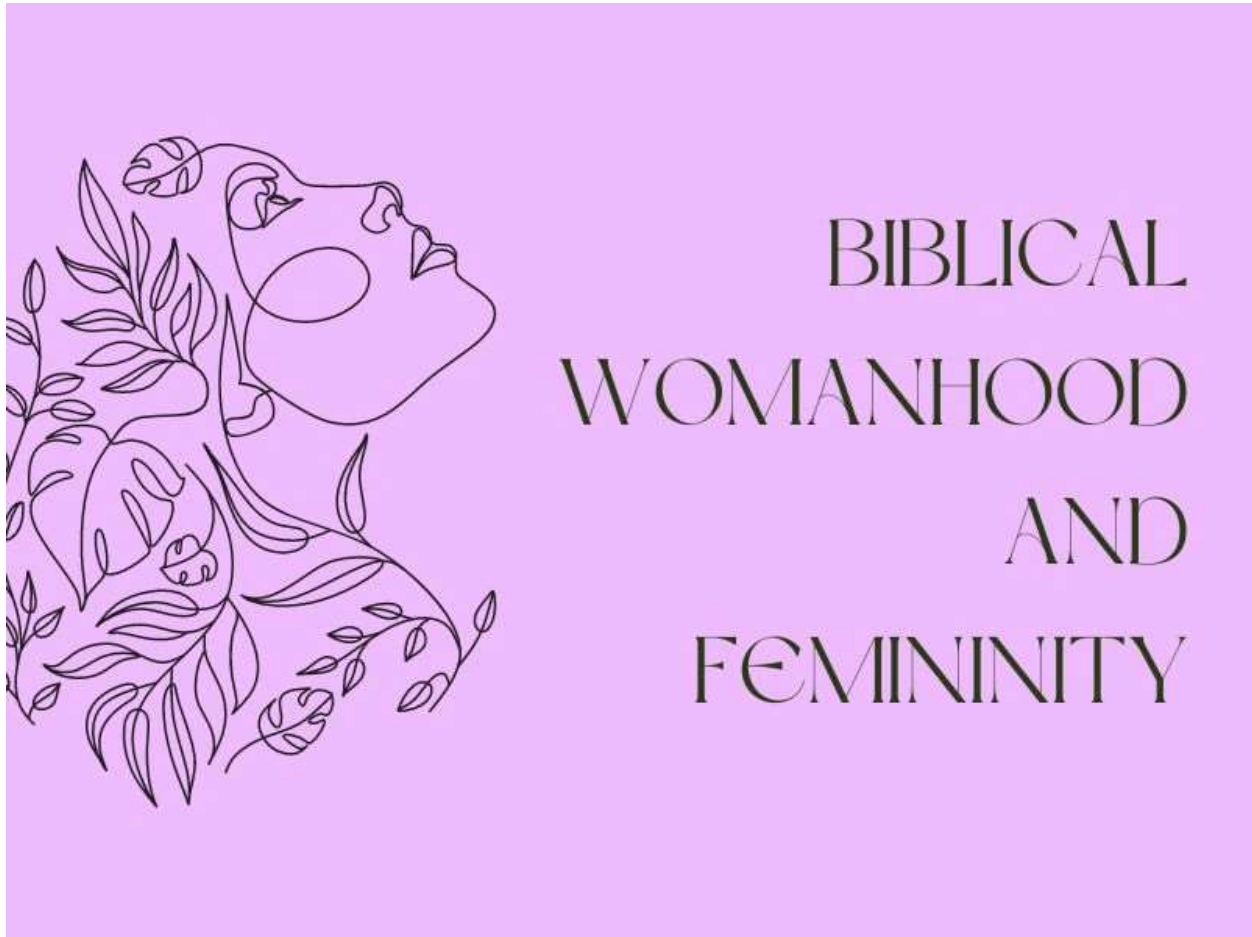


# Being a believer in the modern world

## Part 2

### Feminism vs Biblical Womanhood



The world would have us believe that all women (and even men) need to be feminists – that we need to fight for women’s rights and equality, because, of course, there isn’t equality in Western society these days. We are told that women should have a career and prioritize ourselves over our families. We hear that staying at home to be homemakers and to care for our families is antiquated and a form of slavery and oppression.

Women in society today are loud, lewd, dress to leave little or nothing to the imagination, glorify sleeping around, fight for the “right” to murder their unborn children, and even proclaim that the world doesn’t need men!

