from accepting the role of a pastor or minister:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."
1 Corinthians 14:34-35, KJV

While Paul was writing specifically regarding those women who desired to exercise the Gifts of Prophecy and Tongues, common sense dictates that his words apply even more when we speak of a woman spiritually leading an entire church. Some liberal-minded souls seeking to invalidate my understanding, might point to the incident concerning the Prophetess Anna

found in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. While it is true that Anna was present in the Temple during Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day after His Birth, she was by no means usurping the authority of the priesthood of that era. She was an old woman of eighty-four who was temporarily inspired by God's Holy Spirit, as the text clearly relates. The same thing occurred with the old man Simeon only a few minutes earlier. These people were not recognized leaders in the Temple:

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth."

Luke 2:25-39, KJV

For informational and historical purposes, allow me to also share with you the part of the Levitical Law where the rites of circumcision and purification are mentioned by Moses:

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days. And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: Who shall offer it before the

LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female. And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean."
Leviticus 12:1-8, KJV

Returning to the Prophetess Anna, to be temporarily inspired by the Holy Ghost, as was her case, is by no means the same thing as spiritually leading the entire Body of Christ in a regular capacity, and on a regular basis as we see happening with some women preachers today. In fact, I would dare say that this modern phenomenon is more akin to the rebellious false prophetess Jezebel, who by the Word of the Lord, John describes for us in the Book of Revelation. This proud, deceitful woman set herself up as a spiritual leader over what basically amounted to an ancient sex cult. Consider these verses:

"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."
Revelation 2:20-23, KJV

As you can see by the previous verses, the Lord strongly condemned this woman due to her heresies and fornication, which led His children astray. In the Gospels, Jesus issued a similar warning to those who would cause His children to fall away from the faith, and from sound doctrine, when He said:

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."
Matthew 18:6, KJV

As I point out in several other articles, in the original Greek, that word "offend" does not have the same meaning as it does today. It is from the Greek word "skandalizo", and means to place an obstacle in one's way, so that they sin and fall away from the truth of the Gospel. Placing the sin of sexual perversion before a person, so that they fall to temptation and forsake the true Gospel of Christ will not go unpunished, according to the Lord's own words in Matthew and the Book of Revelation.

Since Jezebel's time, other so-called Christian sex cults have been founded as well. In our more recent history, some of you are undoubtedly familiar with the Children of God; a fundamentalist group started in the late sixties by the now-deceased David Brandt Berg, who went by the various names of

Moses David, Mo, Father David and Dad. During the late 70's and early 80's, this group underwent several name changes, in order to reflect some doctrinal changes which are clearly a radical departure from traditional Christianity. These new doctrines included what became known as "Flirty Fishing", or prostituting for Jesus, and sexual "sharing" amongst group members, both between adults and children alike. During the past twenty years or so, they have been known as the Family Of Love, and more recently, simply as the Family; however, in local situations, they also adopt unique names as a way to conceal their true identity, and thus avoid harassment due to the unscriptural doctrines associated with them. At their primary web site, thefamily.org, they are fond of using the name of the "Fellowship of Independent Missionary Communities".

Due to heavy worldwide persecution, and a highly-publicized British court case in the 1990's, on more than one occasion the Family has publicly claimed that it abandoned its Flirty Fishing doctrine around 1987 -- possibly due to the threat of AIDS -- and that it has supposedly put an end to adult-child sexual relationships. Initially, the group claimed that such sexual abuse was non-existent; but upon being pressured by Judge Ward, several years later, they recanted David Berg's sexual doctrines, and claimed that while there were isolated incidents of child sexual abuse, it was never sanctioned by the Family leadership. The people who say this are blatant liars, as well as outright hypocrites, as reliable, firsthand evidence on the Internet, and elsewhere --including their own private publications -- will clearly reveal. Not only did the Family leadership promote the sexual activity between adults and minors, but to this day they still remain convinced that there is nothing wrong with their sex-related doctrines and practices, in spite of the subtle veil of deceit and false respectability they try to cast over the eyes of an unwary public.

