

An Excellent Wife

This is a very important teaching. It will take an excellent teacher to teach this — not just read it (any ole' teacher can do that). This is a head-covering teaching. It is a teaching to be taught before a wedding to the whole Edah, especially to the wife and the husband to be.

Pr 5:18; 12:4; 18:22; 19:13-14; 31:10,23.

Pr 18:22 — “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Sovereign.” Like wisdom, a wife is as Pr 4:9. Verse 8 tells you why your wife (like wisdom) will be that way.

1 Cor 11:10 – Her covering (#1849) is a sign signifying that her husband’s heart trusts in her. A covering on her head is a sign of his heart towards her, since it is his delegated authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, and right given to her to speak – because he trusts in her respect for him.

#1849 is from #1832. Does it mean to be free to do what is on her heart or that it is permissible or allowed? Her headcovering is the authority on her head to speak or to pray because her husband trusts in her. She is covered. Her head is covered by him (1 Cor 11:6-7). She has the right to do him good and to be as 1 Pet 4:11, speaking the very words of God, since she is in order according to 1 Cor 11:3.

Peter said, by the Holy Spirit, and it is recorded in 1 Pet 4:10, that, “*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*” This is not just to the male, as verse 11 is “whoever” or “if *anyone* speaks,” and “if *anyone* serves.” In the Greek there is no gender implied. “If anyone speaks, let *it* be as the words of God, and if anyone serves, let him do so by the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified.”

1 Cor 11:5-7 (Amplified Bible) — *Prophecies* is #4395. Therefore, 1 Cor 11:10-13. Verse 10 says, “Therefore,” or “On account of this,” a woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head. For verse 8, then verse 9, and verse 7. Verses 6,5,4, and verse 3.

1 Cor 11:10 — The woman or wife has authorization, formal consent granted by one having authority. This one trusts in her in love and in good cheer. When Pr 31:11 is true, the husband authorizes her to cover her head, because his heart is confident in her (Pr 31:10-11; 12:4; 18:22; 19:14).

1 Cor 11:7 — She is his glory. Her worth is evaluated by his trust in her (Pr 31:23,28-31 and Ruth 3:1-11). Pr 31:29 — This means a good wife excels all who in past history had done great things including:

Miriam – The leader of the women of the Holy Nation in praise to God (Ex 15:20-21).

Deborah – Jdg 4:4-10

Huldah – 2 Kng 22:14

Ruth – Ruth 1:16

Hannah – 1 Sam 1:20, 2:19

The women of 2 Kng 4:4-10

Queen Esther – Est 4:16

In what way does a good wife excel them all? In her spiritual and practical devotion to her husband and to his Head. This devotion permeated every area of her relationship to her husband, who was called to fulfill God's eternal purpose, as she gained the recognition she so nobly deserved for her husband (Pr 31:31).

Noble means great, elevated, dignified; being above everything that can dishonor a reputation, exalted, sublime, magnificent, stately, splendid, of ancient and splendid family, distinguished from commoners by rank and title, free, generous, liberal, principal, capital, ingenuous, candid, of excellent disposition, ready to receive truth, of the best kind, choice, excellent.

2 Pet 1:5-11 – All these virtues were hers like colored threads in a tapestry, and Pr 31:30 was her secret. She gained or attained to the glory of her husband (1 Cor 11:7), which is valued

by him as “far above rubies” (Pr 31:10). And why? Because the heart of her husband trusts in her (Rom 8:16-18).

Pr 31:10-11 – A wife of noble character who can find? A virtuous, strong, worthy, capable woman. Far above anything this world can offer is her worth, and in her, her husband’s heart trusts, and gain he shall not lack. She does him good and not evil all the days of his life – a noble vow of marriage.

Pr 12:4 – A wife of noble character like Ruth 3:11, the wife in Pr 31:10-31 is her husband’s crown. She brings him honor and joy. She is a crown of splendor or glory. They both have the inner worth to see in their spouse that which causes love and respect (Eph 5:21-33). What kind of wife are you? Or will you ever be? Pr 12:4.

Pr 12:4 – The crown, as used of a bridal or royal crown. We wear the diadem now in assumption of the royal crown one day, with its dignity, glory, and honor.