I’d like to compare the modern feminist with Biblical femininity and what the Scriptures say about womanhood.

## **What is a feminist?**

“Feminism, the belief in social, economic, and political equality of the sexes.” – Britannica.

“Third-wave feminism is a feminist movement that began in the early 1990s, prominent in the decades prior to the fourth wave. Grounded in the civil-rights advances of the second wave, Gen X third-wave feminists born in the 1960s and 1970s embraced diversity and individualism in women, and sought to redefine what it meant to be a feminist. The third wave saw the emergence of new feminist currents and theories, such as intersectionality, sex positivity, vegetarian ecofeminism, transfeminism, and postmodern feminism. According to feminist scholar Elizabeth Evans, the "confusion surrounding what constitutes third-wave feminism is in some respects its defining feature." – Third wave, or modern feminism, as described by the Wiki.

“Fourth-wave feminism is a feminist movement that began around 2012, characterized by a focus on the empowerment of women, the use of internet tools, and intersectionality. It seeks greater gender equality by focusing on gendered norms and the marginalization of women in society. The movement focuses on sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual violence, the objectification of women, and sexism in the workplace. Fourth-wave feminism broadens its focus to other groups, including people identifying as homosexual, transsexual, and people of color, advocating for their increased societal participation and power. The movement arose amid a number of high-profile incidents. Critics of "white feminism," which ignores the unique struggles of women of color, expose how non-white feminists and ideas have been suppressed, and trans rights are a big part of the conversation.” – Fourth wave, or modern feminism, as described by the Wiki.

Modern liberal feminists, sometimes called third or even fourth-wave feminists, dominate the media with their angry voices. I see so many blue-haired women screaming about how awful men are and about every “social justice” movement they can think of. I can’t help but wonder, if feminism is really so great then why are they so excessively angry all the time?

Feminism was supposed to be the fight for equal rights for both men and women – something I support in theory because YAHUAH created us equally, side-by-side, woman made from man’s rib. But feminism has become a movement to tread on masculinity and hate all men whilst women try to become as masculine as possible.

## **The beginning of feminism and the suffrage movement:**

The big rise in feminism began with the suffrage movements in Britain and the United States. Groups of women got the notion into their heads that they needed the right to vote, that they were entitled to it.

When I was in school I learned all about their bravery in the face of overwhelming adversity, how they went on hunger strikes for women's rights, how their protests were peaceful and how the suffragettes were supported by all women.

But that history is fabricated to support modern feminism!

In my research, I have learned that the vast majority of women did not support the suffragettes, and didn't even want the vote! In the US, the average was an overwhelming 96% of women who either didn't want the vote or were just disinterested! The women in Britain had a similar attitude. There were anti-suffrage leagues established in both countries, who fought against what they considered a dangerous movement, insisting that women were made by the Most High to be keepers of the home, raising their children and being complementary helpmeets to their husbands.

Gertrude Bell, an accomplished woman in her own right and a secretary of the anti-suffrage campaign in the UK, "believed that the vast majority of women lacked the intellectual capacity to engage in political debate"! (I don't think she was wrong!)

While many modern feminists today would argue that this statement is misogynistic and sexist, Bell's statement still rings true! Most of the women screaming in the political debate are truly uneducated when it comes to political issues, and even basic history in women's and human rights.

The history of the anti-suffrage movements is really interesting, so I've added a few links at the end of this section for you to have a look at if you're interested.

## **Transgenderism and the mockery of womanhood.**

Transgenderism, as I've touched on previously, is a direct attack on womanhood and femininity! Modern feminists are mostly supportive of transgenderism, and yet lack the insight to see that the very nature of transgenderism has reduced all their "work towards female equality" to dust!

Men can, these days, claim to actually BE women, entering themselves into women's sports, wearing women's clothes and even being allowed into women's bathrooms and locker rooms with no consequences!

We see increasing cases like the Willian (Lia) Thomas saga happening all over, with horrifying stories coming out of women being assaulted in places where they should feel completely safe, by men pretending to be women in order to go around stealing from them or harming them.

These men, like Thomas or the infamous Dylan Mulvaney, make a mockery of womanhood, taking things sacred to femininity and ridiculing them for the world to see.

