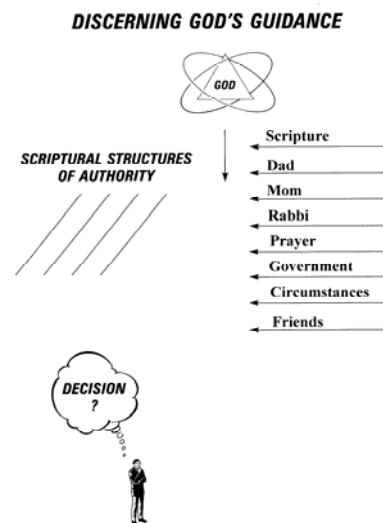


## How Elohim Works Through Structures of Authority Part II: Basic Aspects of Headship & Required Attitudes<sup>i</sup>

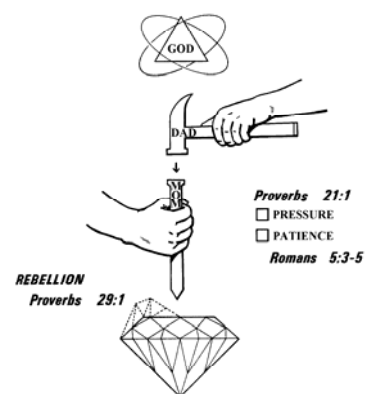
### Review – Diagram 1: Discerning Elohim's Guidance

How can we get right counsel? We discover that people have problems because they go to their friends for answers. *Adonai* is often "blamed" for a lot of problems because we say "we prayed about it." Putting our prayers above His Word is a form of idolatry and is ultimately utterly prideful and selfish. If *Elohim's* Word in principle or in a specific way already states something about a situation, then do not expect "new" answers in prayer or otherwise. Our *Elohim* does not operate in a system of "situational ethics" as we often do in this modern world. His Word is absolute, eternal, and unchanging. *Yeshua* is *Adonai's* Word made flesh!



### Review – Diagram 2: How Elohim Works Through a Structure of Authority

{Draw the diagram out: *Adonai* on top and us individually as a diamond in the rough. He wants to chip away at the rough edges so we will be able to be a perfectly cut and polished gem—a diamond or a jewel for Him. When that happens then, we are able to reflect the character *Mashiach* (*Torah* embodied in man) no matter what circumstances we go through.} And that is *Adonai's* real goal, to reflect the *Messiah* as *Y'shua* is in us, the hope of glory. So how does he chip away the rough edges? He takes those very individuals He places over our lives. The first ones would be father and mother. He is going to use them as the instrument to chip away at the rough edges. Proverbs 21:1 “*The king's heart (which is the one in authority) is in ADONAI's hand is like streams of water - he directs it wherever he pleases.*” What causes a meandering stream to change? Two things: pressure and time, i.e., patience. So as a stream changes, in that same way *Adonai* can change the heart of those in authority over us. Our *Elohim* says, if you have patience, I'll put the pressure on and I'll change the heart of those in authority over you. But what do we say. ‘L-rd, how would it be if I put the pressure on and You have patience?’ *Adonai* is so concerned that we allow Him to chip away at the rough edges. He is even more concerned about the product than He is the process. So if we throw out one set of instruments He'll bring in another. Scripture says in Proverbs 29:1 “*A man who hardens his neck after much reproof Will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.*” If you keep rejecting the working of *Adonai* in your life then there is going to be a damage. Now you can still get a diamond out of it, but it's not going to be as glorious as the first time. Mercy rejoices over Justice. And *Adonai* is saying the same thing to every single one of us here today. If there's been damage, if there has been discipline because of past rebellion, now matter how small that diamond may be, if you would bring that before *Adonai* saying “*Adonai from this day forward I am going to obey you.*” *Elohim* will chip away the rough edges even now and He'll perfect that diamond. And He will make that diamond more glorious than anything you've ever experienced before. And that is what our *Elohim* loves to do, for His own name sake.



Scripture states in 1 Peter 3 that if a wife would do this same thing with her husband, even if he is not a believer, if she has the right attitudes and can see him in the light that *Elohim* sees him, there will be a whole new response—she can win him even without a word.

