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“Initial Grace”

“The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” (Genesis 3:20)

The First Resourcer

Proverbs 31:13-15, 19-21, 26-29 – (13) “She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. (14) She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. (15) She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. (19) She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. (20) She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. (21) She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. (26) She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. (27) She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. (28) Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: (29) Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

Redemptive Reproof

2 Samuel 20:15-22 – (15) “And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down. (16) Then a wise woman called from the city, ‘Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, come here, that I may speak to you.’ (17) And he came near her, and the woman said, ‘Are you Joab?’ He answered, ‘I am.’ Then she said to him, ‘Listen to the words of your servant.’ And he answered, ‘I am listening.’ (18) Then she said, ‘They used to say in former times, ‘Let them but ask counsel at Abel,’ and so they settled a matter. (19) I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the heritage of the LORD?’ (20) Joab answered, ‘Far be it from me, far be it, that I should swallow up or destroy! (21) That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, called Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city.’ And the woman said to Joab, ‘Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.’ (22) Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.”

Mothering Mothers

Titus 2:3-5 – (3) “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, (4) and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, (5) to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”

Do What’s in Your Own Best Interest, Honor Your Mother

Proverbs 30:17 – “The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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