

New Morning Magical

Play your position rightly!

Can I just begin by saying that I sincerely hope you took time to watch the video about the molecule of cohesion called laminin on yesterday's MM web page. I get goosebumps every time I see it, because it is, to me, such a profound testimony of something Barbara said many years ago: She said, "*God put a little piece of Himself in every cell of our bodies.*" So, when I saw this video about laminin for the first time, I remembered her words, and I recalled the Scripture we read yesterday: "*And THE all has its cohesion in Him.*"

I don't know if it hits you as profoundly as it does me, but reading those words and seeing that video with the photographic evidence of a molecule inside your body and mine that holds everything in us together, gives me a feeling of overwhelming gratitude to the Father, and an unutterable reverence for Him and the demonstration of His handiwork within our physical bodies. Can't you just see the Father forming Adam down to the atomic level and thinking to include the physical evidence of Himself in a molecule that literally holds us together?

I don't have the words to adequately describe what this single piece of knowledge has given me in terms of vision and insight, which correlates exactly with Paul's words in his first letter from Rome, where he was under house arrest. "*And THE all has its cohesion in Him.*" (Colossians 1:17)

So, today we return to the Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians, finishing up Chapter 3, and then moving on.

I was going to skip this section at first, but I couldn't, possibly because it gets misused a lot and you'll see why quickly. Look with me at Colossians 3:18 to the end of the chapter:

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord.

Paul wrote at least three letters that contain this kind of statement. The misuse comes at the first part, "*Wives, be subject to your husbands,*" because the last part is left off: "*as is proper in the Lord.*" The second part is the qualifier for the first part; in other words, what is "*proper in the Lord*" is determined by whether the husbands are occupying their positions rightly.

19 Husbands, love your own wives and be not bitter toward them.

20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing in the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not vex your children, lest they may be disheartened.

22 Slaves, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-slavery, as manpleasers, but with singleness of heart, fearing the Lord.

23 All, whatsoever you may be doing, work from the soul, as to the Lord and not to men,
24 Being aware that from the Lord you will be getting the compensation of the enjoyment of an allotment: for the Lord Christ are you slaving.

25 For he who is injuring shall be requited for that which he injures, and there is no partiality.

I'm going to do something unusual here and that is to insert an edited part of a study we did several years ago that has to do with God's calling, and the price it exacts in people's lives, including marriages.

This business of wives being in subjection was never intended to be a weapon to justify husbands who are not loving their wives as Yeshua loves the ecclesia and gave up His life for it. We husbands do not have license to mistreat or in any way disrespect our wives according to any Scripture written in the entire Bible.

Forgive me, because I know I get really fired up about this, but I have seen far too much abuse and dishonor, while at the same time, thumping fists on a Bible as if it provides some kind of permission to lord it over our wives, when it does no such thing. In fact, I'll go so far as to say that a husband who does not occupy his position according to the Father's order, as set out in the Scriptures, when they are correctly cut, ought to be given a no holds barred ultimatum by his wife to shape up or ship out. And, I might add, if the call of God is on her life, it's probably not on his and therefore, he's totally expendable.

So please forgive my ranting, but this Scripture in Colossians 3:18 ONLY applies to husbands who, as I said earlier, are in their right position before God.

So here is the section of our study from years ago dealing with this issue among others, all having to do with the call of God on a person's life and the cost that call may exact.

Now, just a quick heads up that the sound quality is lacking here, because it was recorded over a teleconference line at a very low resolution. There are some background noises at times, so I apologize in advance, but I pray that the Father will give you spiritual ears to hear.

So until next time,

May Yahweh bless you and keep you;
May Yahweh light up His face toward you
and be gracious to you;
May Yahweh lift His face to you
and appoint peace for you.

AMEN