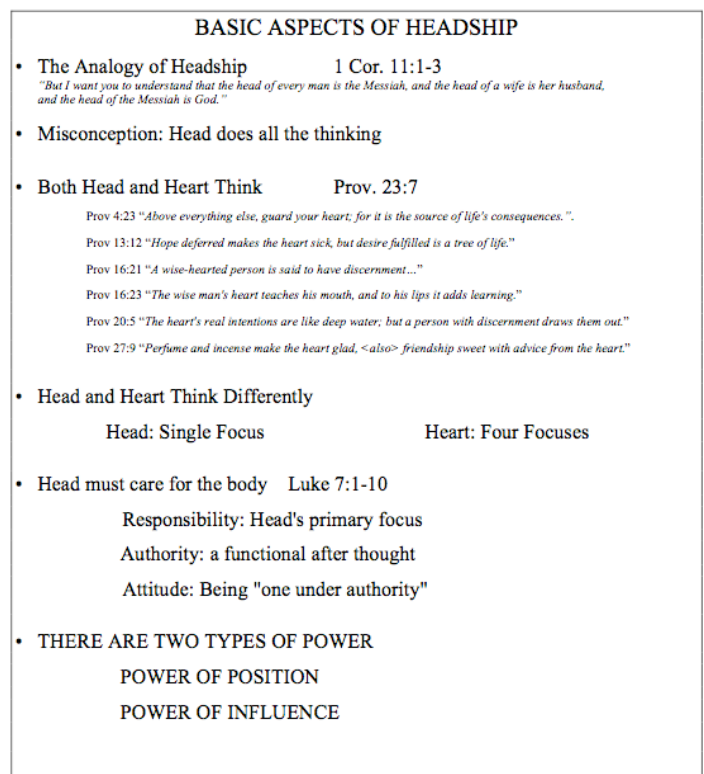
## The Biblical Principle of Authority

*Authority* is the power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior or the freedom granted by one in authority. *Power* is the ability to act or produce an effect or the capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect. Power is also legal or official authority, capacity, or right; the possession of control, authority, or influence over others. The Scriptural principle of authority is closely related to trust (faith) and is exemplified by the centurion in Luke 7:1-10:

<sup>1</sup>When Yeshua had finished speaking to the people, he went back to K'far-Nachum. <sup>2</sup>A Roman army officer there had a servant he regarded highly, who was sick to the point of death. <sup>3</sup>Hearing about Yeshua, the officer sent some Jewish elders to him with the request that he come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup>They came to Yeshua and pleaded earnestly with him, "He really deserves to have you do this, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people - in fact, he built the synagogue for us!" <sup>6</sup>So Yeshua went with them. He had not gone far from the house, when the officer sent friends who said to him, "Sir, don't trouble yourself. I'm not worthy to have you come under my roof - <sup>7</sup>this is why I didn't presume to approach you myself. Instead, just give a command (but just say the word, and my servant shall be healed, KJV) and let my servant recover. <sup>8</sup>For I too am a man set under authority. I have soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." <sup>9</sup>Yeshua was astonished at him when he heard this; and he turned and said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, not even in Isra'el have I found such trust!" <sup>10</sup>When the messengers got back to the officer's house, they found the servant in good health. (Luke 7:1-10)

## Diagram 3 - BASIC ASPECTS OF HEADSHIP

{Refer to the blank page Basic Aspects of Headship. We have in our day more confusion over this one concept than any other. I trust that as we go through this, that you will see all the implications and the applications of this because this will be very important preparation as we get more into the whole structure of authority.} *Elohim* uses the analogy of headship in Scripture in 1 Corinthians 11:3: "But I want you to understand that the head of every man is the Messiah, and the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of the Messiah is God." There is a structure of authority very clearly set forth. But whenever you talk about headship immediately there tends to be a reaction especially when it has been misused and abused. Women will say: "I don't like that idea because that my husband is supposed to do all the thinking, and can't I have any thoughts of my own? Don't I have a say in things?" Well, the exciting thing about Scripture is that when *Elohim* uses an analogy He wants us to study the analogy out. A head is a part of a body. Medical researchers have now discovered in reality what *Adonai* has been saying all along. The head is not the only part of the body that thinks—our heart also thinks. They have found the same chemical structure in the heart that is in the head for thinking. Scripture (Proverbs 23:7) has been saying all along that "For as he thinks within himself, so he is..." They are all excited in the medical community about this because they see all the implications of it. But *Adonai*, who designed the body, knew all about when He said that the husband is the head. Proverbs talks about its dark sayings (Prov 1:6: "he will understand proverbs, obscure expressions") and I personally believe that one of the darker, hidden sayings in Proverbs is



that just as the husband is the head, the wife is compared in Proverbs to the heart. Lets consider a few. A thorough study of this is just incredible the cross references that bear this out. We are told:

