Daughter Be Spiritual

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Chapter 1 - Daughter, Is There a Curse Somewhere?

…**so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

Hebrews 11:3

Everything you see in the physical or natural world is a reflection of a spiritual reality. It is the spiritual that gives rise to the physical.

To understand the way forward, you need to know where you are spiritually. If you do not know where you are, you don't even know whether to turn left or right. Perhaps you are in the north or the south, but you would not know.

Which way do you turn? You will only know which way to turn by knowing where you are. In order to understand the state of women, you have to understand where women are, spiritually speaking.

The main thing that defines the spiritual state of women is the curse that took place in the Garden of Eden.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:16

Every woman falls squarely under the influence of this curse. When you study this curse thoughtfully, you will realize that no woman is exempted.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:15,16

If for instance you lived in a place that was prone to earthquakes and severe thunderstorms, you would build your house a little differently. If women understood these curses properly, they would build their houses with a little more wisdom and thereby save themselves.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman…

Genesis 3:15

Chapter 2 - Why Women Must Be Spiritual

The first component of the curse is the enmity between the woman and the devil. Most of us know that the serpent was Satan. In Revelation 12:9, Satan is described as "that old serpent which deceiveth the whole world". Right here is the explanation to many of the conditions we see in the world.

Satan is the enemy of all men and of anybody who serves the Lord. However, the fact that the Lord God particularly mentioned that there would be enmity between the woman and the serpent is very significant. You will notice that this does not apply to men.

If Satan is particularly against all women, this could explain why women have been targeted and destroyed all these years.

Although Satan is the enemy of all men, he is particularly the enemy of all women. This is what the Bible tells us. Satan's attacks come in different forms. This should make every woman more alert.

If the devil is particularly against women, what must women do? Every woman must take God seriously. Women must be very spiritual people who know their God. Do you think that you can fight that old serpent with your own strength? Woman, please do not deceive yourself.

Women Must Be Spiritual for Their Own Good

Every woman with direction must rise up and employ the weapons of spiritual warfare that God has placed in her hands through Christ.

What folly it is when women do not take God seriously. How unfortunate when they only look to their husbands and their marriages for hope and survival.

Dear woman, except the Lord helps you, you can never defeat the devil. But with the help of God and in the name of Jesus, you can give Satan a sound thrashing!

Perhaps this is the reason why the devil keeps many women from serving the Lord. Many ladies realize that their strength for survival comes from God. Because of this there are many women who are

spiritual and gravitate towards the Lord.

Yet, through marriage and related issues, many of these women are cut off from effectively serving the Lord. Through one excuse or the other, many women do not amount to much in the house of the Lord. Daughters, remember that the devil knows that he will win the fight against you once he can keep you down spiritually.

Daughters, you are special targets of the devil. I didn't say it! God said it! It is His Word. But there is good news for every woman! Rise up and break through every barrier that keeps you from being the spiritual woman with direction that you were born to be.

And I will put enmity…between thy seed and her seed...

Genesis 3:15

Satan has his eye on the woman. He fears and does not understand what the seed of the woman will be and how it will affect him. Whatever that seed is, it is connected to the woman. If you were the devil, you would attack the woman so the seed which is intended to bruise your head would never come forth. This is what is happening in the world.

There is a concerted attack by Satan on all types of women. That is why women must be spiritual. The attacks are multifaceted and multidimensional.

Women almost seem to be at a disadvantage for being born into the body of a female. By the time you finish reading this book you will no longer be at a disadvantage.

You will find yourself coming out of every negative situation by the wisdom of God. You will be a spiritual woman with direction!

Chapter 3 - Understanding the Seed of the Woman

Natural Seed and Spiritual Seed

Every woman will produce two types of seed or fruit. The "natural seed" and "the spiritual seed".

The "natural seed" of the woman speaks of the natural children that she brings forth. The "spiritual seed" speaks of the spiritual fruit and spiritual impact of a woman's life and ministry. Every woman can have some spiritual fruit.

Since the enemy knows that the seed of the woman is what will bruise the head of the serpent, he attacks that seed all the time.

