

## I Pet. 3:1-7

- I. Instructions for wives. (1-6) cf. 2:11-12; Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18
  - A. In the same way, women, submit to your own husbands. (1a)
  - B. The Purpose: To win your unbelieving husbands. (1b-6)
    - 1. Your lifestyle may win your husbands. (1b-c)
      - a. If any of them disobey the word. (1b)
      - b. They may be won without word, by the conduct of their wives. (1c)
    - 2. The way this will happen. (2-6)
      - a. Generally – They will see your pure and reverent life (2)
      - b. Specifically – What they should see: (3-6)
        - 1) A life of inward beauty instead of outward adornment. (3-4)
          - a) Negatively – Not the beauty of braided hair or gold jewelry or fine clothes. (3)
          - b) Positively – (4)
            - (1) An inner life of a meek and gentle spirit. (4a)
            - (2) Reason: This is valuable in God’s sight. (4b)
        - 2) The Godly women of history have given example. (5-6)
          - a) The holy women of the past, who hoped in God adorned themselves in this way also. (5a)
          - b) How they adorned themselves. (5b-6)
            - (1) By submitting to their husbands. (5b)
            - (2) For example Sarah. (6) –cf. Gen 18:12
              - (a) What Sarah did. (6a-b)
                - (i) She obeyed Abraham. (6a)
                - (ii) She called him Master. (6b)
              - (b) Therefore, what you should do (6c-e)
                - (i) You are her children. (6c)
                - (ii) Conditional: If you do these things. (6d-e)
                  - ((a)) Do good. (6d)
                  - ((b)) Do not fear any evil. (6e)
  - II. Instructions for husbands. (7) –cf. Eph. 5:25-33; Col. 3:19
    - A. Live with your wives in a caring manner. (7a-b)
      - 1. Live with them with the care necessary for a weaker vessel. (7a)
      - 2. Give them honor as fellow-heirs of the gracious gift of life. (7b)
    - B. The Purpose of doing so: So that your prayers will not be hindered. (7c)