□ Prov 4:23 *“Above everything else, guard your heart; for it is the source of life's consequences.”*

Does this apply also to wives? Recall that in Scripture we have one interpretation, but many applications. The interpretation is that every one of us better guard our heart, men and women, husbands and wives, boys and girls. But there are many applications and one application here is that wife is also like the heart. The wife is the one that brings life in the world. The wife is the one Scripture says in Proverbs 12:4 that if she is unfaithful to her husband is like *“but a shameful wife is like rot in his bones.”* Since the life of the flesh is in the blood, and the blood manufactures the bones. So in many ways, the life of that husband is hooked up to his wife. Thus we husbands need to guard our wife with all diligence because out of our wife are the issues and consequences of life.

□ Prov 13:12 *“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”*

We know by the testimony of many of our own wives that when they keep getting their hope put off—we are going to make those repairs tomorrow, then next week, then next month. Hope deferred makes the wife sick too.

□ Prov 16:21 *“A wise-hearted person is said to have discernment (prudent)...”*

A direct cross reference to this is Proverbs 19:14 *“but a sensible (prudent) wife is from ADONAI...”*

□ Prov 16:23 *“The wise man's heart teaches his mouth, and to his lips it adds learning.”*

How many times does a wife teach her husband more precisely how to answer—by kicking him under the table and by other gestures and means. The wife of the wise teaches her husband's mouth how to answer. A wise man listens to the counsel of his wife. In fact

□ Prov 20:5 *“The heart's real intentions are like deep water; but a person with discernment draws them out.”*

One of the most amazing things about a couple is that *Adonai* will purposely give counsel to the wife, cautions to the wife, that He doesn't give the husband. And if the husband overrides these cautions, he will pay dearly for it. *Adonai* knows that because he wants the husband to appreciate and value his wife, the two are an *echad*. (Illustration of a wife that cautioned her husband to sell his stock, but he overrode her. Just to make her happy after she kept bugging him, he sold a few stocks on a Friday in October. Of course, you know what happened on Black Monday! If he had only listened, he would have not only not lost but gained millions!) In our congregation, there are hundreds of cases where the wives could easily give vivid illustrations about this principle. Husbands, counsel in the heart of your wife is like deep water, and a man of understanding will draw it out. If you push down and reject it you are going to miss out on some very wise counsel.

□ Prov 27:9 *“Perfume and incense make the heart glad, <also> friendship sweet with advice from the heart.”*

Certainly, perfume rejoices the wife. There are so many illustrations in Proverbs! Wise husbands should seek and study these out because Scripture commands husband to live with our wives according to knowledge. They also open up such great job descriptions for the husband and the wife...

### **The heart and the head think differently**

This is a most important point in this discussion. The head tends to select important points and come out with one single decision. And as the head or the man speaks, is the way he tends to want to speak—by summarizing information he makes a single statement. But a woman doesn't do that. A woman tends to think in four

distinct separate compartments. She thinks, first of all with her thoughts, thoughts come to her mind and she may express those thoughts. And then, she will have some emotions about that same topic, and she may then express those emotions, which are different than what she just expressed with her thoughts. And third, she will have her will, and thus she will express what her will is, which happens to be different than her emotions and different than her thoughts. And then she will think about what *Adonai* wants her to do, and she will express that which happens to be different than her emotions, and her will and her thoughts, and she is perfectly logical! And the husband says, “now, wait a minute, you just said several things here and they are all contradictory...” Well the thing is that she switched from one to the other, but she didn’t tell you she was switching. She just assumed you would know she was switching. You know there are four compartments in the heart and the functions of those four parts of the heart so beautifully line up with the way a woman tends to think. Incidentally this why you ladies say to your husband “*I told you that.*” But husbands say “*you did not tell me that*” because he filters out thoughts that don’t count for the main point of the conclusion. But you ladies remember things, because you have a ‘*better way of thinking for details*’ than the husband...Let me get off this point as to not be accused of meddling...

