

Silent Saints – Godly Women

Text : **Genesis 3: 1–19**

S#1.

S#2.

A. We are living in an era when the world is having increasing influence over the church both in its beliefs and in its practices.

1. In many areas churches are increasingly becoming a social organization.
2. As churches seek to attract people with entertainment, more people are leaving.

B. Many churches are adopting the world's changing social values. For Example: #3.

1. If you are not ready for a child you should not bring it into the world, kill it.
 - a. Murder by abortion has become an accepted form of birth control. *#1 cause of death*
 - b. We abort (kill) more children in America than have been killed in all our wars.
2. Moral values have been eliminated.
 - a. Sexual gratification has become recognized as a need not to be denied or restricted.
 - b. Marriage has fallen into ill repute. *(70% of black children are born to singles.)*
3. Sex with anything and anyone is not to be denied or even spoken against.
 - a. A small percentage of the population is homosexual, but they are influencing all.
 - b. Marriage between sodomites is making a mockery of the family.

C. The breakdown of the family structure has even begun to destroy churches. S#4.

1. I remind you that the world is divided into intricately interwoven ecosystems.
 - a. Every living thing on this earth depends on a host of other living things.
 - b. Trees cut, soil erosion kills grass by lake, small fish can't breed, food fish starve ...
2. The family is also an intricate ecosystem which sustains humanity. **S#5.**
 - a. Each organism in the family must contribute its function for the whole to survive.
 - b. Thus, as the popular culture seeks to change the God ordained roles of family members, families become increasingly dysfunctional. *Population diminish*
3. Likewise, God's family (*the church*) functions as a spiritual ecosystem. **S#6.**
 - a. God places each family member in His church to fulfill a specific function.
I Cor. 12: 18 – But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.
 - b. God has been very specific as to how He wants His church to function.
4. SADLY, Satan has long been seeking to usurp God's authority in God's own church.
 - a. His first major success was in inserting the Roman government into church affairs.
 - b. As the bible finally made its way into the hands of the people, **Satan** attacked it.

D. As Satan used desires to corrupt man, he seeks to corrupt God's Church. S#7.

1. Worship has been turned from adoration for God to entertainment for man.
2. God's moral standards are being conformed to man's desires.
3. The leadership of the church is now under assault.

S#8.

Using social pressure, Satan has been challenging the clear teaching of the scripture
This is happening in several areas but this lesson will center on the attack on women

I. God has a very special place for women in His eternal plan. S#9.**A. PREFACE : Though in a submissive roll, nothing in the scriptures or human experience indicates that women are inferior. S#10.**

1. Women are of equal intelligence with men.
2. The ongoing of the human race depends upon women.
3. Men are incomplete without women.

S#11.

Gen. 2: 18 – Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone;
I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

B. Woman is unique in all creation. S#12.

1. Only woman was not made from dust.
 - a. **Gen. 2: 7** – Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. **S#13.**
 - b. **Gen. 2: 19** – Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called ...

- c. No suitable helper was found for man so God created one for Him.

Gen. 2: 21–22 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. **22** The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. **S#14.**

2. Only the woman was created specifically to fulfill a need. **S#15.**

- a. Woman was created specifically to complete what was lacking in man.

Gen. 2: 18 – Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone;
I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
- b. When the woman was created, she was given to man to complete him. **S#16.**

Gen. 2: 22 – The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

- c. Thus, woman is a part of man and man is incomplete without her.

S#17.

II. From the very first woman until now women have resisted God's design for them.**A. Though Eve was to be Adam's helper, she interacted with the serpent.** S#18.

1. **Gen. 3: 1** – ... he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat .. S#19.

2. Adam was present, but silent. He did not take the lead in the exchange. S#20.

Gen. 3: 6 – ... she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

B. This first rebellion against God on earth had eternal consequences. S#21.

1. Both physical and spiritual death came into the world as a result of this sin.

- a. **Rom. 5: 12** – Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned — (Cf. – 5: 15-17, I Cor. 15: 21f)

- b. "Man" here is gender neutral meaning "one human being." (*anthropos*)

2. Vs. **14–15** God judged the serpent : S#22.

- a. Cursed above all beasts and cast to the ground
- b. To be despised by mankind (enmity)
- c. To be totally defeated by an offspring of woman. (head crushed)

3. Vs. **16** God judged the woman : S#23.

- a. Have great pain in childbirth (other animals do not experience this)
- b. Desire to be with a man
- c. To be ruled over by man

4. Vs. **17–19** God judged the man : S#24.

- a. Weeds will grow in his fields.
- b. He will be required to toil for his living.
- c. All will die and return to dust.

C. All of these consequences affect all of us today, but we still resist God. S#25.

1. On the cross Satan attempted to stop the one who would crush his head, but failed.
2. Women still have pain in child bearing and are still trying to be free from man's rule.
3. Men are constantly seeking ways to extend their life and embalming their bodies.

S#26.

III. Christianity elevated women above Jewish standards, but women still seek more .

S#27.

