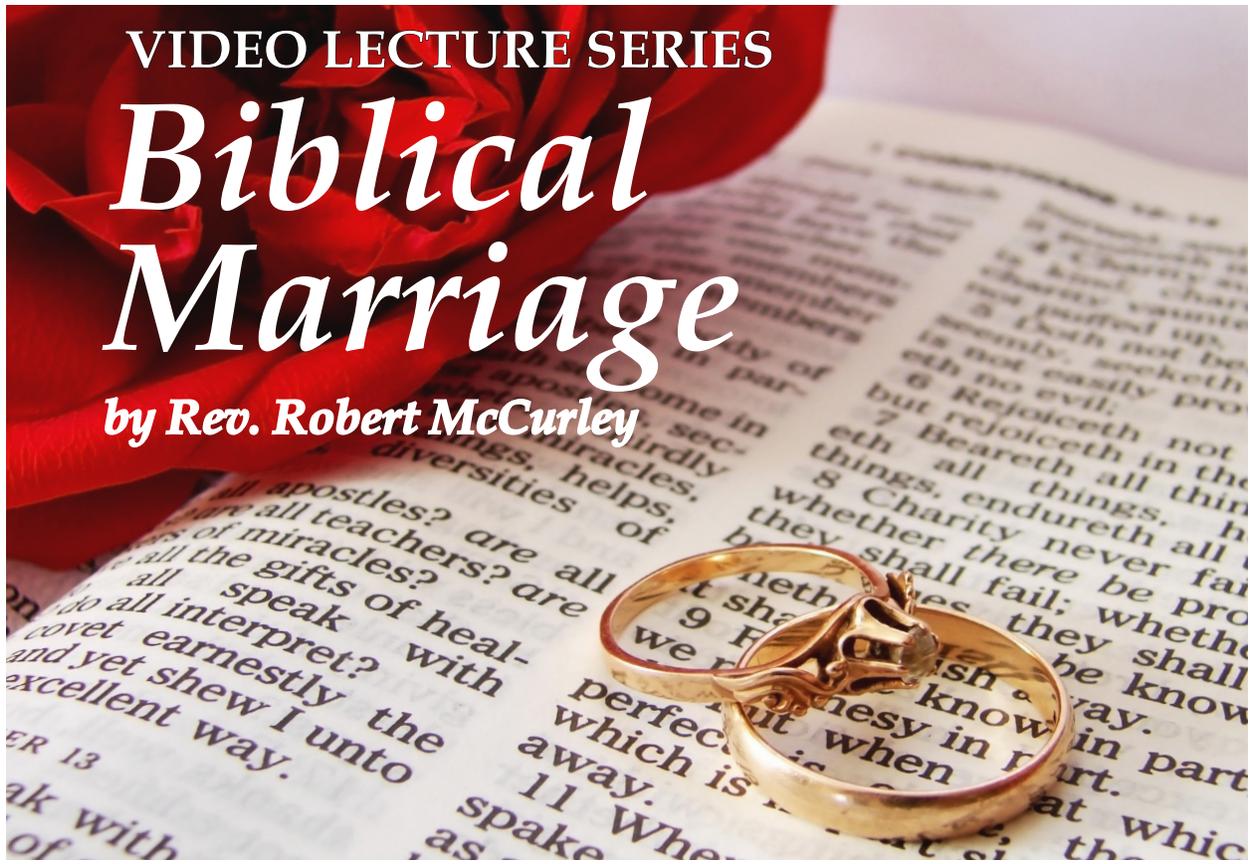


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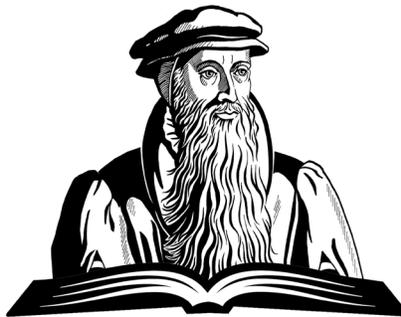


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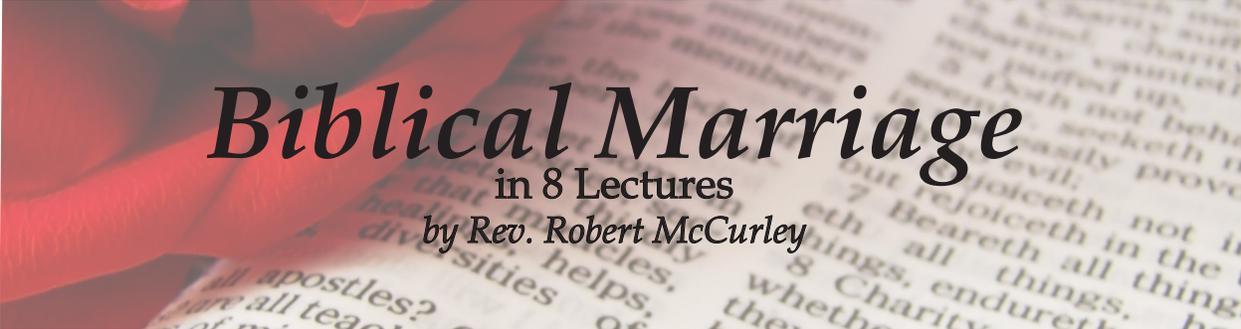
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## Lecture #5