And believe me, they have indeed been quite successful with their campaign of deceit. If you visit their main web site, or any of their various other worldwide web sites, you won't be given a clue of what really lies behind all of the many smiling faces, the inspiring Christian testimonies, and the examples of reaching out to the sick, downtrodden and poor of the Earth. For an example closer to America, consider the fact that during the Clinton administration, year after year a singing group called the Family Singers performed at the White House during the Christmas season. As their name obviously implies, this group is comprised of second generation members of the Family. Through public deceptions such as this, the Family is trying to prove to the world that they have indeed changed; but let the facts be known: The only reason they curtailed the adult-child sexual liaisons within their communities, was due to serious legal threats. The Family has not totally forsaken its sexual perversions. If anything, it has gotten much worse, as you will see in a moment. Knowing what I do, I can't help but wonder how many politicians in Washington, D.C. have been "Flirty Fished" by the Family. That is an awfully big, influential, and rich fishing pond; a perfect target for the Family!

Prior to his death in 1994, Mr. Berg appointed Karen Zerby,

-- his long-time lover, secretary, and second wife -- who is known to cult members as Maria, or affectionately as Mama, as the heiress to the Family's top leadership position. This development was anticipated by Family members, not only due to the fact that Zerby, and her new mate, Peter Amsterdam, had already begun to take the reins of the organization a few years before, but also because, since their early years, Berg and Zerby have been recognized by the group as God's Endtime prophets. In fact, as I discovered quite some time ago, the Family's membership charter includes a clause which states that all full-time members, known as CM's, or Charter Members, must unconditionally accept the so-called "Divinely appointed" status of the pair. From material I have read recently, Peter Amsterdam is also now recognized as having received of Berg's spiritual mantle, and thus is referred to as "King Peter".

In this regard, the Family is no different than Sun Myung Moon's so-called Unification Church -- commonly known to most people as the "Moonies" -- where he and his wife, Hak Ja Han, are respectfully referred to as "True Parents". Tragically, the "Moonie" deception is even worse, because Reverend Moon and his wife claim to fulfill what, according to them, Jesus was unable to fulfill. Consider the following deceptive info taken from the tparents.org web site. It clearly reveals the driving force and belief behind the multi-million dollar worldwide empire known today as the Unification Church:

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This web site is dedicated to Heavenly Father (God) and True Parents (Reverend and Mrs. Moon).

Adam and Eve should have been the True Parents of humanity. A physical and spiritual ideal world (Kingdom of Heaven) should have stemmed from them. However, they fell by sexual sin.

Heavenly Father worked with fallen man to make a foundation to send a Second Adam, Jesus. Jesus, the Second Adam, should have fulfilled what Adam did not. Jesus should have grown to maturity, married a Second Eve, had children, and established a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. However, he was not received by those prepared to welcome him, resulting in Jesus going the way of the cross. The cross gave spiritual salvation, but could not solve the entire problem of sin.

Since, Jesus could not fulfil his entire mission, Heavenly Father had to rebuild the foundation for True Parents, by sending the Third Adam, Sun Myung Moon. Rev. Moon fulfilled the mission of True Parents that Adam and Jesus had failed to fulfil. By uniting with Rev. and Mrs. Moon humanity can fulfil their purpose of creation and enter the Kingdom of Heaven both spiritually and physically.

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Returning to the Family, together with her new lover/helper, Peter Amsterdam, Karen Zerby not only oversees the general administration of the group, but similar to evil Jezebel of old, she establishes new doctrine for them as well; which is said to come by prophetic revelation from the Lord. In other

words, if a member does not accept Maria's royal edicts as "Thus saith the Lord", his or her loyalty to the Family, as well as to the Lord, is seriously questioned; and his or her status with the Family is placed in jeopardy. In short, the Family leadership employs a cruel array of tactics, such as psychological manipulation, fear, coercion, intimidation, isolation, self-doubt, etc., in order to keep each Family member in line. There is little room for self-expression or unfettered thinking. In fact, like other cults, the Family uses these very same tactics to keep members in the first place. Many are the stories of ex-cult members who, upon leaving the cult, feel that they have failed God, and are fearful of His imminent judgments. It can take many years to overcome such feelings of fear and inferiority, if ever.

