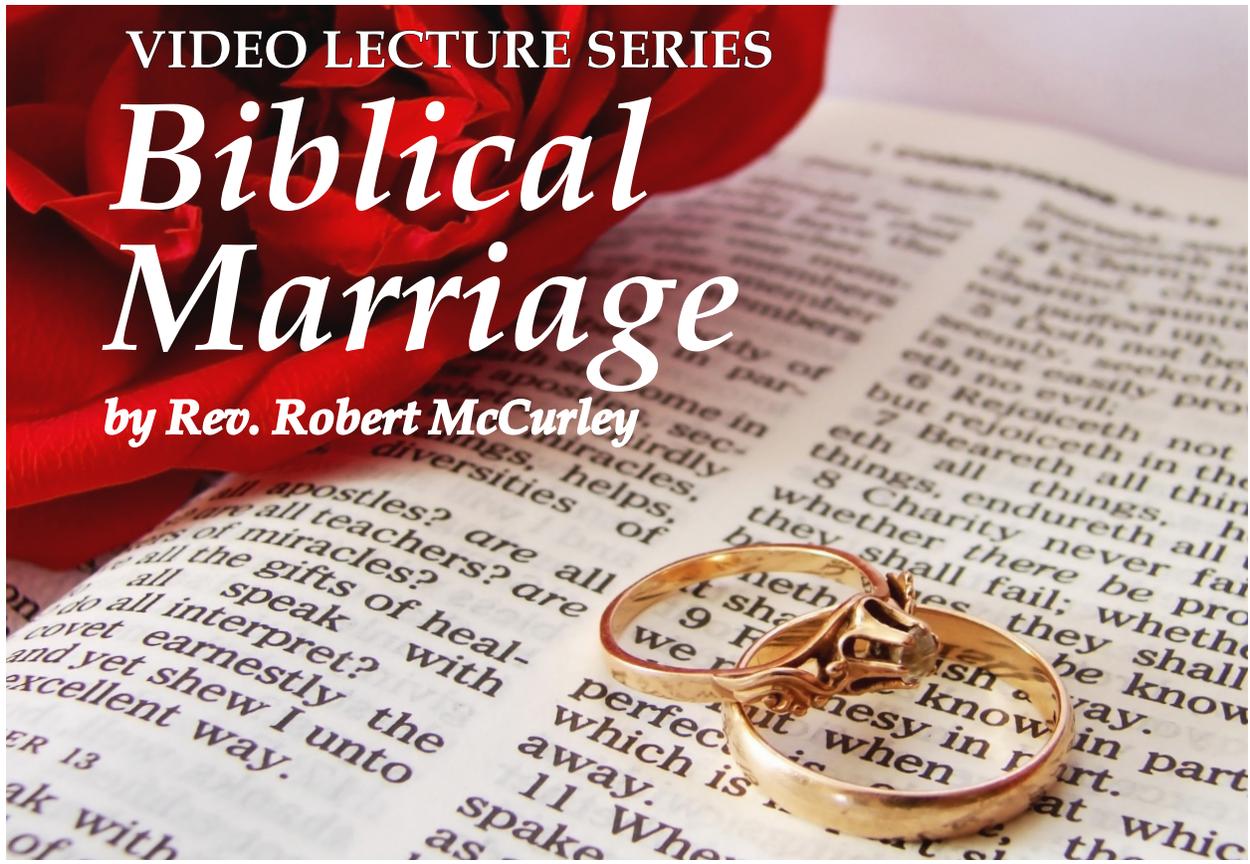


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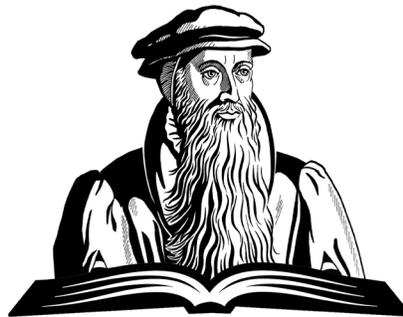
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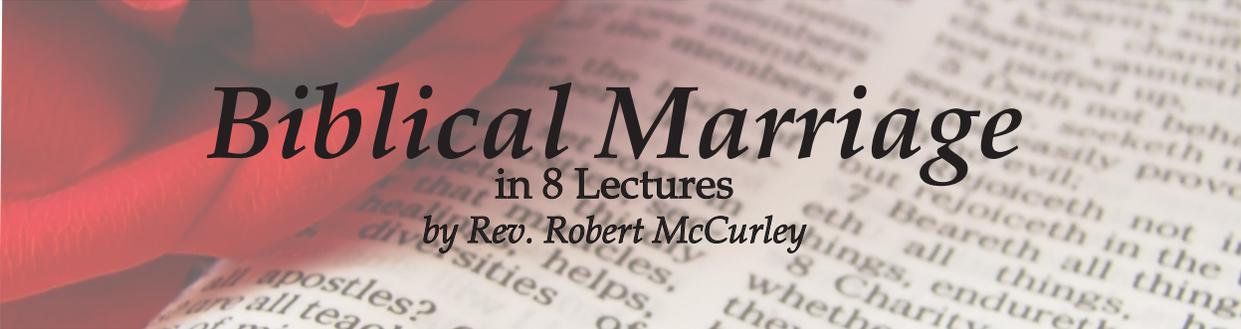
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Godly Wives 1

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?

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

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

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

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

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