

STAY IN YOUR PLACE!

TEXT: Eph. 5:20-6:9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. EACH ONE OF US HAS A PLACE GIVEN BY GOD.
 - 1. Responsibilities and “talents” in the church.
 - 2. In other relationships.
- B **vs. 21.** SUBJECT TO ONE ANOTHER.
 - 1. Submission to Christ is necessary to have a relationship with him.
 - 2. Submission to Christ demands keeping in our place in these other relationships.
- C. PAUL DISCUSSES EVERYDAY RELATIONSHIPS –
 - 1. Emphasizes family.
 - 2. Includes work relations.

I. WIVES, BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS **(vs. 22-24).**

- A. **SUBMIT** – BE IN SUBJECTION
 “**hupotasso**; to subordinate; reflexively, to **obey**.” Strong (In **verses 21** and **24**).
 - 1. As unto the Lord (**Matt. 28:18; Col. 3:17**).
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. Should the husband have all authority?
 - b. Should he not remember **his own imperfection**?
 - c. Shouldn’t he remember that he has a master?
 - 3. We are told to obey elders, but ... (**1 Pet. 5:3**).
 - 4. As Christ is **head** of the **church**, the savior of the body.
 - 5. As the church is **subject** to Christ – **IN EVERYTHING**.
- B. WHY? (**1 Tim. 2:11-14**).
- 1. Adam was first formed (**1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9**).
- 2. Adam was not beguiled – Eve was.
- C. EFFECTS RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CHURCH (**1 Tim. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 14:33-36**).
- D. PASSAGES FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:
(Titus 2:3-5; 1 Tim. 2:9-12; 1 Pet. 3:1-6).

II. HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES (vs. 25-31).

- A. HUSBAND’S DUTY COMPARED TO CHRIST’S HEADSHIP (vs. 25-27).
 - 1. If we are like Christ in being head, we should be like him in sacrificing self.
 - 2. What gave Christ the right to be the head? (**Heb. 5:8-9**).
- B. LOVING YOUR WIFE IS LOVING YOURSELF (vs. 28-31).
 - 1. The man is one flesh with his wife (vs. 31).
 - 2. Christ cares for those who are of his body (**Matt. 10:29-31**).
- C. SUMMARY (vs. 33).
- D. ALSO A GREAT LESSON FOR THE CHURCH (vs. 32).
 - 1. Christ is the head (vs. 23).
 - 2. He died for it (vs. 25).
 - 3. He cleansed it with the washing of water with the word (vs. 25-26).

III. CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS (6:1-3).

- A. IN THE LORD – IN ACCORD WITH HIS WILL (**Matt. 10:29-31**) **THIS IS RIGHT!**
- B. HOW DOES GOD REGARD THE DISOBDIENT TO T PARENTS? (**Rom. 1:26-32**).
- C. **HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER** ...FROM THE OLD LAW
 - 1. Means more than thinking highly of them (**Matt. 15:1-6**).
 - 2. Brings blessing (**vs. 3; Prov. 3:1-2**).

IV. FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH (vs. 4).

- A. EITHER BY **ABUSE** OR **NEGLECT**.
- B. **NURTURE** THEM
 - 1. In the **chastening** (**Prov. 13:24; 23:13-14; Heb. 12:3-11**).
 - 2. **Admonition** (**Prov. 22:6; 2 Tim. 1:5; 1 Tim. 5:3**).

V. SERVANTS, BE OBEDIENT (vs. 5-8).

- A. “**FEAR & TREMBLING**” – PROPER RESPECT FOR YOUR MASTER AND HIS.
- B. “**IN SINGLENESS OF HEART, AS UNTO CHRIST**” – NOT HYPOCRITICALLY.
- C. “**NOT IN THE WAY OF EYESERVICE**” – DON’T FOOL HIM, WORK FOR HIM!
- D. SERVE AS YOU WOULD THE LORD (**vs. 6-7**).
- E. GOD WILL INCREASE THE REWARD (**vs. 8**).

VI. MASTERS – DO THE SAME (vs. 9).

- A. MASTERS ARE NOT TO USE THREATS OR ABUSE.
- B. WHAT IF ONE DOES? (**1 Pet. 2:18-20**).
- C. **HE ALSO HAS A MASTER.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. EACH ONE OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS IS SET IN ORDER BY GOD.
- B. EACH CAN BE COMPARED TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
- C. GOD IS HEAD – HUSBAND – FATHER – MASTER.
- D. WE ARE THE BODY – BRIDE – CHILD – SERVANT.