Besides the fact that sexual liaisons, or "sharing", between unmarried adults has not abated within the Family, some of Karen Zerby's more shocking revelations during the past five years include the "Marriage of the Generations" doctrine, as well as the "Loving Jesus Revolution". The primary purpose of the first was to encourage SGA's, that is to say, Second Generation Adults, to have sexual relations with the older members of the Family's founding generation; their parents. From what I have read, Maria's goal was to use sex to break down the barrier between the two age groups. What a novel approach to breaking down the Generation Gap; and yes, I am being sarcastic! It was only after being warned by other Family leaders, that such a volatile doctrine might totally destroy what was left of the organization, that "the Lord" instructed Maria and Peter to place this new revelation on hold; at least for the time being, until the group's libido could be adjusted a bit through more subtle indoctrination; and that is indeed happening even as I write this! Read on!

So exactly what is the so-called "Loving Jesus Revolution" all about? According to this strange doctrine -- which can easily be verified, by the way -- while engaging in private masturbation, or regular heterosexual sex, Maria encourages their male cult members to imagine that they actually possess female genitalia; and that Jesus is penetrating them. Besides imagining that they are being penetrated by the Lord, female members are likewise encouraged to pretend that they are performing oral sex on Jesus. As if this weren't already sickening enough, both male and female members are also encouraged to use sexual pleadings with the Lord, while they touch themselves. This is to be accompanied by words which you will only find on the worst web sites, or in X-rated movies and magazines!

Just last night, I acquired some actual excerpts from this "Loving Jesus" series by Zerby. It is extremely graphical in nature; and it is for this reason that I am hesitant to even include any of it here. Believe me; not only would you find the excerpts quite offensive, but our servers and web site could face some legal problems as well if I were to post it; even though it would be for the sake of exposing the heinous sins of this demon-inspired group. As a final shocker, allow me to inform you that two different versions of the "Loving Jesus" series were released by the Family leadership; one for adult CM members, and the other for CM members fourteen years or older. In the latter, Maria clearly tells the young readers that the reason why they cannot read the unedited

version, is not because they don't trust them, but rather it because they are fearful of the legal ramifications which may result if they were allowed to do so. Here are Maria's own words. Please note that "DO" in the heading means that it is "Disciples Only" material. In other words, what you are about to read is NOT meant to be seen by anyone outside of the Family. These excerpts are very mild compared to the rest:

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LOVING JESUS!--Part 3 for Junior Teens--By Maria DO 3029Jnr
12/95

25. As you were told earlier, you are reading an edited version of these Letters . . . It's not because we don't trust you, or because we think you're just little kids, or because we're trying to humiliate you, but there are legitimate reasons, security reasons, and other good reasons as to why you have your own version.

26. The message of these GNs deals in part with sexual matters . . . Some parts of the message are applicable to you, but other parts are not. Some portions needed to be slightly edited to make them less graphic and more appropriate for your age group.

27. We have prayerfully gone over the material in these GNs to make sure that it is suitable for your needs . . . Also, we don't want to be guilty of giving you junior teens reading material that would be offensive or not legally permissible for people your age from the System's point of view. We want to give you as much Word as we can, without going too far or causing any legal problems for the Family. We need to try to stay within the law.

125. By worldly standards, it is not very proper for a Christian to say "_____" and "_____" as those words are considered dirty slang words, but the Lord instructs us that if He chooses to use them, then they are clean, and we shouldn't be offended or disgusted or turned off by them. However, just as you don't make "_____" a part of your normal everyday vocabulary, so you shouldn't with these words either, especially not to outsiders!

126. He [The Lord] makes it clear that using such words as "_____", "_____" or "_____" is not wise or loving with outsiders.

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With the above, Maria is telling them that it isn't that the Family leadership believes that their doctrines regarding sex are wrong; it is simply that they must watch out for the law! In short, Maria and Peter are teaching the children to be deceitful with the outside world, just as the leadership has been for the past thirty-two years, and continues to be to this day. They are teaching the teens to be liars just like themselves in order to protect themselves, and their perverse doctrines; and what did Jesus say?:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's

clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."
Matthew 7:15-20, KJV

If left to themselves, Maria and Peter will continue to spawn an evil generation which is even worse than their own! From everything I have read recently, it is clear to me that Karen Zerby is a modern-day, power-mad, sex-driven Jezebel; who through fear and coercion, is driving her deceived flock to the depths of physical and spiritual sin. Unless she is stopped, she will destroy herself, and destroy the group in the process. During the past several years, some of the top leadership of the group has left, because try as they might, they cannot stop the speeding train from self-destruction. Zerby has set her course, and it appears that she has become totally immune to sound reasoning and judgment. If the group comes to this, it would indeed be sad; because in spite of their many weird, unscriptural, and sinful doctrines, there are some sincere, dedicated Christians within the group who truly want to serve the Lord with all their hearts; but they are under very strong deception by their own choice. They are caught under the sexual spell of the evil witch Jezebel!