Satan Attacks the Natural Seed

The seed of the woman is a special target of Satan. The enemy does not want the woman to bring forth a child. This explains why childbearing is fraught with so many problems. Satan wants to prevent that son or daughter from coming forth from your loins. A close look at the Bible will show you that many great men were born to women who were initially barren. Sarah, the mother of Isaac was initially barren.

And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 16:2

Rachel who is seen as the mother of Israel, was initially barren. **And when**

Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

Genesis 30:1

The mother of Samson was also initially barren.

And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

Judges 13:2

Samuel's mother is another example of someone whose seed was under attack.

…**but Hannah had no children.**

1 Samuel 1:2

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, is a New Testament example of someone whose seed was blocked for many years.

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Luke 1:7

Woman with direction, somebody great will come out from your womb. That is why the enemy will try to hinder you from marrying or having children. If you believe in this part of the Scripture, then you will understand why demons are particularly interested in harassing women.

Satan Also Attacks the Spiritual Seed

Women are prophetically destined to make a significant spiritual impact. I have observed that the role of spiritual women has increased. More and more women are making a difference in lay ministry and full-time ministry. You cannot rule them out. Their seed is significantly impacting the work of ministry. Women are preaching, singing, teaching and having visions. This is a role that God has carved out for all who care for spiritual things.

The Three Mary's

When Mary, sister of Martha, was seated at Jesus' feet listening to His words He declared that she was doing the one thing needful!

When Mary Magdalene saw the risen Christ even before the apostles, the whole church received an important message: Women are treasured by the Lord! Women are loved by the Lord! Women are special to the Saviour!

When Mary, mother of Jesus, received her salutation from the angel, she received perhaps the most treasured words ever spoken to a woman.

For the angel declared, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women…for thou hast found favour with God" (Luke 1:28-30).

These three Mary's left an indelible spiritual mark that has lasted forever.

That is why the name "Mary", is one of the most positive and meaningful names to be given to a woman. Their example must be followed by all who desire to bring forth spiritual seed.

A woman with direction must rise up in the realm of the spirit and refuse to be defeated. Daughter, you cannot prevent the devil from hating you. He is against your spiritual seed but it shall surely come forth!

Chapter 4 - Understanding the Curse Associated with Childbearing

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy

conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children…

Genesis 3:16

These words you read above are the reason for the creation of the obstetric and gynaecological professions. As a medical doctor, it has always amazed me how a large department could be created because of the female reproductive organs.

We do not have large departments for treating intestines or livers. But we do have massive blocks for treating the diseases associated with the female reproductive organs.

There is such a need for a specialized department of obstetrics and gynaecology. At the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, Ghana, where I was trained, there are four main blocks as well as many smaller departments. One of the main blocks has to do with obstetrics and the other large department has to do with children (paediatric block).

So you can see that there are many problems associated with conception and the bringing forth of children.

The female reproductive system has received much attention because of this curse.

When we are born again, we are not delivered from this curse. That is an obvious reality. Women who are born again still undergo pain and sorrow in childbearing.

Christ did not come to release us from the curse of Adam. All men, including Christian men, still earn money by the sweat of their brow. That curse has not been lifted; you and I are still labouring under the sentence.

Some people teach that Christ has redeemed us from the curse so that when they are in labour they would have no pain or difficulty. Dear sister, do not deceive yourself and do not kill yourself. Through the wisdom of medical science, which is God-given, you can circumvent the effects of the curse. It is not a spiritual fight. It is a battle in which wisdom is a key player.

Dear woman with direction, apply the wisdom that God has made available and you will find yourself sailing through this life and having children without the curse working against you.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. There are many

curses in the Bible. There are the curses of Adam and Eve, the curse of Ham, the curse on Jericho, the curse of the Law and the list goes on.

Christ Jesus delivered us from the curse of the Law and not from the curse of Adam and Eve.

Christ hath redeemed us from the CURSE OF THE LAW, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 3:13

The curse of the Law can be found in Deuteronomy 28 where Moses outlines the curse that comes upon those that do not keep the Law.

