



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

If there is anyone teaching about godliness in life, it should be us, Christian's. The Israelites suffered ruin for making the name of God profane and their relationship a mockery in the eyes of those around because of their ungodly behavior. Let's speak to the married in Christ. Those that are married should be speaking volumes to the world about how to live and have a godly home. The world should see Christ in us saying Christ makes a great difference in our lives, just look at the attitudes and desires in my home.

I am not certain how long Sarah and Abraham were married. They were married when they left Ur (Genesis 11:29, 31). We do know Abraham was ten years older than Sarah and when they left Haran, she was sixty five (Genesis 12:4). Upon her passing, she was 127 years of age (Genesis 27:1). We know between these times they were married at least sixty-two years. From what I can find it looks like they were in Haran approximately eight years. That would have them married seventy years. It is possible it could have been longer. Whatever the length of their marriage was, Abraham missed her terribly when she passed (Genesis 23:1-2).

All of their married life they moved! They went through many things together from moving about, to famines, to making a journey to Egypt having to cover up she was his wife because of her beauty (Genesis 12:12-16), the trip back to Canaan, to jealousy because of Hagar, having a child in her old age, (for which she received a rebuke for her laughter, Genesis 18:12-15) and the list goes on and on. What varied life experiences they went through together. In all her married life she wandered the land of Canaan for sixty-two of those years following her husband until she was laid in her grave. A loving, faithful wife all her years then came her rest and the end of a sojourn.

Peter calls on her as a godly example for godly women to follow. ***"For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear."*** (I Peter 3:5-6) If her heart and attitude were not right toward the Lord, only being submissive *"once in a while"* or not having a respectful behavior toward him, she could never have been used as a role model. It was recognition from the Lord God for women today to live by! It was recorded for eternity. It should get the attention of those sincere in heart!

Thank the Lord for long, sustaining marriages. But more than that thank the Lord for the godly examples set when marriages are truly built around Jesus and Him crucified. Too many "act" the part of loving the Lord while their marriage is sometimes worse than the lost world. What a mockery of the Lord. In marriages there are difficulties at times but Christ gives a reason to move forward and a rallying point to solve difficulties. Christ in us should make Christ in our homes very visible! In the end, the bond that is grown, the lives that are shared around the Lord will be fulfilling only to start another journey called **eternity**. That will be in the presence of God. Sarah followed all her married life. She was placed before us as godly and how to live godly as a wife. In the end, Abraham ***followed her!*** Think about it!!!

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