Some of those people have spent their entire adult lives in the Family; as much as thirty-two years in fact! Just imagine how totally indoctrinated / poisoned they must be! They have become so blind to the truth, that even seeing how their own children are being sexually victimized, with their consent, no longer even affects them! They think that it is natural, normal, and even godly! As the Apostle Paul said, these kind of people have become totally blind; they are past feeling; they are beyond the conviction of God's Spirit:

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."
Ephesians 4:18-19, KJV

In case you don't know what Paul means by lasciviousness, uncleanness and greediness, he is referring to selfishly fulfilling one's own unbridled, lustful, sexual desires in a life without boundaries. Look up the Greek words if you don't believe me. How fitting these verses are for the Family! In thinking about this sad situation, I can only find consolation in the following verses:

"And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."
Acts 5:38-39, KJV

For me personally, the above verses present a real dilemma;

because world courts and governments have tried repeatedly for many years to put a stop to the Family, but without full success. They have been persecuted, imprisoned and deported; and a few have even lost their lives; yet this small group of under 5,000 full-time adult members, continues to carry on their world mission. If the Family has indeed become this evil, and this corrupt, as it seems it has, it is up to God now to stop it, if He so chooses; and it may be the weight of their own sins which brings them down. I am reminded of an example of sexual perversion in the Epistles where the Apostle Paul addresses the church at Corinth concerning a case of incest. In that incident, Paul warns them with the following sobering words:

"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

1 Corinthians 5:5, KJV

Perhaps it won't come to that. In the case of Maria, Peter and the Family, maybe judgment will be delayed until the End, and the tares -- the Family -- and the wheat -- true God-fearing and Bible-believing Christians -- will be allowed to grow together until the Final Harvest, as we see here:

"So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:27-30, KJV

This story of the Children of God - Family of Love - The Family, is a clear example of what can happen when a woman is allowed to usurp the spiritual authority which God has clearly given to men in the Bible. It is just another sign of this liberal "women's lib" spirit, and "equality" spirit, which has invaded the world, and more specifically, modern Christianity, in these Latter Times. If David Brandt Berg was corrupt and deceived, Karen Zerby and her sex crew are even more so; and I honestly don't know what will be the end of them. Lest I be accused of being a woman-hater, allow me to clarify that I am not by any means stating that all women are evil; or even that all women would become as Karen Zerby; that is, Maria. It would be ludicrous for me to even make such a statement; however, Miss Zerby's wayward example does reveal how bad things can become, unless they are kept in check by the Lord's Spirit. For the record, I have known a number of Christian women during my lifetime, who do have a humble and submissive spirit, and they are definitely not like the woman I have described here.

Please go to part two for the continuation of this series.

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Reiterating A Woman's Role, Deborah Barak And Jael's Nail
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Humility And Submissiveness, Women To Be Submissive To Men,
Scriptural Examples Of God Choosing Men For Spiritual And
Leadership Positions, God Hasn't Changed Women In Supportive
Roles, Neither Male Nor Female Doctrine

To reiterate my main point, throughout the Bible, women normally play a supportive role to their husbands and male leaders. As I noted earlier, in a few rare instances in the Old Testament, the Lord did raise up a woman in order to fulfill His Divine Purpose; but in the two examples I gave, that is, Deborah and Esther, there was also a dominant male figure. In the case of the Prophetess Deborah, we find the military leader, Barak, of the tribe of Naphtali, who along with his brethren from the tribe of Zebulun, pursued Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army. In the end, it was Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, who smote Sisera by driving a nail through his head, after his army had been destroyed by Barak and his brethren, as we see here:

"But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed

Jabin king of Canaan."
Judges 4:16-24, KJV

Right after this, in Judges chapter five, we see Deborah and Barak rejoicing together, as they sing their song of praise and victory to the Lord. What is interesting to note here, is that even before Barak went to fight against Sisera and his army, Deborah told him that while he would be victorious in battle, Sisera, the Canaanite captain, would be defeated by a woman:

"And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh."
Judges 4:7-9, KJV

Why did the Lord do this? Was it to show that He had changed rules since Genesis chapter three, and that women were now equal to men? I don't think so. This would contradict the bulk of Scriptural evidence we find throughout the Bible. I speculate that the Lord used this tactic merely to humble Jabin the Canaanite king and his army, and to show His great power through the fact that He could even defeat the enemies of the Israelites by using women.