The purpose of the head is to care for the body. A man who does not understand the function of authority totally misses the message of the centurion in Luke. The centurion is the one whom *Yeshua* said had tremendous faith. He is the one who went to *Yeshua* and asked Him to come...but what was the point in that message? First of all the centurion was not primarily focusing on his authority, he didn’t go to *Yeshua* and said I am an important person with authority. He said “*my servant is grievously ill, would you come and heal my servant.*” And if the no 1 concern of the head (of the husband) is not for the well being of the body, then he misses the point of authority. The second important factor in Luke is that the centurion had his authority as an afterthought. He sent the first delegation that said “*He really deserves to have you do this, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people - in fact, he built the synagogue for us!*” he has helped our people, he is worthy of your help. So he had a very good reputation taking care of those under his authority. He did not invoke his authority that he had. Authority was not his initial thought. And furthermore he didn’t think of himself of one in authority, he thought of himself of one under authority. He said “*I too am a man under authority.*” And if we do not picture ourselves as those under authority, that we are responsible to answer to *Elohim* for how we use whatever authority He has given to us. Then we do not understand how to properly use *Adonai*-given authority and there will be discipline and punishment because of that. I hope each and everyone of us will learn the important lessons in the life of the centurion.

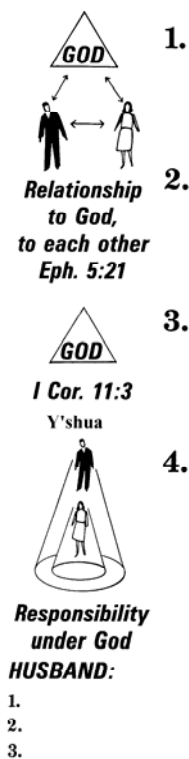
But then beyond that there is very important point and that is that authority or power comes in two types—there are two types of power in our day. And I think we get mixed up as to which one is the most powerful. First of all is the power of position, that is the one who is in charge. And then there is the power of influence. And Scripture and history confirm the fact that those in a position of influence have a far greater power than those in a position of authority. It is not the president who has the real power, it is his advisors that tell him what he should do. It is not the supreme court justices, it is the assistants who give direction. It is not the husband who has the real power, it is the wife that influences the husband. And all down through history we see the evidence, the confirmation of that fact. And that’s why whenever *Elohim* wants to teach on the matter of authority, he always starts with the one under authority. He always talks to the children before talking to their parents. He said “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise)*” (see Eph. 6:1-2) then He said “*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*” (Eph. 6:4). He always talks to the servants before the masters “*Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Messiah...*” (Eph. 6:5-8) and the He tells the masters “*And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.*” (Eph. 6:9). He always talks to the wife before He talks to the husband. “*Wives you submit to your husbands, and husbands, you love your wife...*” Why does He talk to the one under first? Because the one under authority has the

greater power. If you use that power properly, you can get fantastic results but there are four attitudes you must have if you are going to get the result of that power. Incidentally this is why also when *Elohim* wanted to change kingdoms, he didn't put Esther, Daniel, Joseph and Moses as the topmost, he put them all as the second in command. And they are the ones who changed the course of history. God will do the same thing to everyone of you if only we have these four attitudes in 1 Peter 3:1-6.

## Diagram 4 - FOUR REQUIRED ATTITUDES - 1 Peter 3:1-6

First of all, in the area of marriage we have our relationship before *Adonai*, spoken to us in Ephesians 5:21 "*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of Adonai.*" The husband does not stand between the wife and *Elohim*. Each one goes directly to Him when it comes to the relationship with *Adonai*. But then there is the area of responsibility. In the area of responsibility the husband has a sphere of responsibility as being the leader, the protector and the provider. And husbands, your wife more than anything else wants you to be the **spiritual leader of the home**. A leader is not a man who is able to make long prayers among other things. But is a man who is seeking after *Adonai*. Is not where you are spiritually, it's what direction you are going. And if you are moving toward our *Elohim*, even the stumbling holding prayers of a growing husband is a delight for a wife to hear. And the more intimate you are in your prayer with *Adonai*, the more the spirit of your wife will be drawn to you and *Adonai*. And wives you have a spirit that *Elohim* has given you and that spirit is far more powerful than you realize. *Adonai* talks about you being a home executive. Today the five functions that *Elohim* planned for the home have been taken away. One of the most exciting things we are seeing happen today are these five functions being brought back in the home. Yet there are four attitudes that wives and mothers must develop to fully restore your home to what *Adonai* intended it to be. But not only wives and mothers, but husbands, fathers, sons and daughters, every single one of us are also under authority. Men you need these four attitudes with your boss at work. Everyone of us needs these attitudes, what are they?

