

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

I tried. I really did. I wanted to write something interesting, pleasant, somewhat humorous, and warm for Mother's day. I've been sitting here staring at this paper (well, computer screen, really), and nothing comes. Why is that?

I have asked God what He wants said, and maybe He is telling me that if I do it my way as I described above, I'm on my own. He's not going to send the words. If I allow Him to speak here, it won't be so pretty. He says that there is no point in acting like all is the same as it has been, that Mother's Day is a sweet, nicey-nice celebration of motherhood, or that our culture even honors the idea of motherhood the way God would have it honored.

Here is what He tells us from the Bible, in 2 Peter 3:1-7 (NIV):

*Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

Does this shock you? Would you feel on the spot to say this to people? I myself feel awkward putting it here, as if I'm violating something or offending people.

The part about women "accepting the authority of their husbands." is especially touchy. Wow. That goes against the current of this culture, a current that is no longer a sparkling river of life-giving water but rather a torrent of sewage poisoning all who drink it.

There is another unfortunate side of this coin: so often now men have abdicated the role of responsible husbands and fathers, and in many cases are not even present in the home. The idea of an intact family of Mom, Dad, and kids is almost quaint, a thing of the past, a distant memory.

Now we are ridiculed or accused of being hateful and bigoted if we take a stand in support of God's template for husbands, wives, and families. Soon to come to those of us who cling to His Spirit and His ways: marginalization, laws against our free speech because we are offending others, fines, even jail time.

As I struggled this morning to write this, and tried to write my softer thoughts instead of God's message, He sent me the image below in my email. No, not directly, addressed to Linda Gommel, from Heaven's email server. I happened to look at my email inbox, and the newest entry was from "Conservative News", and a prominent article was this headline:

**Students Dance Around, Mock Cemetery For The Unborn: 'Look, There's Mine Right There!'**

*"Stop, hey, hey, what's that sound, all the fetuses are in the ground!"*

Then when I clicked the link to see the article, this picture was at the top:



That's when I knew my softer approach was out the window. I looked at this picture of women, potential mothers dancing over graves of aborted babies, in support of one of the largest murder factories in this world, Planned Parenthood. I was appalled!!!

THIS is motherhood? THIS is what God wants of us, His image-bearers, His offspring, His creations????

Are you appalled, too? If not, why not? Has the cultural sewage tainted your thinking and numbed you to such outrageous evil? If so, surrender your mind and spirit to God, and ask that He restore His Holy Spirit within you.

Oh my God, help us, please! Turn this nation around if possible, or at least spare those of us who still try to live in obedience to You, when You finally unleash Your wrath against us!

And thank you to those of you who are good mothers, in the best sense, the way our Father intended!

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