We see a similar example where God used a woman to fulfill His Will in the story of a very proud and ambitious man by the name of Abimelech. He was the son of Gideon, who is also known in the Bible as Jerubbaal. Briefly; after Jerubbaal defeated the Midianites, the Israelites wanted to make him their king. Even back then, a few hundred years before the appearance of Prophet Samuel and King Saul, the Israelites were so backslidden in heart -- as I also point out in the series "The Fruits of Disobedience" -- that they were not happy with just having the Lord as their Eternal King who ruled from the Heavens; thus, they approached Gideon and asked him to accept the job. How did God-fearing Gideon reply to their request? Consider this:

"Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you."
Judges 8:22-23, KJV

Gideon simply did NOT want the job. He basically told them, "Why do you need an earthly king over you, when you already have a Heavenly King over you?". This conviction burned so deeply in Gideon's heart that he also added that none of his sons would be their king either. Well, sadly, his proud son Abimelech, whom Gideon fathered by a concubine in Shechem, was of another persuasion. Some time after Gideon was dead, he put his plan into action. In his mind, he figured that he would not be as "dumb" as his father had been; he would take advantage of the situation; build up a loyal following; and

then have himself declared as king. So to keep this story short -- being as you can read it for yourself in Judges chapters eight and nine -- it wasn't quite as simple as that. You see, Gideon had a total of seventy sons by his wives and concubines. As was the cruel custom back then with despotic rulers, the competition had to be killed off first. So this evil son went to his mother's house in Shechem, did a bit of public relations work, and then went to his father's house in Ophrah, and together with his mother's brethren, had the seventy sons of Gideon killed, save for Jotham. Thus he became king over Shechem.

But the Lord saw it all. After ruling in Shechem for three years, the people turned against Abimelech. While he was eventually able to defeat them, it was another story when it came to the people of Thebez. As Abimelech's army drew near to the city, all of the people rushed to the top of a great tower, hoping that they would be safe. Abimelech's plan was to burn it down, just as he had done with the tower in Shechem; but God had other plans. As with Sisera, He was about to humble and destroy Abimelech through the hand of a single woman, as we see here:

"And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died. And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place. Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal."
Judges 9:52-57, KJV

Concerning the story of Queen Esther, whose Hebrew name was Hadassah, meaning "myrtle", we discover that while a lot of Christians and Jews like to highly exalt this heroine of the Israelites, and while the Lord did in fact greatly use her to save her people, the point still remains that even though she was queen, she was still required to be subservient to the Persian king, Ahasuerus; who some scholars believe was actually Xerxes. I also discuss this topic in my series "The Seven Heads". At any rate, Esther, whose name is derived from the false Babylonian goddess Ishtar, meaning "star", and from which we derive the name Easter, risked being killed if she dared to enter into the king's presence without his express permission. Consider these verses:

"Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days."
Esther 4:10-11, KJV

"Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre."
Esther 5:1-2, KJV

"And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,"
Esther 8:3-4, KJV

We need to remember that the primary reason why Esther was chosen to be the new queen, aside from the fact that it was obviously God's Will, is because the previous queen, Vashti, had humiliated the king by not appearing before him when she was summoned. In his anger, the king then passed an edict which was to be obeyed throughout his empire, from India to Ethiopia. What were the terms of that edict? Consider this:

"And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people."
Esther 1:20-22, KJV

So what we see then, is that the story of Queen Esther is not just a lesson in bravery, love and self-sacrifice, but it also a lesson in humility, and carries the strong message that women are to remain submissive to their husbands, in spite of whatever his lot may be in life. While this is only speculation on my part, perhaps it was because of Esther's humility and obedience to her Uncle Mordecai, that the Lord knew that He could trust her, and thus honoured her with the great responsibility of being queen over the entire Persian Empire. On the other hand, as I point out in other articles, it is when we yield to our sinful pride, that we may end up suffering a severe demotion; as was the case with Vashti. Wise King Solomon tells us:

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."
Proverbs 16:18, KJV

So again, as I state in the second half of "Churchianity or Christianity: Which Do You Practice?", women are to remain spiritually and physically submissive to their God-fearing husbands, because he is the spiritual head, as we see by the following verse:

"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."