### FOUR REQUIRED ATTITUDES – 1 PETER 3:1-6



□ **A Reverent Spirit:** It states in 1 Peter 3:6 "...even as Sara was reverent toward her husband." What does a reverent spirit mean? It means that you are aware that *Adonai* is working through your human authority to accomplish His will in your life. Even though the human authority is not what he should be. And that is the key to being reverent—separating the personality of your human authority from his position under *Elohim*. He may have a terrible disposition, he may be a ruthless person. King *Ahashverosh* was a very ruthless evil king, even his own chamberlain and those close to him wanted to kill him. And yet Esther was reverent to him, and *Adonai* used that to save our people. Consider Rav Sha'ul in the following situation in Acts 23:1-5:

*Sha'ul looked straight at them and said, "Brothers, I have been discharging my obligations to God with a perfectly clear conscience, right up until today." But the cohen hagadol, Hananyah, ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. Then Sha'ul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Will you sit there judging me according to the Torah, yet in violation of the Torah order me to be struck?" The men nearby said, "This is the cohen hagadol of God that you're insulting!" Sha'ul said, "I didn't know, brothers, that he was the cohen hagadol; for it says in the Torah, 'You are not to speak disparagingly of a ruler of your people.'"*

*Sha'ul* immediately apologized when he realized he was speaking to the high priest. Now that high priest was a *whitewashed wall*, he was a hypocrite just as *Sha'ul* said. But *Sha'ul* immediately had to separate his position under *Elohim* from his terrible personality. Messiah learned obedience, we are told, by the things that he suffered. There are certain character qualities we will not learn unless we are under difficult authorities. This is perhaps why *Elohim* allowed *Yosef* to be taken away from his father. There are certain character qualities *Yosef* never would have learned under his father *Ya'akov*, who was favoring him. His father would have not trained him like he was trained as a slave in Egypt and later in prison. There are certain character qualities that you and I will never learn unless we get under God-given authorities even if they are difficult.

□ **A Grateful Spirit:** Now this probably one of the most important attitudes of all. One day a very attractive woman came to a Messianic rabbi and asked: “*Rav, why did my husband leave me?*” “*I have no idea*” said the rabbi. Noticing a very sad countenance on the woman the rabbi said “*How long have you been sad?*” “*Ever since the day I got married,*” she said to him. “*Now I know why your husband left you,*” said the wise rabbi, “*because an unhappy wife is a public rebuke to her husband. You are saying to everyone that looks at you my husband doesn't know how to make me happy, he's a failure!*” This is also why *Adonai* doesn't want unhappy believers in the Body of Messiah. He wants us to rejoice and ‘*In everything give thanks, for ths is the Will of G-d...*’ because an unhappy believer is a public rebuke to the L-rd. What is the key to having a grateful spirit? And this is so important! The key to having a grateful spirit is giving your expectations to *Adonai*. *Expectations destroy relationships*. Why is it harder to get along with people in our own family than it is with people outside our family? One simple reason, we don't expect as much from people outside our family. We expect more from people within our family, and those expectations destroy relationships. Now each of us have our responsibilities, and that is one thing, but its so easy to expect more! When girls get married they are going to have in the back of their minds a list of expectations that they have for that husband. You girls, expect them to love you, you expect him to tell you once in a while he loves you, you expect him to support you, you expect him to be faithful, you expect him... all these expectations! And so what happens if he fulfills these expectations? “So what!” I mean, you expected those things anyway. If he wants any special medals he has to go beyond your expectations. You know what that does? That makes your husband a prisoner of your expectations. And many men do not want to be prisoners. You know they will do? This isn't right, but they will try to get you to expect as little as possible. One day our rabbi was sitting in front of an older couple when the grandmother said to him, “*don't you think my husband ought to go to synagogue? Don't you think my husband ought to become a believer?*” and she went on and on like that. Finally she went in the kitchen to get refreshments and the grandfather turned to the rabbi, with a twinkle in his eye, and said to him “*Rabbi, I believe in Yeshua, but don't tell my wife! It is bad enough now!*” I have had the sad responsibility of talking with many husbands who have left their wives and it has taught me something. A while back a woman said to me “*Rabbi, my husband is working with a woman a pretty awkward situation, but I am not too worried but I am not too worried because she is not a very attractive woman.*” And I had to say to her “*based on what I have seen men run away with, no one is safe!*” I can't believe what these men have left behind and what they have run away with. It doesn't make any sense outwardly, so what is the attraction? And one of the most powerful attractive forces is gratefulness. Here is how it happens, a man works there and he gives a compliment to the woman, and she wasn't expecting that. Now she expresses appreciation for his thoughtfulness, and that encourages him. There is something a man needs which is fulfilled in being appreciated, honored, and revered. So he does another little thoughtful thing for her, and she wasn't expecting that so she is grateful and she thanks him even more than before. Pretty soon she says to herself, ‘*if only my husband was as sensitive and thoughtful as he is, we'd have a wonderful marriage.*’ But at the same time he is saying to himself, ‘*if only my wife was as thankful and grateful as she is, we'd have a happy marriage.*’ So what do they do? The irony of it is that they brake up their marriages and they come together and what do they have? A whole bunch of expectations! And the very expectations they come together with destroy that new relationship, along with a host of other judgments from *Elohim*. And thus the key is to take these expectations and to give them to *Elohim*. (see Psalm 62)

