



A GLORIOUS DAWN OF A MODEL WIFE AND MOTHER

Introduction

The topic of our seminar revolves around the incredible role that wives and mothers play in our families and communities. Before us is a topic that calls us to reflect on the biblical principles that define a “model wife and mother”, and how these virtues lead to a glorious dawn not only in our homes but also in the world around us.

Therefore, it is important for me to start this seminar by asking us to ask ourselves some questions about the topic of our seminar.

- What is a glorious dawn?
- Who is a model wife?
- Who is a model mother?

How we individually understand these questions will affect our individual answers to these questions and will consequently determine our attitude to what we are about to hear.

So, permit me to define them:

1. A glorious dawn is a new beginning that comes from God.
2. A “model wife and mother” is a woman whose life is modelled by God through His word.

The Bible revealed to us that God’s plan for the feminine gender is to be all glorious within. Let me remind us that even though we are all married, we are also daughters to God. Hence, I would like to anchor this seminar on a verse of scripture that summarizes our topic for us.

The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

- Psalm 45:13

God hides His glory in His word. So, what God does is that He puts His word in the woman. As long as God’s word is in her and she obeys it, she will be all-glorious within. And if she is all glorious within, she will definitely be all glorious without (outwardly) as well. John told us that God’s word is God Himself and when that Word became flesh, we saw Him as Christ. All I am trying to say at this point is that **no one can experience a glorious dawn in the absence of Christ (God’s word)** from their lives as it is written:

Christ in you, the hope of glory:

- Colossians 1:27

Satan understood God’s plan for the woman. Therefore, his first attack on the woman was to make the woman despise and doubt the value and validity of God’s greatest treasure given to her – HIS WORD.

Our topic introduces us to the two primary roles God has for a married woman.

1. **Be a wife**
2. **Be a mother**





These are the fundamental ministries that God has ordained women for on the earth. There are specific instructions for women so they can succeed in each of these roles. If the woman does well in both of her roles, her glory which was lost will be restored to her. On the other hand, the more she despises the instructions that goes along with her roles, the less glorious she becomes.

So instead of women becoming glorious wives and mothers as God had planned, we see all sorts of confusion in the church and society today as many women does not regard and pay close attention to the divine instructions for their lives.

What do we see in the society today?

1. A great woman without a good home.
2. Wonderful mothers but divorced from her husbands.
3. Good mothers, but bad wives.
4. Wonderful wife, but a bad mother.
5. Great mother-in-Israel, but a bad mother-at-home.
6. Someone could even be a great sister during their single good old days, but after marriage, they become another person, a bad wife, unserious sister, and a “nothing-to-write-home-about” mother.
7. It saddens the heart to see another category becoming common today – women who had become mothers without ever being a wife!

But God is looking for daughters who would (or have) become wives and mothers, and yet, are ALL-GLORIOUS within.

Let me ask you, **who would you rather choose to be?**

1. A great woman?
2. A good mother?
3. A gorgeous wife?
4. A glorious wife and mother?

This is an individual matter. So, I want to crave our indulgence to please permit me to speak to us as individuals. What **MUST** we do to become the glorious wife and mother that God envisioned in scriptures?

First, let me remind us of where it all started from – in the garden, two things happened to the woman:

1. She disregarded God’s word for her. **SHE DOUBTED AND DISOBEYED GOD’S WORD!**
2. She overlooked the position of headship that God has put her husband. In other words, she did not see the reason to ask her husband’s opinion before she decided to eat the fruit. **SHE DOWNPLAYED SUBMISSION TO HER HUSBAND.**





Many women are still falling into Satan's deception today as these are still the two problems wrecking homes and marriages today.