Ephesians 5:23, KJV

Leaving the Old Testament behind, the plan revealed in the New Testament tells us quite plainly that the positions of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and other administrative positions, are to be filled by men, and NOT by women. That being the case, what room can we find for delegating authority and leadership roles to women? Where in the New Testament is there a Scriptural precedent for this? Allow me to share a few more verses of Scripture with you in order to validate my point:

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

1 Corinthians 12:4-11, KJV

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?"

1 Corinthians 12:27-30, KJV

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

Ephesians 4:11-13, KJV

"Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

Acts 13:1-2, KJV

In the previous verses, it is plain to see that the various positions of spiritual and administrative authority, such as prophets, teachers, evangelists, etc., were all filled by men. Paul specifically states several times "every man", and

not "every woman and every man". Now, we can get legalistic and say that the original Greek word used here, "hekastos", also means "every one", and thus could be stretched so that it includes women; however, if we simply study the Scriptures thoroughly, and see how the Lord and His followers operated, it is easy to conclude that the phrase "every man" means precisely that; every man.

I repeat that it is after describing the various positions within the Church body, that in 1 Corinthians, Paul plainly tells us that women are to keep silent in the Church. There is absolutely no way then that they can fulfill any of these spiritual or leadership responsibilities if they are to keep silent. Now, I realize that some modernists like to accuse Paul of being old-fashioned. "We are living in modern times" they claim. "Things have changed; the Church has changed; the Church has been liberated"; and on and on they go with their unScriptural assertions. Yes, sadly, the Church has changed so much, that there are now gay and female priests, and some are going so far as to bless homosexual and lesbian relationships! Perhaps these modern priests and priestesses would like to explain the following verses to me. Obviously, they must understand them a lot differently than I do:

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
Hebrews 13:8, KJV

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."
Malachi 3:6, KJV

As far as I am concerned, the way God designed the Church to be run during the First Century, is the same way He expects it to be run today. The people who say otherwise, such as these liberal thinkers who accuse the Apostle Paul of being a woman-hater, are simply trying to void Paul's words, in order to validate their erroneous interpretations of the Scriptures. They are basically saying that Paul was overly legalistic and wrong. I disagree with them wholeheartedly; and do you know why? Quite plainly, because the practice of choosing men for all of these positions did not begin with Paul. Even before Paul came along, the brethren knew that the Lord expected them to choose men to fill the various spiritual and leadership positions, because this is the example that Jesus set Himself.

The Lord Himself specifically chose Twelve Men to carry on His Work; and women such as the Mary's, Martha, Joanna and Susanna only served in supportive roles. This is not meant to belittle them or minimize their importance by any means. We all know that following His Resurrection, some of these women were the very first ones to see Jesus; so it is quite obvious that He loved them dearly; yet they knew their place in God's order of things, and they accepted it gladly. In the four Gospels, women are always presented in a supportive role, such as we see in these verses:

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven

devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance."

Luke 8:1-3, KJV

In these verses, we see a clear division between The Twelve, and the other women, who it seems helped to provide some of their needs. We see this same kind of division in the very first chapter of the Book of Acts when they were gathered in the Upper Room, prior to the day of Pentecost. Notice that protocol seems to be kept here. The Eleven are named first; followed by the other women; who are then followed by Mary, Jesus' mother; and finally, by Jesus' other brethren, which I believe may possibly be a reference to His flesh brothers; some of whom apparently believed in Him after their initial doubts had passed:

"And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

Acts 1:13-14, KJV

In the Book of the Acts, we also discover that the traitor Judas Iscariot was likewise replaced by another man named Matthias, so that the Original Twelve could be maintained:

"And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

Acts 1:23-26, KJV

When a problem arose in Acts chapter six between the Hebrew and Greek Disciples, regarding the daily serving of tables, notice again that the Apostles clearly tell the Disciples to choose seven MEN amongst them to resolve the matter:

"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them."