We must all take a stand and speak out against the abomination of these actions, even though we will receive backlash. This is unacceptable to YAHUAH and should therefore be unacceptable to us as well!

### **What does the Bible say about womanhood?**

*Likewise, that the women dress themselves becomingly, with decency and sensibleness, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly garments, but with good works, which is becoming for women undertaking worship of Elohim. Let a woman learn in silence, in all subjection. But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, rather, to be in silence. Because Adam was formed first, then Hawwah (Eve). And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, fell into transgression. But she shall be saved in childbearing if they continue in belief, and love, and set-apartness, with sensibleness. 1 Timothy 2:9-15*

Here we see a very controversial view of women, especially the second part of the verse. But I think this is pretty much a good view of femininity and womanhood. The world makes a show of women flaunting their bodies, increasingly so to “stick it to the patriarchy;” (how does that even make any sense?) Money is thrown into fancy clothes and accessories, getting nails and hair done, even plastic surgery. None of this is sensible in any way!

Seeing that many of these women are unhappy in general, lacking true joy in their lives, the ways of the world prove once again to lead only to sadness and destruction.

We see in this passage that good works, service, are to be chosen above vanities! Serving others truly does lead to joy!

The passage also suggests that women should not be vocal and outspoken, rather leaving the men to speak publicly. Many women, even good, Christian women, would strongly disagree with this idea. But looking around at all the women on social media and other public platforms these days, I tend to agree – as a woman myself. The outspoken feminists and liberals that I see should not have a speaking platform at all, since most of what they are speaking about (or screaming and crying about) is full of hatred and sinfulness!

*A woman showing favour obtains esteem, but ruthless men obtain riches.*  
Proverbs 11:16

Woman of faith obtain esteem – not esteem from the world, no, but esteem from the Father! Our reward is not riches and fame in this world, but the reward from the Father for our faithfulness.

*It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and vexed woman.*  
Proverbs 21:19

This verse, and the others like it in Proverbs, tends to give me a giggle. This used to be me – the nagging, annoying and contentious woman, I'm ashamed to admit. I thank the Father that He taught me the meaning of words like "haughty" and "humble". Unfortunately, so many women today choose to fall under the "haughty" category, being proud of a sinful lifestyle, and of their fighting and nagging against all things good and holy.

As the verse says, it would be better to live out alone in the wilderness than to live with someone like that! Strong words, but true.

*And YAHUAH Elohim said, "It is not good for the man to be alone, I am going to make a helper for him, as his counterpart." Genesis 2:18*

While the previous verse from Proverbs is very true and accurate, that was not YAHUAH's plan for women. He did not want men to be alone, He designed a helpmeet for Adam, a woman that could complement him and help him in life, to be by his side and support him and love him, just as Adam would support and love her, complementing her.

Even today, men and women are designed this way, but our sinful natures come in the way of this design. Both men and women have characteristics that are not ideal, that are unhelpful in the role of being partners to one another – none of us is perfect in this fallen world! But we can work towards doing our best for each other by relying on the Father and His Ruach to guide us in our daily lives, and by rejecting the ideas and ways of this modern age.

*Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as is proper in the Master.*  
Colossians 3:18

As women, we are to respect our husbands and submit to them as our leaders under YAHUAH.

*Every wise woman has built her house, but the foolish breaks it down with her hands.* Proverbs 14:1

This verse is quite heavy! It is easy to break down our home and relationships with our words and actions. It's easy to let a harsh tongue rule in a moment of

weakness, but words can truly hurt! It is foolish to allow ourselves to break down our home and hurt our loved ones in moments of impatience or anger. In striving to be wise, we should tame our tongues, and minds, to tend towards patience and love, in order to build up our relationships and homes.

I see so many examples of the foolish woman on social media sadly. So many women are happy to mock their husbands and complain about their children publicly on social media! Complaining constantly about their loved ones. How can we be loving wives and mothers when we can't even be nice to our families and speak well of them to others?

*A capable wife is the crown of her husband, but one causing shame is like rotteness in his bones. Proverbs 12:4*

What is a capable wife? We can make many arguments for this. I'll go into more detail later when we look at the famous (or perhaps infamous) Proverbs 31 woman later.