Let's suppose it's 6:30 PM and there's no husband. He knows he is supposed to call you if he is not going to be home in time for dinner. 7:00 PM and still no husband. 7:30 PM still no husband, finally at 7:45 PM your husband comes in. By this time the food is cold but the wife is hot, and nothing tastes good that night. Then let's say you follow these steps, next night 6:30 PM and no husband. 7:00 PM and still no husband. 7:30 PM still no husband, finally at 7:45 PM your husband comes in. This time you are thrilled to see him because you were not expecting him at all. You know I guarantee your husband will be aware of this new attitude. He'll wonder what you want, or what you did and you'll wonder how long is this going to last. And if it lasts, you've got yourself an exciting and wonderful work of *Adonai* in his life and yours. The Scripture & song for this is from Ps 62: '*MY SOUL, WAIT THOU ONLY, ONLY UPON GOD, FOR FROM HIM COMETH MY EXPECTATION.*' Don't expect things from human beings. *Adonai* is the one we have all our expectations from, if we give our expectations to him. *Don't give your responsibilities to Adonai, give only your expectations to Him!*

□ **A Servant Spirit:** this is the key to greatness because he that is greatest among you let him be servant of all. What is a servant spirit? It is becoming excited about making somebody else successful. *Yosef* became excited about making *Potiphar*, and later the prison-keeper and Pharaoh successful. *Adonai* will always bless a servant spirit. In fact the amazing result of this was the pretty soon *Potiphar* only knew the food in front of him and *Yosef* was responsible for the whole house. They reversed roles! Submission is really "*Freedom to be creative under the protection of God-given authority!*" The alternative to submission is not freedom but exploitation. So many today that are getting out from under God-given authority are being exploited. Exploited by other people, exploited by the world.

□ **A Quiet Spirit:** a meek and a quiet spirit is a great value, a great price. What is a quiet spirit? It is the freedom from worry and fear. Not giving way to hysterical fear. We are told to follow the example of *Sarah*. *Sarah* did not trust her husband. It says she trusted *Elohim* and called her husband lord (*ba'al*). And once we trust *Adonai* to work through His authorities, we do not have to give way to hysterical fear. The key is defining our responsibility and then defining our partner's responsibility and focusing on our responsibility and letting *Adonai* work out what He wants to with the partners. There are so many examples in Scripture and history that illustrate this. For example, Pilate's wife. She came to her husband the day he was going to try *Yeshua*, and she gave him a caution. She said, '*honey this is an innocent man I have had many troubled dreams because of him. Don't turn him over.*' Now was she right? She was totally accurate! And again husbands, *Adonai* will give your wife cautions for you and it will do you well to listen to them. But wives, if you give your cautions to your husband, and he doesn't listen, then you can be sure that *Adonai* is going to accomplish **His bigger purposes** even through your husband's failure. Can you imagine what would have happened if Pilate's wife had interfered with *Yeshua*'s trial? And yet she was right and he was wrong. But *Adonai* is able to accomplish His bigger purposes through even the mistakes of those in authority. That is why we are told in Proverbs 14:1 "*Every wise woman builds up her home, but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands (by taking matters in her own hands).*" When we take matters into our own hands we destroy our very home and family. Also by taking matters into your own hands you force your children to love and to hate because no one can serve two masters. One day a woman came to the rabbi and said "*Rav, my husband was about to make a very foolish business decision and he would have lost our whole business. So I took matters into my own hands and I saved our business.*" And she did. What she did not know was that *Adonai* was getting ready to discipline her husband with a foolish business decision and he was going to go bankrupt (see Proverbs 4-8) because he was secretly involved with another woman. And *Elohim* was going to chasten him and bring him back to repentance through that. But because she stepped in and saved the business he had plenty of money to run off with the woman, so she won the battle, but she lost the war. She ended up losing the husband, the business, the family,... she lost everything...

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