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WOMAN'S GOD-GIVEN VALUE – LESSON 3

DEBORAH AND Jael

Yesterday we saw in Genesis 2:18 where Jehovah God said, ***"It is not good that the 'adam should be (tending the earth) alone. I will make him an ezer for him."*** The "ezer" was to be a "female 'adam" as one who would be suitable for helping him to tend to the garden, even all the earth. The ezer was purposed as a co-equal, not as a servant.

The 'adam gave his ezer a name. It was Chavvah (Khav-vah') and she was an "isha" (meaning female.) So, the first ezer was an isha named Chavvah. The name Chavvah is translated to us as "Eve." We also gave the first 'adam the name of Adam.

Eve then became the mother (3:20) of all living 'adams to this very day. That is why we are all born of the race of 'Adam" or 'adam. We are born into 'adams sinful line.

God did not make the ezers (female line) to be inferior. They would be made different in physiology (physical attributes) but equal in all other ways. However, the superior physical strength of the ish (male) led them to exert power over the isha (female) as time went along. This led to our overall view of inequality as the males (ishi) of 'adam elevated themselves in position above the female 'adams (isha). We will show from scripture and from history that this was man's plan, not God's plan.

The first example I shall use to show God's heart is found in the history of Israel and in the bible during the time God anointed judges to rule over Israel. We see in Judges chapter 4 that the Canaanite king Jabin had greatly oppressed Israel for twenty years. God raised up a leader as Judge over Israel to deliver them. That judge was a prophetess by the name of Deborah, the fourth judge. Judges 4:4-5 says the children of Israel came to her for judgment, for rulership decisions, and guidance from God.

God gave her guidance of how to deliver Israel from the Canaanite oppression. She called out Barak to form an army to go against them. Barak said he would do it only if Deborah would go to battle with him. She agreed. Barak and Deborah together led an army of ten thousand against Sisera, the leader of the Canaanite army. They defeated that army, and Sisera was killed by a woman named Jael.

God used both women, Deborah, and Jael, to bring victory to his people Israel. This brought forty years of peace to the country. Barak received no credit from God for this victory. The credit all went to the two women that God used.

Yes, God chose them, not man. God did use men in many cases, but in this instance gives evidence that He shows no partiality based on sex. He will anoint whomever He chooses.