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; THAT ALL THESE CURSES shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Deuteronomy 28:15

Please do not make the mistake of equating the curse of the Law with the curse of Adam and Eve. I will now share with you the key to overcoming this curse.

Chapter 5 - Overcoming the Curse Associated with Childbearing

Wisdom is the principal thing. Wisdom is what we need. Wisdom is the key for overcoming impossible situations. Every female problem will be solved with the wisdom of God.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Proverbs 4:7-8

Once again, the wisdom of God is the key to overcoming impossible situations. Medical science is God's blessing to humanity. Medical knowledge is God-given wisdom.

The curse associated with childbearing can be overcome by the use of

medical science. Medical science is the application of God-given wisdom.

In advanced countries, the maternal mortality rate, which is the number of deaths of women from childbearing, is less than 0.1 per 1000 total births. This means that a woman rarely dies from childbearing.

In the nineteenth century, the number of deaths of women from childbearing was alarming! It was caused mainly by things like sepsis (infections), eclampsia (high blood pressure in pregnant women), complications of labour and haemorrhage (excessive bleeding).

These complications of childbearing have been there from time immemorial. In recent times, the application of medical wisdom has changed the story of childbearing.

This has largely been due to an improvement in the health and nutrition of the population. It has also been due to the control of infection, blood transfusion, advances in the fields of surgery, anaesthesia and resuscitation.

When I was a student in obstetrics and gynaecology, my professor told me that when a woman has a shoe size less than size five, she is likely to have difficulties in labour.

You see, the shoe size gives an indication of the dimensions of the pelvic bones. There must have been a whole lot of women with small shoe sizes who suffered terribly and even died in labour. But today, with the application of wisdom and modern science, women hardly need to fear childbirth.

This is the principle I want you to understand. It is the same principle applied by the poor wise man who delivered the city by wisdom.

The curse of Adam presents itself as a hopeless and impossible sentence. Whenever you are faced with difficult and impossible situations never forget that wisdom can deliver you.

Wisdom is the principal thing. With all your getting, get wisdom. It will promote you and help you greatly in your life. This curse is not circumvented by using spiritual methods.

Chapter 6 - Understanding the Curse Associated with Marriage

…**and thy desire shall be to thy husband...**

Genesis 3:16

This is an unusual curse but we see it everyday. It is not wrong for a man to desire a woman or for a woman to desire a man.

However, the desire for a husband has been made into a curse because it was part of the woman's punishment for disobeying. From then on, desiring a man would be part of God's punishment for all women.

In other words, the desire of women for husbands has taken on an added negative dimension. Marriage presents many frustrations to women across the globe.

It is an open secret that many married women are not happy. We can all see the troubles that married people go through. In Europe, people simply don't marry any more; they just live together.

We constantly see married couples being prayed for and counselled. Many married women are frustrated and disillusioned with the concept of marriage. There are many women who would be happier without husbands to rule over them.

Many of the nations of this world have fought for independence from foreign rule. Nobody wants to be ruled and dominated by another.

"Freedom" is the reason why many wars have been fought.

People feel that they would be happier if they were free from an oppressor's rule. Yet, women do not fight for independence from men but rather fight to come under the domination of a husband! Mercy!

There are many women who know that they would be more fulfilled if they remained single. Yet, there is an invisible force that makes them desire husbands. There must be a curse somewhere!

Sometimes women are unable to get these husbands. Instead of living happy and fulfilled lives, they plod through life like disappointed and disillusioned travellers.

…**and he shall rule over thee.**

Genesis 3:16

The Scripture makes it clear that the husband will rule over the woman. This means that the woman will be dominated and governed by the man.

This is also a curse.

The last line of the national anthem of my country declares:

“*And help us to resist oppressor's rule with all our will and might forever more.”*

Think about it; if a whole nation is taught to "resist oppressor's rule", then it must be a bad thing to be ruled by an oppressor.

Yet, many women see oppressive men and desire to be ruled by them. Where does this irresistible desire come from? The answer is found in the curse pronounced in the garden of Eden.

