



The Woman Who fears The LORD . . .

Her Family Is Protected By The Blood

(A Study on Proverbs 31)

Introduction

The Proverbs 31 woman does not fear the storms which may threaten her household, because she has spiritually clothed her family in the truth, that the blood of Jesus is their protection and was shed for the forgiveness of their sins. Before sin entered the world, Adam and Eve lived in a perfect environment, the Garden of Eden. God provided all that they had need of—yet, for them it was not enough. One day Eve, listening to the deceiving words of the serpent, *you will not surely die* (Genesis 3:4), took the forbidden fruit, ate of it and gave it to her husband and he ate. Thus sin and deceit entered their undefiled world and was passed down to us in our world. Adam and Eve's attempt to cover their transgression¹ with fig leaves was not acceptable to their Creator so . . . *the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them* (Genesis 3:21). In the garden, as today, . . . *without shedding of blood there is no remission*² . . . for sin (Hebrews 9:22). We as descendents of Adam and Eve have inherited their original sin³. . . *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). As in the garden, God again stepped in and provided for us His acceptable sacrifice . . . *by His grace through the redemption*⁴ *that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation*⁵ *by His blood* . . . (Romans 3:24, 25a). Jesus Christ, God's perfect sacrifice for sin, shed His blood on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world so . . . *that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16).

¹ transgression: violation, breaking, transgression, to go contrary to i.e. violate a command.

² remission: freedom, pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty.

³ original sin: our inherent sin nature and depravity in mankind as a direct result of Adam's sin.

⁴ redemption: the act of ransom in full, riddance, salvation, deliverance.

⁵ propitiation: Christ's sacrifice satisfies God's just demand for the judgment of our sin.

THEME SCRIPTURE

She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet ⁶

(Proverbs 31:21).

MEMORY VERSE

. . . the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (I John 1:7b).

I. THE GODLY WOMAN

The godly woman lives according to the Word of God. READ Proverbs Chapter 31, the description of godly wisdom and perfection in all aspects of a woman’s life.

LIST the main priorities of the virtuous⁷ woman.

PERSONAL

How do the priorities of the virtuous woman speak to you? _____

What is the motivating factor in a woman described above (Proverbs 31:30)? _____

How will you make this be your motivation? _____

⁶ scarlet: crimson, blood red, ruby.

⁷ virtuous: wife of valor, excellent, noble character and strength.

II. THE WORLDLY WOMAN

READ I John 2:15-17.

The worldly woman lives according to her fleshly desires, the worldly influences, and the enticements of Satan.

1. The Lust of the Eyes

DESCRIBE how the lust of the eyes leads to sin against God.

Genesis 3:1-7 _____

Genesis 39:1, 2, 7-13 _____

Proverbs 27:20 _____

Matthew 5:27-29 _____

2. The Lust of the Flesh

What do these Scriptures teach concerning this sin?

Romans 8:5 _____

Romans 8:6-8, 13 _____

Galatians 5:16, 17 _____

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

Ephesians 5:3-7 _____

3. The Pride of Life

What happens to the prideful?

Proverbs 13:10 _____

Proverbs 16:18 _____

Proverbs 21:4 _____

Proverbs 29:23 _____

4. READ Isaiah 14:12-15.

What was Lucifer's ⁸ sin? _____

What happened to him (v. 15)? _____

PERSONAL

Are any of these sins dominating your life? How will these Scriptures give you spiritual freedom (Job 31:1a⁹, Galatians 5:16¹⁰, I Peter 5:5)?

⁸ Lucifer: Daystar; Satan before he was cast out of heaven.

⁹ covenant: a contract, league, agreement.

¹⁰ walk in the spirit: yielded and controlled by the Spirit of God and His Word.

III. THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE

What are we to do and why?

II Chronicles 7:14 _____

Matthew 3:2, 8 _____

Acts 2:38 _____

Acts 17:30, 31 _____

I John 1:9 _____

Revelations 3:19 _____

IV. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

What did God do? Why?

Luke 22:19, 20 _____

John 1:14, 29, 30 _____

¹¹ ¹²

John 3:16 _____

¹¹ Word: logos; Jesus Christ the Son of God.

¹² Lamb of God: Jesus Christ our redeeming sacrifice.

Romans 3:23-26 _____¹³

Romans 5:6-9 _____

Ephesians 1:7 _____

I Peter 1:18,19 _____

PERSONAL

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior that your sins may be forgiven by the blood of Christ?

Using the above Scriptures, WRITE a prayer of gratitude from your heart for Christ's precious blood sacrifice for you.

V. THE LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD

What do these verses tell us about God's response to a repentant sinner?

Psalm 23:6 _____¹⁴

Hosea 14:4 _____

¹³ justified: to render just or innocent.

¹⁴ mercy: the loving kindness of God.

Joel 2:12-14 _____

Micah 7:18-20 _____

Luke 15:4-7 _____

PERSONAL

Which verse spoke to you in your current situation? Why? _____

CHALLENGE

In the Old Testament, man could not approach a Holy God without a blood sacrifice for man's sins. The old system covered the sin but did not remove the sin. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was complete and final. READ and COMPARE the following Scriptures: Genesis 4:4, Genesis 8:20, Exodus 20:24, Hebrews 9:12-14, 22, Hebrews 10:1-4, I Peter 1:18-21. WRITE what you conclude concerning Christ's precious blood.

For all her household is clothed in scarlet . . .

Proverbs 31:21

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