I'd like to address the second part of the verse now. A wife causing shame. Those words don't hold back – she is like rotteness in her husband's bones! The way that many women act definitely cause shame to their husbands and families. And many actions of the modern woman or feminist are very shameful indeed. They advocate for the right to murder their preborn children, to sleep around with no ramifications, to have open relationships and multiple partners, and even to be in same-sex relationships. These behaviors are shameful to each of these women individually, but also to their families.

*The older women likewise are to be set-apart in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of what is good, in order for them to train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, blameless, workers at home, good, subject to their own husbands, in order that the word of Elohim is not evil spoken of. Titus 2:3-5*

Unfortunately, for a few generations now, older women have failed in this role of being good examples to younger women and teaching them how to live a decent, meaningful life. We are in the third, some argue the fourth, wave of feminism now. Women for generations before us have been drawn out of the home and taught that a gentle life of homeliness and simplicity, of lovingly serving their husbands and raising their children, is oppression. Women believe that to have a well-lived life they need to complete a tertiary education, succeed in a career, and only then have a family that they hand over to others training rather than raising them themselves. This goes against the Biblical values of womanhood! And we have lost generations of women to this set of beliefs.

Young women need good examples of loving wives and mothers, who are homemakers who lovingly serve their families, in order for them to one day pass the knowledge on to a future generation of women.

*For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.* Genesis 2:24

This was the idea for men and women from the beginning, for them to leave the home of their parents once they were grown and to marry and bring their own children into the world.

In contrary, the world supports the idea of living with parents for much longer, and sometimes even never having children or marrying for many a selfish reason. (I'm not talking about infertility or the lack of finding a suitable partner, I'm only talking about those who choose this lifestyle for selfish reasons like wanting to keep their money to themselves or wanting to be free to have multiple relationships.)

*It is better to dwell in a corner of a roof, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.* Proverbs 21:9

Here's another one of these! Another example of how unpleasant some women can be. Our aim is to be the opposite of this!

*Let your women be silent in the assemblies, for they are not allowed to speak, but let them subject themselves, as the Torah also says.* 1 Corinthians 14:34

I've already touched on this. It would be much better for the hostile, yelling feminists to be quiet and take a backseat for a while!

*“And I put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He shall crush your head, and you shall crush His heel.” To the woman He said, “I greatly increase your sorrow and your conception – bring forth children in pain. And your desire is for your husband, and he does rule over you.”* Genesis 3:15-16

In the original fall into sin in the Garden of Eden, the woman was cursed – cursing every future women at the same time. This is the curse we have to deal with all our lives. But we can come in the opposite spirit to this curse and aim to live our lives in service to YAHUAH and our families and homes, serving them in love and patience, and drawing closer to the original design for women that the Father had in mind from the very beginning.

*A foolish son is a calamity to his father, and the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.* Proverbs 19:13

Yet another example – nagging and contention being compared to a leaking roof... Definitely not pleasant to live with!

*Wives in the same way: reverent, not false accusers, sober, trustworthy in every way.* 1 Timothy 3:11

Some wise instructions! Are we being trustworthy and sober, honest and faithful? Definitely something to consider in introspection!

*In the same way, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that if any are disobedient to the Word, they, without a word, might be won by the behavior of their wives, having seen your blameless behavior in fear. Your adornment should not be outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on dresses – but the hidden man of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a meek and peaceable spirit, which is of great value before Elohim. For in this way, in former times, the set-apart women who trusted in Elohim also adorned themselves, being subject to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him master, of whom you became children, doing good, and not frightened by any fear.* 1 Peter 3:1-6

The apostle Peter gives us some wise instructions here! As good wives, living for YAHUAH and for our families, we can be a good example even to wayward husbands “without a word”, leading them to the Father by our service and actions alone! That’s pretty amazing!

Our “ornament”, what makes us beautiful, should be a spirit of peace and humility rather than our clothes, jewelry or makeup; because our character is more important to the Father than our outwardly appearances.

We are to submit to the Father, and to our husbands. We should live our lives keeping Torah and doing good works, fearing YAHUAH and nothing else. This is difficult to achieve in reality, but it is definitely a goal to work towards! While human nature, and the ideas of society, wants us to rebel against authority and leadership, and leads us into anxiety and fear of all sorts of things, we need to rely on the Father to guide us towards His ideals for us!

*There is a difference between a wife and a maiden. The unmarried woman is concerned about the matters of the Master, that she might be set-apart both in body and in spirit. But she who is married is concerned about the matters of the world – how to please her husband.* 1 Corinthians 7:34

This is a set of instructions for both maidens – unmarried women – and wives.