# Godly Wives 1

Introduction: Ecclesiastes 4, verse 9; Genesis 2, verse 20

The pattern for marriage—Genesis 2, verse 4

### **I. The Wife's High Calling**

- Points of counsel
  - i. high calling - Luther's statement
  - ii. ungodly assaults
  - iii. God gives direction to the overwhelmed
- Possible reactions to this study
  - i. list of duties to follow
  - ii. discouragement
  - iii. resentment
  - iv. best response
- Folly of comparison—2 Corinthians 10, verse 12
- Husband's response to reflect love that "suffers long"—Ecclesiastes 7, verses 8–9; Psalm 86, verse 15; Psalm 103, verses 8–10

### **II. The Wife's Role**

- Helpmeet—Genesis 2, verse 18
  - i. Bible's beautiful picture.
- Distinctions between men and women
  - i. out of man—1 Corinthians 11, verse 8
  - ii. after men—1 Corinthians 11, verse 9
  - iii. for man—1 Timothy 2, verse 13
  - iv. first to be deceived—1 Timothy 2, verse 14
- In terms of marriage, she is a bodily member, and her husband is her head—Ephesians 5, verse 23
- Women and men share equal status as persons—Galatians 3, verse 28
  - same in ability, grace, gifts, godliness, talents, intelligence, etc.

- God has assigned distinctions in their roles for expressing these gifts and graces-
- Woman’s place in church—1 Timothy 2, verses 1–12
- Submission
  - i. not harsh but beautiful in its godly expression
  - ii. unique to her husband—Ephesians 5, verse 22; Colossians 3, verse 18
  - iii. requires 1) \_\_\_\_\_, 2) \_\_\_\_\_, 3) \_\_\_\_\_
 Titus 2, verse 5; 1 Peter 3, verses 1–6

### III. The Wife’s Pursuit—Submission

- Biblical words:
  - i. “submit”—Ephesians 5, verse 22; Colossians 3, verse 18
  - ii. “in subjection”—Ephesians 5, verse 24; 1 Peter 3, verses 1 and 5
  - iii. “reverence their husbands”—Ephesians 5, verses 33
  - iv. “obey”—Titus 2, verse 5; 1 Peter 3, verse 6
- Submission a reflection of the church’s relationship to her Bridegroom—Ephesians 5, verse 22; Colossians 3, verse 8
- Submission not conditional on the husband “doing his part”—1 Peter 3, verse 1
- Submission to be expressed even in undesirable circumstances—1 Corinthians 7, verses 13–17; 1 Peter 3
- Warning against blame shifting—Genesis 3, verses 12–13
- Submission ultimately directed to Christ-
- Call to submission began \_\_\_\_\_ the fall:
  - i. rooted in creation—1 Timothy 2, verses 13–14; 1 Corinthians 11, verses 3 and 8
  - ii. found in the law—1 Corinthians 14, verse 34
- Submission inescapable: wives’ lives are always saying something about the gospel and the relationship of the church to the Lord Jesus Christ—Ephesians 5, verse 24
- A woman who embraces God’s calling in godly submission is truly priceless—Proverbs 31, verses 10–12; 28–29
- Obedience:
  - i. required—Titus 2, verse 5; 1 Peter 3, verse 6
  - ii. rooted in 5th Commandment—Exodus 20, verse 12
  - iii. related to submission—Ephesians 5, verse 24
- Oneness in marriage requires submission and obedience to the head in all things except for sin—Acts 4, verse 19
- Ever since \_\_\_\_\_ women have been tempted to rebel against their husbands.
- A contentious wife is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Proverbs 21, verse 19; Proverbs 27, verse 15.  
A godly wife is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Proverbs 12:4; 19:4; Proverbs 31

- Obedience to the husband, like obedience to Christ, is to be carried out willingly, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and from the heart. Motivation for obedience should flow from the love for the Lord and for one’s husband.
- A wise woman builds up her house—Proverbs 14, verse 1  
A foolish woman tears it down by \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: “First things first.”

**Review Questions**

1. What peculiar challenges do women face when hearing the Bible’s teachings about godly wives?

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2. What particular sins does the bible mention in regard to women?

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3. Why does God call wives to submit to their husbands? What are the practical implications of this?

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4. Is submission required to unreasonable husbands? What is the only exception?

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5. From what source does a godly wife’s obedience to her husband flow?

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6. How does a relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ provide the pattern, foundation, and source of help for living with an earthly husband?

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