- 1. MANY find it hard to obey God's commands for them in many areas that are very peculiar to them:** marriage, dressing, childcare and upbringing, industry, etc.
- 2. MANY especially the younger generation, does want to be under the authority of their husbands.** They totally misunderstood submission. They forgot that the way up is down. Praying for God's grace when you are not humble enough to obey God's commands is a waste of time as God will only give grace to the humble. Let us return to the Bible.
- 3. MANY who are mothers are not available (too busy) to talk to, play with, and pray for and with their spouses and children as the women of faith of old.** We read of Sarah cooperating (entertaining guests together) with Abraham (Gen 18). We read of Rebekah sporting with Isaac (Gen 26:8-9). We read of Susannah Wesley (mother of John Wesley) who had 18 children and prayed with each of them daily on an individual basis. That was how these great women gave us the world the gift of children who changed their world. So, let me ask us again, apart from the morning devotion or sleeping together in the same room, when was the last time you had time to take a walk, read a book together, play or pray with your spouse and kids on a one-on-one basis?

So, for us to become glorious wives and mothers, all we need to do is to go back to the Bible and reinstall and restore what was lost. You know, sometimes a virus enters your computer, and it destroys some software. Then the computer begins to hang, drag, or misbehave. All you need to do is install an antivirus, reinstall the damaged software and your computer will be restored back to normal again. There are so many viruses in the world affecting women today. I'm not just talking about the HIV and gonorrhea. Those medically identified diseases are secondary infections that come upon women who have been exposed and infected with what I call the primary diseases. By that I mean, anything that makes you not to be at ease with God's word as a woman is a primary disease. **Can I tell you some of them?**

- 1. Feminine Movement Disorder (FMD):** When you want to show your husband that you're better off without him, you are already out of order – 1 Corinthians 11:3.
- 2. Insubordinate Virus Infection (IVI):** When no one can correct you, it is a sign that you have been infected with IFI. You need help.
- 3. Carelessness Disease (CD):** When you are hugging a man who is not your husband. Men are touching you in the office and you don't reject it. CD is the name of that disease.

God's word is the only antidote for all diseases. It is all you need. ***He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.***

- Psalm 107:20





God's word brings healing, and deliverance. Most if not all the problems that is making several women to run from one prayer house to another today can be resolved if they can just listen and obey God's word that He has sent to them. Genuine and total obedience to God's word is the key to a glorious marital and motherhood journey. What you need to do is know these scriptures and make a commitment to obey them no matter the situation, and you will begin to see the glory of God in your life, marriage, and family.

Let me introduce you to some of these scriptures. They are God's medicine for most of the issues that hinders women from experiencing the dawn of their glorious days in life. I hope you have the courage to swallow them and allow them to do their work in your life. I pray none of us will spew out God's word from our mouth and say that it is too bitter or not sweet.

Genesis 3:16:

*Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.***

As you know, all wives and mothers would agree to the truth of the first part of this scripture. Why then do we argue with the latter part? Why bear the pain of childbirth and deny the obedience that would bring you comfort and peace in your home?

Numbers 30:3-6

God has made the man the head of the family. As a married woman, your husband is your head, NOT THE PASTOR. There are wives who would do what their pastor tells them but would always disobey their husbands. Ma, that is not the way to heaven. As long as your husband is not asking you to sin against God, obey him. Even God, who created the man, respects his decision over his family, because God Himself is the one who made him the head. **God cannot contradict Himself.** He is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). Let us look at what the Bible says:

*If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by a bond, **being in her father's house in her youth;***

And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the Lord shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

***And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed,** or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;*

And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the Lord shall forgive her.





Judges 4:4; 5:7

And Deborah, **a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth**, she judged Israel at that time.

... The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose **a mother in Israel**.

This was the account of a career woman, who was also a worker in the church and not just an ordinary worker. She was working in the office of a prophetess! Yet, she was playing her role as a wife and a mother without any problem. Yes, a prophetess and a judge, yet a wife and mother. There is no height that a woman can reach that her husband can no longer control or correct her. Some wives have become the husband at home. They are the ones giving instructions to their head! No submission. Even though the Bible did not specifically call her glorious, the fact that the Holy Ghost honored her by recognizing her in the New Testament tells me she was a glorious wife and mother in Israel.

