

Sarah-Like Submission I Peter 3:1-7

A WORD TO WIVES, 1-6

It is proper for a wife to submit to her husband.

- ♦ Believer or not (assumed as w/gov. / masters submission isn't sinful)
- ♦ A mandated institution: Gen. 2:21f., 3:16, I Tim. 2:11, I Cor. 11:1-9,9, Eph. 5:22-33, Col. 3:18,19, Titus 2:4,5. Again we are status quo here as w/government and slaves . . . but again with an assuring twist.
- ♦ OT precedent of Sarah and *holy women of former times*. Submitting puts a lady in the select company of OT heroines (*children of Sarah*). But what must we remember about those great old gals?

It is productive for a wife to submit to her husband.

- ♦ Submission may lead her lost husband to salvation, but I Cor. 7:16. Note pun: *disobedient to **Word** but may be won without a **word*** (see I Cor. 9:19). Wives preach best through a submissive spirit.
- ♦ Submission doesn't appear to slow down a female response to the gospel, as the concern is for all the ladies w/unbelieving husbands!

It is precious to God when a wife submits to her husband.

- ♦ Note contrast in 3, 4: *not . . . but . . .* (compare to I Tim. 2:9,10)
- ♦ What's up w/braids and jewelry? Would Peter say the same today?
- ♦ True feminine beauty is of *great worth* to God (*costly* = see Mk 14:3).

A WORD TO HUSBANDS, 7

- ♦ Command #1--Live w/understanding toward wife as a *weaker vessel* = ?
#2--Honor her as a co-heir (see *honor* in 1:7, 2:7, 17).
- ♦ Motivation = or else God will blow you off when you pray (blocked prayers!)