

# WHAT IS A WOMAN!

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## 1. Introduction – WHAT IS A WOMAN!

God asks a rhetorical question (in Proverbs 31:10) .... and then proceeds to answer His question ...

Proverbs 31:10 KJV ***Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.***

**“virtuous”** – Hebrew **“chayil”** – *“worthy, powerful, a force, an army, a band of men, a company, war, a host, might, strength, riches, substance, trained”*

## 2. In the beginning God created .... ‘them’ ...

Genesis 1:26-27, 31 *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.” 27 **So God** created man in His own image; in the image of God He **created him**; male and female He **created them**. ... <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**.*

God made man in His own **image and likeness** ... **male and female** He created **THEM** .... GOD gave **THEM** dominion, to rule over the earth ... *God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**.*

**After the fall of man, God said to Satan there would be ...**

**Genesis 3:15** ... ***enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.***

Through the Centuries Satan has oppressed women. He doesn’t want women to bring ‘SEED’ into the earth ...

Why? Because Satan knows, if he allows a godly woman to stay in her home ... she will train up her children in the way they should go ... when they grow up .... they will BRUISE HIS HEAD!!! (Proverbs 22:6)

Satan has oppressed women, sold her as a commodity, tried to stop her from finding out WHO SHE IS, because he does not want her to take her ‘God given place in the earth’.

**Feminist Movement** ... At the core of the Movement is a **denial of God** and a **despising of men**. They talk about ‘the empowerment of women.’

The extremist feminists challenge every institution God’s set in the beginning, MALE, FEMALE, women *being the keepers of the home*. (Titus 2:5) Deceiving women to have to prove themselves ... Degrading a mother’s role, removing her parental authority, and institutionalizing the family so the “state” grows the children up!

***The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.*** William Wallace 1865

## 3. God said, I will make a “helper – Ezer” – comparable to the man

Genesis 2:18 ... *God said, “**It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him**”*

**‘helper’** – Hebrew **‘ezer’** meaning **“to rescue, to save, strength”**

When this word is used in the Old Testament it is in the **context of vital and powerful acts of rescue and support**. It is used 21 times in the Old Testament. Twice it is used in reference to the first woman God created. 3 times it is used of people helping (or failing to help) in life-threatening situations. 16 times it is used in reference to God being our Helper

JOHN WALTON: OT Scholar & Professor at Wheaton College, 20yrs Professor at Moody Bible Institute states:

*“The word **‘ezer’** is used most often in military situations, during battle, when one party rushes to the aid of another. Most often God is the One helping ...*

... Yet when **‘ezer’ is applied to the first woman**, its meaning is often diminished to fit with traditional and cultural views of a women’s role – that she is to be subservient. The word **“helper”** is common enough as a description of someone who comes to the aid of or provides a service for someone. But nothing suggests a subservient status of the one helping; in fact, the opposite is more likely.”

Genesis 2:18 *It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a **power [strength] corresponding, equal to man.***

#### **4. God made the first woman from one of the ribs of the man**

Genesis 2:18, 21-22 *And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him 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.*

**What is the significance of God taking one of the ribs from the man and making the body of the woman?**

- I. *The rib cage in the physical body is the hidden support of the body. The ribs provide protection for the vital organs in the upper body, including the heart and lungs. Without the ribs the vital organs would have no protection or support.”*
- II. Just as the rib cage of the physical body supports and protects the vital organs in the body, **so the woman supports and protects the HEART of her family**. Remove her support from her family, our society, the moral protection is not there!

#### **5. The Bible records God working with His VIRTUOUS WOMAN to save, to rescue, deliver their children, their nation!**

Women like Deborah, Esther, Ruth, Moses’ mother, Rahab, Elizabeth, Mary the mother of Jesus. These women did not set out to BE FAMOUS but had a heart to want to serve God, their families and nation.

**Hebrews 11:35 BY FAITH** ... women received their dead back to life again ...

**Example: DEBORAH – AROSE A MOTHER IN ISRAEL** (Judges 4-5)

Judges 5:6-7 *The highways were deserted ... <sup>7</sup> village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, **until I**, Deborah arose a **mother** in Israel.*

Judges 5:9 *My heart is towards the rulers of Israel who offer themselves willingly with the people.*

Judges 4:8 *Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!”*

When Deborah arose ‘a mother in Israel’ – **The RESULT – the Land had rest for 40 years!** (Judges 5:31)

**Example: THE MOTHER OF MOSES** (Exodus 2)

By FAITH she discerned it was time for Israel to be delivered from slavery in Egypt. She believed HER SON Moses was a special child, the Deliverer! She refused to bow to the king’s decree and to handover her son to the sword. We read of the mighty acts of the man Moses, but behind the scene was a mother, a “HELPER” – who saved, and rescued him. One woman stood against all the powers of Egypt! Egypt never recovered from the encounter...

**Example: ESTHER** (2 queens – represent two kingdoms, 2 kinds of women ...)

Queen Vashti refused to come to the king’s banquet (Esther 1:11-12:17) The attitude of Vashti is prevalent in our culture.

Proverbs 31:11-12 *The heart of her husband safely trusts in her, so he will have no need of spoil. <sup>12</sup> She does him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.*

Esther 4:13-17 NLT/NKJV *‘Don’t think for a moment that because you are in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. <sup>14</sup> For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. **Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’***

Proverbs 31:8-9 NLT *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. <sup>9</sup> Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.*