There are many married women who have wise ideas and take good decisions. But they are ruled and dominated by foolish husbands. There are many men who do not exhibit the wisdom of a ruler, but they occupy the place of a governor in the marriage.

It is very difficult to live with someone who does not lead in the right direction. It is distressing to follow a leader who is unreasonable. However, this is the lot of many women. This also is a curse!

Accepting that there is a curse is a first step to your victory. Understanding how this curse plays out is key to getting your victory. Let us now learn how to overcome this curse.

Chapter 7 - Overcoming the Curse Associated with Marriage

How does a woman come out of this apparently hopeless state of affairs? BY WISDOM! It is possible to overcome the desire for a husband by applying the wisdom in the Word of God.

When a woman of direction applies the wisdom of God, she will perceive marriage in the right context. I want you to see and understand what marriage can and cannot do for you.

You will have a blind desire for a husband when you don't understand what God is trying to do for you.

You can be single and very happy. All women whether married or unmarried need to get this right. This is not a teaching for single people. It is a teaching for women with direction.

A woman must ask herself, "What is my purpose in life?"

A Woman's Purpose

A woman with direction is a woman who has discovered her real reason for being in this world. The real reason for every woman to be in this world is not to find a husband. Neither is it to bring forth children, per se. Your purpose in this world is to serve the Lord and to do His perfect will.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

God has ordained great works for every woman. When an unmarried woman discovers that her main purpose is to accomplish the will of God, she will be content. When a married woman discovers that her main purpose in this life is to do the will of the Father, she will become a fulfilled woman.

Don't Look for Happiness in a Man

If you look to your husband (even Christian husbands) for fulfilment, you will not be a happy person. If you look to God for fulfilment you will be satisfied. Many married women, who have discovered this concept, no longer look to their husbands for fulfilment.

I have talked with numerous single and married women. The secret to happiness for both of them is the same. Serve the Lord, give yourself to God, live for Him and thereby walk in fulfilment.

Look for Happiness in God

Have you ever wondered why Jesus never considered getting married?

Marriage is an arrangement that adds another dimension to life on this earth.

Jesus didn't need that dimension to be fulfilled. Jesus did not need to be married in order to be happy in this life.

Jesus gave the secret to His happiness upon this earth.

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:34

Meat is the nice part of food that we all enjoy. Jesus pointed out that his enjoyment came by doing and finishing the will of God.

Let's face it! How long will you live on this earth? How many more years do you have to go before you leave this earth?

When we get to Heaven, there will be no husbands and wives.

For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Matthew 22:30

Will having a husband affect your future happiness in Heaven? When a woman concentrates on her real purpose for this life, she becomes a happy person.

The story of Kathryn Khulman exemplifies this principle. When Kathryn Khulman walked away from her controversial marriage that had brought much pain and disillusionment, she was able to concentrate on her ministry.

By concentrating on her ministry, as a divorced and single woman, she accomplished what many men have not been able to do. I believe she's in glory today. Do you think her being married or not matters now?

Husbands Can Quench Your Call

Many women cannot fulfil their ministries because of their husbands. One day, they will have to give an account of their ministries that never materialised. I know female pastors who have been banned by their husbands from even going to church.

Many husbands are not comfortable with their wives being so active in the ministry. Married women may seem to be elevated socially by their marital status. But one day, it is women who have fulfilled their ministries who will be proud and joyful in Heaven.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness…

2 Timothy 4:7,8

This crown is laid up for women with direction! Women with direction fight a good fight and finish their course. This crown is not laid up for women because they have husbands!

This crown is not given to women because they have had children! It is laid up for women who have kept the faith! Does your marriage allow you to keep the faith?

Does your marriage allow you to be a Christian? Does your marriage allow you to be in the ministry, as you would love to? Does your marriage allow you to fight and finish your course? Will you finish your course of ministry?

Come out of the curse by renewing your mind. Set your sights on things above. Women with direction, no man (even Christian men) can give you the fulfilment I am talking about. From today, let this mind be in you. The curse of desiring a man to dominate you will disappear in the name of Jesus.

When this wisdom is in you, you will be a different kind of woman. It is only by renewing your mind that you can overcome the curse!

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