Women who are unmarried should live their lives for the Most High alone, dedicating their bodies and minds to Him, learning about His Word and furthering His kingdom in whichever ways He leads them.



Married women live their lives for YAHUAH as well, but also for their husbands, and children if they have them. Our service changes again – into service for our families. In submitting to and respecting our husbands and raising our children in a godly and righteous home.

All of this is once again in contrary to what society wants from women. Even wives and mothers are expected to be out of the home in “successful” careers, having a family being only secondary in importance to life outside of the home.

*Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Master. Ephesians 5:22*

Another instruction for us wives to submit to our husbands. We are to respect and love them as our leaders in Messiah.

*“A woman does not wear that which pertains to a man, nor does a man put on a woman’s garment, for whoever does this is an abomination to YAHUAH your Elohim. Deuteronomy 22:5*

This one is especially important today, and is definitely applicable to those who are a part of the LGBT (etc alphabet soup) community. It is an abomination to cross-dress! As women, we need to reclaim soft, feminine clothing rather than trying to dress masculine, it feels much better and it pleases the Father.

*Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies. The heart of her husband shall trust her, and he has no lack of gain. She shall do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She shall seek wool and flax, and with delight she works with her hands. She shall be as the ships of Tarshish, she brings in her food from afar. She also rises while it is still night, and provides food for her household, and what is lawful for her girls. She shall consider a field and buy it; from her profits she shall plant a vineyard. She shall gird herself with strength, and strengthen her arms. She shall taste when her gain is good; her lamp does not go out by night. She shall stretch out her hands to the distaff, and her hand shall hold the spindle. She shall extend her hand to the poor, and she shall reach out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is dressed in scarlet. She shall make tapestry for herself; she is dressed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. She shall make fine linen and sell them, and shall give girdles for the merchants. Strength and splendor are her garments, and she rejoices in time to come. She shall open her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the Torah of loving-commitment. She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children shall rise up and call her blessed; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many daughters have done nobly, but you have risen over them all.” Loveliness is deceptive and prettiness is vain, a woman who fears YAHUAH is to be praised.*

*Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.*  
Proverbs 31:10-31

It is finally time to dig into one of the most well-known passages in all of Scripture! The almost unobtainable character of the Proverbs 31 woman. I'm going to take the passage apart and discuss it line by line to analyze the example that YAHUAH has given to us to work towards in our lives.

A good wife is better than rubies, a wife who is good in her actions and character is more worthy than jewels and money.

Her husband can trust her in everything she does. She only treats him well and respects him, so she never speaks badly of him or speaks down to him.

She isn't afraid of hard work, using her hands to get things done. This could be our laundry, dishes and other chores, looking after our children, homeschooling, homesteading, handicrafts or even having our own businesses that we work on in our own homes.

She sources the best food and goods for her home that she can. In our time this could mean finding farmers' markets and organic sources for our food and the other products we have in our homes, to keep ourselves and our families healthy.

She is willing to get up early and stay up late to look after her household.

She invests money wisely and can run her own business in order to add provision for her family.

She looks after herself by making sure her body is healthy and strong. She knows looking after her own physical, mental and spiritual health is important in order for her to be able to take care of her family and her other responsibilities.

She helps the poor and needy people of the community.

She knows her family is looked after and provided for in the winter, and doesn't fear the cold, harsh months.

She dresses herself well and modestly so that her husband can be proud of her.

She is strong and wise in her words and actions, she upholds the Torah and is never lazy.

Her husband and children love and respect her, and even praise her for who she is!

Wow, what a wonderful woman! I know this is not me. I struggle with idleness and procrastination, I often forget to look after my own health as I look after my family's needs day after day. I'm definitely not always wise in my words and actions, and I know not everything I do makes my husband proud. My responsibilities sometimes feel like climbing Mount Everest all alone, and I generally don't slack on sleep to keep up with what I need to do – not much sleep for me with three children!

But this passage is meant to be an ideal to work towards rather than an unattainable to-do list! As the seasons of life change we can all grow in ourselves and come closer to being who the Father designed us to be – pursuing soft but strong femininity, a faithful and gracious heart and a meek and gentle spirit.

In conclusion, we should all work towards the Biblical ideals of what it means to be women, bypassing the false and sinful female ideals of society!

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