Acts 6:1-6, KJV

Now, if we consider that this problem dealt with the serving of food and the setting of tables, which is normally viewed as being a woman's job, one would think that if the early Disciples were of the belief that it was alright for women to hold positions of responsibility, then surely some women would have been chosen to resolve this problem; yet none are chosen; they are all men. In my mind, this again points to the fact that in the First Century Church, women were not to hold any kind of spiritual positions or leadership positions in which decision-making was involved. What other reason can be offered to explain why women were not chosen to resolve what was obviously a woman-related job?

Moving on, as I point out in "Where Are The First Century Churches?", when bishops were selected for various Churches in the New Testament, they were also men. Specifically, in the Epistles of Paul, we find Titus and Timothy mentioned as being two of the first bishops:

"The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. [The second [epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the Church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.]"
2 Timothy 4:22, KJV

"All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen. (It was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the Church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.)"
Titus 3:15, KJV

So from the time that Jesus chose His Original Twelve, we discover over and over again, that only men were chosen to fill the various positions of spiritual and administrative responsibility. We read of Apollos, Barnabas, John Mark, Justus, Luke, Matthias, Nicanor, Nicolas, Parmenas, Philip, Prochorus, Silas, Stephen, Timon, Timothy, Titus and others as well. They were all male leaders in the First Century Church, chosen, directed by, and filled with God's Holy Spirit. Women clearly played a secondary role.

A final argument which some offended women pastors, liberals and legalists might try to use is this: "Well, doesn't Paul state that there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus? And doesn't that mean that God makes no difference between us when it comes to the administration of the Church?". To be honest, I believe that I have already provided sufficient Scriptural evidence to show that the people who teach this doctrine are utterly wrong; but let us look at the verse:

"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."
Galatians 3:28, KJV

If we accept the previous interpretation, then we force ourselves to admit that not only is Paul contradicting himself, plus contradicting what God ordained since the Book of Genesis, but the First Century Church must have been wrong, and really out of the Spirit when they chose all men to head the various Churches and bishoprics. Obviously, Paul, a man

who had at least several direct, close, personal encounters with the Resurrected Christ, and who was taught the Word by Jesus Christ Himself, is not going to write one letter to one church stating that women are to be quiet in the church, and submit to their husbands, and then turn around and tell the Galatian church that there is no difference between men and women in God's eyes. Therefore, there must be something wrong with the aforementioned doctrine.

As I have stated a number of times before, when we come across a seeming contradiction in the Bible, it usually lies in our own understanding of what we are reading. The very same holds true in this case. The themes addressed in the Epistles to the Corinthians and to the Galatians are very different. Instead of taking the previous single verse, and applying a twisted interpretation to it, in order to support the women pastors doctrine, we need to read the surrounding verses and chapters, in order to place the verse in its proper context. If we do that, we quickly see that in this Epistle, Paul is specifically dealing with the issues of bondage to the Law, and the availability of Salvation to all men. That is the background for the above verse, and that is what Paul means when he states that there is neither male nor female in Christ. In other words, as I clearly point out in such articles as "Is Salvation Meant for All Men?", when Jesus died on the Cross, He opened the way to Salvation for all men everywhere; regardless of gender, or national origin. That is why He said in the Gospel of John:

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."
John 12:32, KJV

On the other hand, if we go to Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, and read the three chapters which come before the verse where he tells women to keep silent in the Church, we discover that they have absolutely nothing to do with the topic of Salvation. What they actually do deal with, is the administration of the Church, and the distribution of Spiritual Gifts and ministries within the Church Body; and that is when Paul writes the following:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."
1 Corinthians 14:34-35, KJV

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One might ask "Why is Paul being so dogmatic about this? Why does the Lord emphasize men assuming all of these various leadership roles? Why are women required to take the lower seat to men?". As I mentioned earlier, it all goes back to the Book of Genesis and the fall of man. If we really study what occurred there, we discover that Paul hasn't created a new doctrine due to some hidden dislike for women. He isn't a woman-hater as some feminists and others modern liberals accuse him of being. The fact of the matter is, that since the Garden of Eden, women being subservient to men is the way the Lord has ordained things to be due to Eve's guilt in causing the First Pair to fall from grace.

