

Impact 3:16

Woman's Punishment (Gn 3:16)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. New series of lessons on the "Impact 3:16" verses.
 - a. We are going to start today by looking at the very first "3:16" we find in the Bible.
 - i. **Gn 3:16** "To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.""¹
3. Background
 - a. Man was created without one like him.
 - i. **Gn 2:20**
 - b. Woman was created for man as his helper.
 - i. **Gn 2:18**
 - c. Woman and man sinned.
 - i. **Gn 3:1-6**
 - d. God punishes the serpent (Satan).
 - i. **Gn 3:14**
 - e. God makes a prophecy.
 - i. **Gn 3:15**
 - f. God dishes out woman's punishment.
 - i. **Gn 3:16**

I. Her Pain Multiplied In Child Bearing

- A. The physical
 1. There can be no doubt that this is seen.
 - i. Someone once said, "don't give your wife your hand to hold when she is giving birth, you won't be able to use it afterward."
 2. Giving birth in an extremely painful way is not seen in lower creation.
 - i. Birds, dogs, cows...don't have the same level of pain or have no real pain at all under normal birthing situations.
- B. The spiritual
 1. The purpose of multiplying the pain of woman during child bearing.
 - i. Brother Coffman said it best when he wrote, "The frightful pangs of childbirth do not appear in nature in similar situations in the lower creation, and they are a continual reminder to all men of the fallen estate of the race." (from Coffman's Bible Commentary, Copyright © 1971-1993 by ACU Press, Abilene Christian University. All rights reserved.)
 - ii. A multiplied pain in child bearing is a continual visual reminder of man's fall from God and the need to return to Him.

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2. This is clearly seen in Paul's writing.
 - i. Paul writes concerning this very topic...
 - a. **I Ti 2:15** "Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control."
 - ii. This is not saying a woman has to have kids to be saved.
 - a. The idea being presented is thus, a women if they stay within their role as wife and mother will be saved.

II. Desire For Her Husband Who Shall Rule Over Her

A. Some things this does not mean

1. Some have concluded...

- i. "A joyful marriage became an unequal partnership (3:16b)." (Strassner, K. (2009). *Opening up Genesis*. Opening Up Commentary. Leominster: Day One Publications.)
 - a. First just because "he shall rule over you" was given does not mean that there is an unequal partnership.
 1. This is simply a role that each have. Both are "equal" is God's eyes.
 - i. **Ga 3:28** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
 - b. Second this role was given at creation not after the fall and is not limited just to husband and wives.
 1. **I Co 11:3, 9** "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God...9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man." (NKJV)
- ii. "In marriage this means that husbands take the role of Christ and put their wives first..." (Richards, L. O. (1991). *The Bible reader's companion* (electronic ed.) (27). Wheaton: Victor Books.)
 - a. Ruling over does not mean putting first.
 1. Not one time do we find Christ saying He is going to put the church first but we do find Him putting the Father first.
 - i. **Lk 2:49** "And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (NKJV)
 - ii. **Jn 6:38** "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."

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B. The meaning of the text

1. What does it mean to say she shall desire her husband?
 - i. It cannot mean she will need her husband “more.”
 - a. She already was created “for man” and was created to be his “helpmate”
 1. **Gn 2:18** “Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.””
 - ii. It means woman will now have a “need” to marry.
 - a. Woman was created to be a wife and to be a helper.
 1. Though a woman can go without marrying and be Scripturally sound (**I Co 7**) that will not make her fill complete. Her desire is to marry.
2. What does it mean to say her husband shall rule over her?
 - i. It means she is to be in subjection to her husband.
 - ii. We can look at Christ to see what biblical subjection is as one who learned “obedience” and “subjection.”
 - i. Wives are to have complete love for their husbands.
 - a. Not a superficial physical love but a biblical, willing to give their life love.
 1. **I Co 13**
 - ii. Wives are to yield to their husband’s advice.
 - a. This isn’t agree with your husband always but yielding to his advice as long as it is biblically sound.
 1. **Mt 26:39** “And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.””
 - iii. Wives are to be respectful to their husbands.
 - a. This is the idea of holding your husband in high regard.
 1. **Ep 5:33** “However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”
 - iv. Wives are to study their husbands.
 - a. Learn what it means to be a proper wife for your husband. Every man is different and everybody grows and changes. Keep up with him, his desires, his interests, his spiritual maturity...
 1. **Ti 2:4** “and so train the young women to love their husbands and children”

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CONCLUSION

1. Brethren let us never forget we each have specific, God given, roles that we need to fulfill to have the best possible life here on earth.
 - a. This only happens if we have the knowledge of what God's expects from us.
2. Question: Husbands are you leading in such a way that it is easy for your wives to submit to your authority? Wives are you submitting to you husbands authority in respect and love?
 - a. My prayer and hope is each are doing what they should.
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**