Deborah's story reminds us that a model wife and mother is a precious and invaluable woman who is respected by both her husband and her children as described in Proverbs 31. Time will fail us to dwell on that, but I will ask that we go and read that at our convenience.

Ephesians 5:22

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Submitting to another person is an often-misunderstood concept. Though submission seems strange to modern attitudes, it is one of the fundamental ways that God Himself uses to hold Christian marriages to a higher standard. When you submit to your husband; it does not mean you have become a doormat or servant. The same way Christ—at whose name “every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10)—submitted his will to the Father, wives are called to honor Christ by following his example. When you submit to God, you become more willing to obey his command for you as a wife—that is, to subordinate your rights to your husband. **In a marriage, both husband and wife are expected to mutually submit to each other.** But for you as a wife, this means willingly following your husband's leadership in Christ. And for your husband, it means putting aside his own interests in order to care for and serve you, his wife. *Submission is rarely a problem in homes where both husband and wife have strong relationships with Christ, especially if you are both working towards the well-being and happiness of each other.* **Both husbands and wives are admonished to submit to each other** (Ephesians 5:21), **just as both should love each other.**

We must refuse to join the bandwagon of Christian women, who, found submission to their husbands difficult. **Even if your husband is not loving or you believe he doesn't love you enough, it is not an excuse for you to fail to SUBMIT to him.** God is saying give to your husband the same level of honor and respect you would give to Jesus Christ. That is the word of God. We cannot improve on it.





Someone might want to ask, what do you mean? Ehn? You mean I should submit to, respect, and honor someone who doesn't love me? YES, Exactly, my point ma! Two wrongs WILL NOT make a right. God wants you to overcome evil with good. You continue to do what is right and wait to see if God won't show up to honor Himself in your sacrifice.

Do you know that **some men's salvation is anchored to their wife's submission and submissive behavior?**

Your husband might be one of such men who God would save through their wives.

Unfortunately, some wives who tried to prove to be wiser than God, have ended up losing both the man and their home, and many times, they also lose their peace to the enemy.

1 Peter 3:1, 2.

*Likewise, ye wives, **be in subjection to your own husbands**; that, if any (of the husbands) obey not the word, **they also may without the word be won** by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.*

The New Testament references Sarah as an example for wives, stating, "For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord." – **1 Peter 3:5-6.**

Who is Your Role Model? Whose example are you following?

If Sarah is your example, then do what she did.

LIKE SARAH, BE A MODEL WOMAN. LIKE SARAH, BE A MODEL WIFE. LIKE SARAH, BE A MODEL MOTHER. LIKE SARAH, BE A MODEL OF INNER BEAUTY.

1 Peter 3 emphasizes that her true beauty was in her gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in God's sight. This is the reason many women are not enjoying their marriage today. They have lost the gentle and quiet spirit. They have become very boisterous and loud. Sarah's worth was more than her outward appearance. Her story illustrates the qualities of faith, obedience, and support in the context of marriage. While her journey included struggles and moments of doubt, her ultimate obedience and trust in God's word served as the foundation for her relationship with her husband, Abraham and their shared purpose in nurturing their child for God's plan. Their story continues to bless generations after them.

To experience the glorious dawn of a model wife and mother, submit yourself to God's word, allow it to shape your thinking, manner, and way of life. As these words remain in you, it will form CHRIST in you, and A MODEL WIFE AND MOTHER will emerge from within you.

Obedience to these words is what we need to enter into the glorious dawn that is meant for us, our families and communities. This is the divine wisdom. IT IS CHRIST (GOD'S WORD) IN US, THAT LEADS TO THE HOPE OF GLORY that we have been waiting, fasting, praying, dreaming, and longing for. I pray God give us the strength and grace to live out these truths in our lives.