Think about this for a moment. God created Eve from Adam's rib. Some theologians speculate that the reason why the Lord did this, was to remind Adam that Eve was his partner and equal. He created her from a place close to Adam's heart so that Adam would love and cherish her as his own flesh. Perhaps this is true; I really don't know. What I do know, is that the minute Eve was given an opportunity to make a major decision on her own, she made a serious mistake; which not only destroyed the harmonious relationship which the Lord had with His Creation, but which also passed the guilt of sin, which John tells us is the transgression, or breaking, of the Law, to all men. Eve sinned first; and then she induced Adam to disobey as well. As if this wasn't already bad enough, as I explain in other articles, then they each tried to blame someone else. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve then blamed the serpent. Consider the following verses:

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."
Genesis 3:11-13, KJV

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
Romans 5:12, KJV

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."
1 John 3:4, KJV

So because Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord's Word, because they broke His Law, they had to be punished. We already know what the major consequence of their disobedience was, so let

me draw your attention to Eve's part of the punishment, as it is directly related to why women are to remain submissive to men, and be silent in the Church:

"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

Genesis 3:16, KJV

In short, we can theorize that perhaps God did create Adam and Eve as equals, but Eve soon lost her right to be an equal to Adam when she caused the pair to fall from grace. The Lord very clearly tells her "he shall rule over thee". The fact that the Lord would even tell her that this is to be a part of her punishment, offers us a hint that perhaps it wasn't that way before she made her fateful decision. The Lord basically told Eve, "Look, I gave you everything you could possibly need to keep you happy. All I asked was that you refrain from touching the Two Trees in the midst of the Garden. I gave you a fair chance to prove yourself, but you failed me. Now I can no longer trust you the same. From now on, Adam is the boss; he has final say in all matters; he makes the decisions".

That is the gist of the matter; and that is why from Genesis all the way to the Book of Revelation, women normally play only supportive roles in the Lord's Church. This can clearly be seen throughout Jewish society of the Old Testament where we find male Patriarchs, male Prophets, male kings, and a male priesthood; and this same arrangement continued in the New Testament Church which was founded by a male Jew and His twelve male Jewish followers. They were all following the plan first laid down in the Book of Genesis. In Genesis, we find the first woman sinning and leading a man astray; and ironically, in the final book, Revelation, or Apocalypse, we also find one of the very last women mentioned, that is, the evil false prophetess Jezebel, also sinning and leading the Lord's children astray. Then, of course, we also have the wicked false bride represented by Babylon the Great Whore.

If you are still in doubt that the sin of Eden, and Eve's punishment, are the primary reasons for male dominance in the Lord's Church, I believe that the following verses will clearly show that four thousand years after Eden, this is still how the First Century Disciples thought and believed. In his first Epistle to Timothy, his dearly beloved son in the faith, Paul wrote the following:

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

1 Timothy 2:11-14, KJV

While Paul first mentions the silence rule in his Epistle to the Corinthians, it isn't until this letter to Timothy, that we fully understand why he mandated such a rule. As we saw earlier, Timothy became one of the first Bishops of the New Testament Church; so perhaps Paul wanted to make sure that he understood what the Lord required of him as a leader in

the young Church. Doctrinal purity was extremely important.

Paul was not alone in this belief concerning women, because as I have already pointed out, even before we are introduced to him in the Book of Acts, we already find a New Testament Church which is clearly dominated by all male figures. So in conclusion, if we obey God's Word, and abide by the example given to us by our First Century Spirit-led brethren, we can only conclude then that any church which employs a woman to lead it, isn't truly following the Scriptural Plan laid down by Jesus Christ and His Apostles. I would also add that any woman who accepts such a leadership position, due to pride, or whatever the reason, just might be another Jezebel like Karen Zerby! I am not saying that she would start some kind of a crazy sex cult, but she would be in rebellion against the Lord's Word, just as evil Jezebel of the Apocalypse was. In fact, as I also point out in "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" and other articles, the original Queen Jezebel of the Old Testament was likewise in rebellion against the Lord and tried to kill His Prophet, Elijah. Lastly, let us also not forget the punishment of Miriam, who murmured against the leadership of her brother Moses, and also claimed to be a prophetess:

"And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again. And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again."
Numbers 12:1-15, KJV

So don't you be another Miriam, or a Jezebel! Stay submitted to the Lord and obedient to His Word! Obey your husband, and respect those who may have spiritual authority over you. God

will bless you for it in the end; just as He apparently did with humble Queen Esther. With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life.

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