

## Basic Disciplines of a Believer: A Mature Believer Yields to Authority

### Believer's Family Submission Responsibilities: Wives Are to Be Subject to Their Own Husbands

Several words are used in the NT for submission, and each has similar meanings with slightly different emphases:

- (1) **hupotasso** (ὑποτάσσω) – means “to place under; to submit to”
- (2) **hupotage** (ὑποταγή) – the noun form of hupotasso = “submission”
- (3) **hupakouo** (ὑπακούω) – means “to listen and be responsive to”
- (4) **hupakoe** (ὑπακοή) – the noun form of hupakouo = “obedience”
- (5) **hupeiko** (ὑπέικω) – means “to yield to; to give way to” (only in Heb 13:17, from eiko, to give place, only in Gal 2:5)

Eph 5:21-22 submitting (1) to one another in the fear of God. Wives, [submit] to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph 5:24 Therefore, just as the church is **subject** (1) to Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in everything.

Col 3:18 Wives, **submit** (1) to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Titus 2:5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, **obedient** (1) to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

1 Pet 3:1 Wives, likewise, [be] **submissive** (1) to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

1 Pet 3:5-6 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, **being submissive** (1) to their own husbands, as Sarah **obeyed** (3) Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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*Before one can correctly understand “submit” commands and their contexts regarding gender, we must first understand God’s established order and design in creation. These commands relate directly to and stem from God’s purposeful design of man and marriage. To teach the commands without the understanding of creation is to miss the foundational concepts necessary to make God’s plan work. These commands involve God’s designed plan, purpose, and position for each gender.*

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#### Gen 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

#### Gen 2:7-8

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

#### Gen 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

<sup>17</sup> "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

#### Gen 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, "[It is] not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

<sup>19</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought [them] to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that [was] its name.

<sup>20</sup> So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

<sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> And Adam said: "This [is] now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

### **Gen 3:1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"
- <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;
- <sup>3</sup> "but of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"
- <sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
- <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make [one] wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
- <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

### **Gen 3:8-24**

- <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where [are] you?"
- <sup>10</sup> So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."
- <sup>11</sup> And He said, "Who told you that you [were] naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
- <sup>12</sup> Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
- <sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman, "What [is] this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- <sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You [are] cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
- <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- <sup>16</sup> To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire [shall] be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."
- <sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed [is] the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat [of] it All the days of your life.
- <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.
- <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you [are], And to dust you shall return."
- <sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- <sup>21</sup> Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
- <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever "--
- <sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
- <sup>24</sup> So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

### **Gen 5:1-5**

- <sup>1</sup> This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.
- <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.
- <sup>3</sup> And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot [a son] in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.
- <sup>4</sup> After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters.
- <sup>5</sup> So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

Gen 1:26-28 – Image of God (?); (Gen 5:1-5; 1 Cor 11:7)

Gen 2 – man created 1st (1 Tim 2:13); assigned place & purpose; commanded (1 Tim 2:8); ruled creation; woman brought to him (created for him; no garden, direct command, or purpose outside of man) (1 Cor 11:1-16)

Gen 3 – woman tempted outside of realm (1 Tim 2:9-15); man follows woman; man eats – both eyes opened (Rom 5:12-15); God comes to Adam; God addresses Adam regarding listening to his wife; God drives the man out of the garden

Gen 5 – summary of life is Adam-focused