A. Under the Jewish system and that of most other countries women had few rights.

1. Most generally they had little if any say in who they married.
2. If poorly treated in a marriage a woman could not divorce her husband.
 - a. The husband could divorce his wife by merely writing her a “bill of divorce.”
 - b. If there was a bill of divorce, the wife had certain property rights.
 - c. A man could kick a wife out with no bill of divorce and she got nothing.
 - d. Women who were sent away with no divorce were not permitted to marry.
3. Women were given little if any education other than household skills.
 - a. They were not required to go to religious feasts or to the synagogues.
 - b. They could not be the student of a rabbi or ask a rabbi questions.
 - c. Few people could read or write and even fewer women.
 - d. Women were not permitted to speak in public ... not voice opinion or ask question.

B. Jesus lifted restrictions which were purely man made laws, custom.

S#28.

1. Jesus requires that women be taught.
 - a. **Luke 10: 38f** ... Jesus refused to allow Martha to take Mary out of His class
 - b. Women are to be taught in the church.

I Cor. 14: 34-35 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are **S#29.** not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. **35** If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.

- 1) Notice the women were in the same assembly as the men.
- 2) The women were expected to learn ... not just the men. (*faith by hearing*)
- c. It is essential for all to learn in order to be saved and to stay saved. (**II Pet 1:5-11**)
2. Christian women are required to teach.
 - a. **Tit. 2: 3-5** ... Older women are required to train the younger women.
 - b. **Acts 18: 26** ... Priscilla was with her husband when they instructed Apollos.

** This occurred after he had spoken and away from other people.*
 - c. Women are warned about not letting themselves be led astray when targeted.

II Tim. 3: 6-7 For among them are those who enter into households and **S#30.** captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, **7** always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

3. In Christ women are of equal value as men, but different in function. **S#31.**

a. **Gal. 3: 26-29** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither **S#32.** slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

b. In Christ there is no distinction between people ... all can be saved ... even gentiles.

c. However, reality is not erased. (*Men and women do not become the same.*)

1) Slaves are still subject to their master, e.g., Philemon. **Eph. 6: 5-8**

And Masters are required to treat slaves well. **Eph. 6: 9**

2) Likewise, women are still subject to their husbands. **Eph. 5: 22-24**

And husbands are required be loving. **Eph. 5:25-32**

S#33.

IV. Though Jesus elevated women the consequences of the fall remain on all.

S#34.

A. The scriptures clearly teach that women are not to have authority over a man.

1. **Gen. 3: 16** – To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, **#35.** In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.”

a. We do not inherit the guilt of Eve's sin, but we do inherit the consequences.

b. We know this sentence still applies because women still suffer pain in childbirth.

2. Godly women are to be in submission to their husband. **S#36.**

Titus 2: 4-5 so that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

B. This requirement on women has significant ramification in God's family. **S#37.**

1. Because of this women pray, but may not lead a prayer when men are present. **S#38.**

a. **I Tim. 2: 8** – Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

b. “men” (*aner*) is the specific word male as opposed to female. (*anthropos* / human)

2. Women are not permitted to teach men. *Many women are capable teachers.* **S#39.**

a. They must receive instruction submissively. **S#40.**

I Tim. 2: 11 – A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness

- b. They are not permitted to teach men.
I Tim. 2: 11 – But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.
 - c. Both teaching and leading in prayer puts a woman in authority over a man.
 - 3. The changing of our culture does not change God's law. **Culture must conform.**
 - a. The authority of God is never in any way compromised by culture. **Remember :**
Titus 1: 12-13 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are **#41** always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." **13** This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,
 - b. No compromise was to be made for the Cretan culture. **They had to conform to God.**
- C. American culture is pressing women to rebel against God's authority. S#42.**
- 1. The number of women preachers in American has been rising for generations.
 - a. Susan B. Anthony started the women's suffrage movement 1848.
 - b. Women voting is fine, but each advantage gained initiated more demands.
 - c. The suffrage movement has evolved into the women's liberation movement.
 - 2. Satan's goal in this is to destroy the human ecosystem and end God's reign.
 - a. Satan convinced Eve that God lied to her in order to suppress her.
 - 1) You will NOT die.
 - 2) God just doesn't want you to be equal with Him.
 - b. Women today are falling for the very same lies. **You need to be just like a man.**

CONCLUSION :

- A. God is our creator. His plan is based on his knowing all about His creation. S#43.**
 - 1. God has no malevolence against anyone. **ONLY LOVE !**
 - 2. God created man, woman, the family, and the church.
 - a. His design for each is perfect.
 - b. Man is only wise when he / she functions in conformity to God's design.
- B. Our nation is in decay because we are destroying God's human ecosystem. S#44.**
 - 1. Man and woman were created to form one codependent unit.
 - 2. They produce offspring which are nurtured by the unit in different ways.
 - 3. All creatures need only one head and one heart. **Decay of family effect church S#45.**
- C. God also has a purpose for you in His spiritual ecosystem ... in His church. S#46.**

Lesson Text :**Genesis 3: 19**

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' " **4** The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! **5** For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." **11** And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" **12** The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." **16** To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you." **17** Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. **18** "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; **19** By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."